

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting Number 71**

Held at C&E Museum, Kingston Ont., Sunday 17 April 2005

### **Executive**

Cec Penney, President

Tom George, V/President

Ron Knapton, P/President

Terry Murphy, Secretary

Bob Lent, Membership

Terry Murphy, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 1400 hours. There were 51 members present.

### **1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS**

The president welcomed the members especially those from afar ie. Montreal, Ottawa, Kanata, Perth, Belleville and outlying Kingston area. Announcements – Ottawa Signals Social Club dinner gathering Sat 28 May 05 at Masonic Hall Walkey Rd Ottawa starting at 1630 hrs contact Bill Kline (613) 829-4236. C&E Branch Seminar 17-23 Oct 05 at CFB Kingston.

### **2. DECEASED MEMBERS, WIVES & OLD COMRADES**

The secretary directed attention to a copy of Annex A (Attached) deceased members, wives and old comrades to date. Add to Old Comrades: WO (Ret) Sonny Evans, Kingston – 13 Apr 05 and LCol (Ret) Len Juteau, Victoria – 15 Apr 05. The President called for a minute of silence in remembrance of our fallen comrades. "Lest We Forget."

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The President stated that previous minutes were mailed and then asked for any errors or omissions. None were offered. The President requested the minutes be adopted. It was moved by Ron Knapton and second by Peter Kowaluk. Carried.

### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary spoke about the email success and how it is decreasing our postage costs, and the need to keep us informed of address changes.

### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer distributed a copy of the Treasurers Report (Annex B). He explained the report and then moved that this report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Ed Peters. Discussion nil. Carried.

6. **Membership Report**

The membership rep presented the status AS OF 17 Apr 05 comparing 2004 with 2005 :

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Life members	543	548
Yearly Paying Members	74	93
Yearly Paying Members (NOT Paid)	86	12
Family Members	46	50
Honorary/Associate Life members	7	6
TOTAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP	<u>756**</u>	<u>709</u>

\*\* included many who were not up to date in dues

7. **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME**

The President asked if there where any member attending the meeting for the first time. Tony Charters and Ted Lutella from Kingston were introduced with a round of applause.

8. **SICK/HOSPITAL REPORT** Ron Knapton announced that two comrades Ray Foster and Ivan Aucoin were in hosp but are now at home.

9. **ENTERTAINMENT REPORT**

Tom George Entertainment Rep was absent in Toronto welcoming his first grand son but passed on his report: Christmas Bingo - very well attended (100+) great time great prizes. A profit was realized and he thanked all the volunteers for their support. A large show of hands indicated we should continue with the Annual Xmas Bingo (11 Dec 05). Monthly Club Luncheons - Very successful with upwards of 50 members and spouses attending. The luncheons will continue.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Constitution – Article VII Membership.** Constitution has been amended.
- b. **Entertainment Committee** – Several members volunteered to work on entertainment but nobody wanted to chair. Chair posn will be offered again under new business.
- c. **Sigs Club Glass Showcase** – The showcase is ready and awaiting additional memorabilia from members of the Club so that it can be placed in a prominent position in the Museum.
- d. **Use of Email** – The club has been using the email method of keeping members informed and it has proven to be very successful and cost effective.
- e. **Sigs Club Dinner/Dance** – This will be discussed under new business under Sigs Club Weekend.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Term of Office Executive** - The President stated the present executive have agreed to continue for another year in their present positions. The president asked for nominations for position of entertainment rep, none were received so the Executive will continue to handle entertainment. Vern Hayes asked for a round of applause and thanks for the present executive for the hard work they are doing for the club.

**b. Sigs Club Weekend** – Bill Fallows spoke on the weekend stating that it is a go for 21-23 Oct 05 as long as sufficient members support the event and send their money for the tickets. A brochure is enclosed outlining the details. Mark your calendars.

**c. Spring Cleanup Museum Memorials** – Tony Charters has initiated a project to spruce up all the memorials at the front of the museum. This would include weeding, laying walking stones, edging and cleanup. Materials may be available from Base CE Section. Volunteers were requested to see Tony after the meeting or show up at 0900 hrs on Saturday 14 May 05.

**d. Museum Education Fund** – The Club executive was approached by the Museum for support to their education/outreach program targeting primary and high schools within the greater Kingston area. The thrust of the program is to enhance the Ontario curriculum in History and Science especially in the realm of Military Communications. The Club Executive agreed to donate \$500.00 a year to the program to be reviewed annually and to support this initiative Terry Murphy suggested the Club could raise funds by selling tickets on selected items. He approached a member Jim Gratto who gratefully donated a beautiful wood carving of a duck. Tickets sales are brisk and the club is close to raising the first donation. Additional items are being investigated to raise funds. The Museum Director, Jack Magilton spoke to the member on the importance of the education/outreach program and thanked the Club for their support

**e. Year of the Veteran** - The C& E Branch has nominated Peter Wilson LM 528 to attend the Liberation of Holland celebrations to represent communicators and signallers. A lapel pin “Year off The Veteran” can be obtained free by calling DVA at 1(877) 604-8469.

