

THE SIGNALLERS CLUB OF CANADA

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 84

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE C&E MUSEUM, SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2011

Executive

Herb Postill, President	Tony Charters, Vice-President
Pete Scott, Public Relations	Bob Lent, Membership
Liisa DeNoble, Secretary	Noel Coward, Sgt-at-Arms
Bob Taylor, Treasurer (Absent)	Cec Penney, Past-President

The meeting was called to order at 1404 hrs. There were 15 members present.

1. **President's Opening Remarks.** The President welcomed all attendees and asked the Vice to read the names of deceased members, wives and old comrades.
2. **Deceased Members, Wives and Old Comrades.** The Vice-President read names of those who have passed on (Annex A). A minute of silence was observed in remembrance.
3. **Minutes Of Previous Meeting.** The President stated that previous minutes were emailed, posted on the website and snail-mailed, and asked for any errors or omissions. There being none, it was moved by Hugh McInnis and seconded by Cec Penney, that the Minutes be adopted as posted. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Attached as Annex B. The President read the report to the members. It was moved by Terry Murphy and seconded by Reg Warkington that the Report be accepted as presented. Carried.
5. **Membership Officer's Report.** Attached as Annex B. It was moved by Cec Penney and seconded by Reg Warkentin that the Report be accepted as read. Carried.
6. **Public Relations Report.** The PR Co-ordinator stated that weekly reports are being e-mailed out and the blog continues to be posted on the Club site. He further requested that members continue to send him anecdotes and asked if the membership had any comments. It was agreed that the Blog and emails were an excellent way to disseminate information to the membership.
7. **Sick/Hospital Report.** The membership was informed that Frank Key had heart surgery complications but is reportedly improving. Bill Brundige is still battling cancer.
8. **Introduction of New Members/Out-of-Town Members:** There were no new members. Peter Sinclair was in attendance from Belleville.

9. Entertainment Report: The President stated that there is a need for members to volunteer to organize functions. Whereas people were always available to assist at the actual events, planners were often not forthcoming:

- a. Corps/Branch Birthday Mixed Dinner, 14 Oct 11 at Vimy Offrs' Mess: The Vice-President stated that 80 people had registered so far and there were spaces for 115. The Garrison Band will be playing. Seating is in the dining room with 8 people per table. Menu consists of chicken or salmon. As a last minute reminder and confirmation, names of the attendees will be posted in the Members Only space on the website. The Offrs` Mess has been reserved for 5 Oct 12 for next year's dinner.
- b. The Club has purchased a table at the Museum Ball again this year. Museum volunteers will be offered seating at this table as is customary.
- c. The Christmas Bingo and Dinner: Noel Coward stated that the Jr Ranks` Mess had been reserved for 4 Dec 11. Harvest Catering providing the meal. The price will remain at approx \$17.00 per person. Gord Penney, assisted by Terry Murphy, will organize the 8 - 10 bingo games. Jim Gratto stated he will provide a carving for a prize. There was a suggestion from the floor that the Treasurer be asked how much money was made at previous functions of this type and if substantial, perhaps the admittance costs could be lowered.
- d. Spring Games Day: The President requested a co-ordinator for this event. Terry Murphy volunteered. He will investigate booking the 631 Legion this time.
- e. Monthly Luncheons: Held at 631 Legion with 31 attendees at last one. 631 Legion provides an excellent meal.

10. Old Business.

- a. History Project: Clair Bostwick briefed the membership on the history and status of the Project. There were 3 phases to this undertaking: Ph 1 was the English version of the book; Ph 2, the French version and Ph 3 the Electronic version. \$250,000.00 was required by end of Dec 2012 for the project to come to fruition. About half of the monies have been received to date. All the details, including an excerpt of the book, are on the website: <http://www.semaphore-to-satellite.ca/>.
- b. Membership Drive: Bob Lent stated that during C & E Week an info table was set up and manned at the Ambassador Hotel on Mon and Tue and again on Fri at CFJSR. Approximately 60 club info packages were given out. The possibility of introducing our Club to students at CFCSE in conjunction with the Museum's marketing approach was discussed. Bob and Tony will follow-up.