## 12. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

**a. Museum Display** – Jack Magilton announced that there would be a display of WWII “Herbie” news clipping, photos and cartoons at the Museum, opening 13 May 05 and continuing for one week.

**b. Events in Kingston Area** – Gerry Coady spoke about two events – Maritime Fest 13 May 05 at the Grand Theatre and C&E Branch/AFCEA/Museum Golf tournament mid to late Aug 05 a portion of the proceeds from both events will go to the Museum.

c. **SAI WAN Military Cemetery** – The president spoke about Col (ret) Peter Sutton visiting his daughter and family in Hong Kong where he decided to give his three grandsons a valuable history lesson, they were to lay a wreath at the Sai Wan Military Cemetery. This is the final resting place for 280 brave Canadians, who defended this island and City and after a fierce battle surrendered to the Japanese Army, at 1430 hrs on 25 Dec 1941. With their family present and at exactly 1430 hrs the two youngest boys marched to the cross and turned the wreath over to their older brother who placed the wreath bearing **The Signallers Club of Canada** ribbon. Well-done Peter. Around of applause followed. Pictures are available on our web site.

### 13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a General meeting and will be held at **C&E Museum Sunday 25 September 2005 at 1400 hours**. Kit Shop will be open and refreshments available, hope to see you there.

### 14. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

The President thanked the Members for attending the AGM especially those from a distance away. **Notice: All members who have changed their email addresses in the past year and/or who want to receive Club emails are asked to notify the Secretary at email [the-sigs-club@sympatico.ca](mailto:the-sigs-club@sympatico.ca).**

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

At 1510 hrs the president asked for a motion of adjournment. Moved by Bill Fallows, second by Jim Gratto that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Minutes Prepared by: Terry Murphy (Secretary/Treasurer)

Cec Penney (President)

Annex A to : **Minutes of Annual General Meeting Number 71,dated 17 Apr 05**

**DECEASED MEMBERS, WIVES & OLD COMRADES**

**MEMBERS:**

RJH (Jim) **CRIPPS**,LM 173, 07 Jan 2005, in Napanee, On

KA (Ken) **CLARKE**, 28 Feb 2005, in Kingston, On

AE (Art) **BLICK**, LM 120, 02 Mar 2005, in Kingston,On

WE (Walt) **WHEELER**, 15 Mar 2005, in Vancouver, BC

HE (Hank) **KOEHLER**, LM 106, 28 Mar 2005, in Perth On

**WIVES:**

**OLD COMRADES:**

DF( Doug) **HERSEY**, 21 Dec 2004, in Bolton, On

TA (Tom) **GUTHRO**, 01 Jan 2005, in London ,On

HD (Darcy) **LANKTREE**, 14 Nov 2004, in Winnipeg, Mb

Bob **SIMS**, 03 Dec 2004, in Las Vegas ,Nevada

GP (Gord) **COE**, 21 Jan 2005,in Maynooth, On

TT (Thornton) **NELSON**, 27 Jan 2005, in Truro, NS

David **BROWNFIELD**, 8 Feb 2005, in Ottawa, On

JH (Hance) **LEGERE**, 1 Feb 2005

RJ (Bob) **FORD**, 8 Feb 2005

DM (Don) **SHELDRIK**, 19 Feb 2005, in Bracebridge, On

Don **WADSWORTH**, Dec 2004

CW(Ted) **KATZEL**, 20 Feb 2005, in Red Deer, Ab

Gene **KELLY**, 24 Dec 2004, in Timmons, On

KG (Ken) **DOVE**, 02 Mar 2005, in Ottawa, On

FA (Fred) **McCONNELL**, 28 Feb 2005, in Kingston, On

VB (Vince) **LONEY**, 02 Mar 2005, in Vancouver, BC

R (Red) **ATKINS**, 12 Mar 2005

Ray **BUTLER**, 10 Mar 2005

FR (Frank) **CRABBE**, 04 Mar 2005, in Nanaimo, BC

Joseph **McVICAR**, Mar 2005, in St John, NB

Rev JA (Jock) **DAVIDSON**, 18 Mar 2005, in Victoria BC

WJ **KEYES**, 25 Ovt 2004, in Winnipeg, MB

Don **BROWN** (291er), 02 Apr 2005, in Nanaimo, BC

Annex B to : Minutes of Annual General Meeting Number 71,dated 17 Apr 2005

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 01 APRIL 04-31 MAR 05

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 31 MARCH 2005

CHEQUING ACCOUNT	3,037.86
KINGSTON CREDIT UNION SHARES	150.73

INVESTMENTS

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	8,772.88
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	15,705.36
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	10,131.07
CO-OP TRUST	14,000.00
KINGSTON CREDIT UNION(YEARLY)	9,000.00

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 57,609.31

NET WORTH \$60,714.77

**Reserved Funds(life mbrs) (547 @ \$100 ea) \$54,700.00**

**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB OPERATIONS**  
**\$6,014.77**

The above financial statement is compiled using QUICKEN XP,and financial statements from the Kingston Credit Union and the Bank of Nova Scotia. All records are kept on “hard copy”,a computer and two separate sets of “back-up” disks. Above statement is subject to final internal audit.

Terry Murphy, Treasurer, 10 Apr 05