11. New Business:

- a. 110th C&E Anniversary Celebrations: The events will comprise 3 days, 24-26 Oct 13. HRH The Princess Anne will be in Kingston with 25 Oct 13 being dedicated to the royal events. There will be a Tattoo at the KRock Centre on 24 Oct 13. Herb Postill is the Club rep on the celebrations committee. The Branch is looking for a Maj and MWO Class B to form the local organizing office. The Sigs' Club involvement is yet to be determined.
- b. Club Representative on Museum Foundation Board of Directors: There is, and has been, a formal position on the Board for the Sigs Club. It was agreed at the Executive Meeting that this position would normally be filled by an existing member of the Executive as determined by the Executive. Cec Penney will perform this function for the present.
- c. New Executive Search: Cec Penney, Terry Murphy and Bob Lent have formed a Nominating Committee and are in the process of searching for members willing to take on an Executive position. All positions are up for renewal in the spring of 2012. Members are asked to consider running for an executive position and notify one of the nominating committee.

12. Points from the Membership: Concern was expressed by the membership as to military attendance at funerals of ex-military members. A discussion arose as to the best way to disseminate information. It was agreed that the current procedure is the best way unless someone is willing to place telephone calls to local members. The membership was encouraged to call the PR Co-ord as soon as information on death or illness is known.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the first Sunday in May 2012. Details TBA.

14. President's Closing Remarks: The President thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1523 hrs.

Minutes Prepared by:

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Liisa DeNoble
Secretary

Approved by:

'original signed by'

Herb Postill
President

ANNEX A
 TO SAGM 84 MINUTES
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DECEASED MEMBERS, WIVES AND OLD COMRADES

<u>Members:</u>			
Bright G	Glenn	deceased 08 Jun 2011	Bridgewater, NS
Buchanan LA	Buck	deceased 17 Jul 2011	RR1 Glenburnie, ON
Fehr D	Dave	deceased 21 Sep 2011	St Albert, AB
Fleming GW	Gerry	deceased 25 Jul 2011	Canning, NS
Harapiak WW	Bill	deceased 22 Jul 2011	St Catharines, ON
Keddy WN	Bud	deceased 9 Sep 2011	Kingston, ON
Kennard GS	Sam	deceased 16 Aug 11	Norfolk, England
Kiely WG	Bill	deceased 16 Jun 2011	Burlington, ON
Lankin E	Ed	deceased 6 July 2011	London, ON
Muirhead LA	Lesley	deceased 8 Jan 2011	Kingston, ON
Murphy RW	Bob	deceased 3 Aug 2011	Kingston, ON
Pierce BR	Ben	deceased 17 May 2011	Kingston, ON
Potts JE	Jack	deceased 17 Jul 2011	Abbotsford, BC
Reader TJ	Tom	deceased 24 Aug 2011	Kingston, ON
Russell HA	Harry	deceased 18 May 2011	Fredericton, NB
Selman J	John	deceased 29 Jul 2011	Kingston, ON
Smith DL	Dan	deceased 31 May 2011	Black Creek, BC

<u>Wives:</u>			
Ballantine, Evie	Wife of Bob Ballantine	deceased 20 May 11	Kingston, ON
Farrow, Trudy	Wife of Paul Farrow	deceased 14 Jul 11	Kingston, ON
McKenzie, Fay	Wife of William McKenzie	deceased Apr 11	Perth, ON
Muirhead, Sharon	Wife of Jay Muirhead	deceased 30 Jun 11	Burnaby, BC
Pettie, Peggy	Wife of Roy Pettie	deceased 15 May 11	Kingston, ON
Taylor, Audrey	Wife of Kenneth Taylor	deceased 2 Aug 11	Guelph, ON

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<u>Old Comrades:</u>			
Beer JP		deceased Jul 11	Victoria, BC
Beggs RM	Ross	deceased 14 Aug 11	Napanee, ON
Campbell W	Wayne	deceased Sep 11	Campbell River, BC
Cottreau SJ	Stanley	deceased 19 May 11	Yarmouth, NS
Esford L	Leslie	deceased 10 Jul 11	Perth, ON
Findlay D	Don	deceased 13 Aug 11	Victoria, BC
Florian CE	Charles	deceased 12 Sep 11	Kingston, ON
Gormley DR	Dan	deceased 19 May 11	Centreville, NS
Hoekstra JH	Jim	deceased 21 Jun 11	Ottawa, ON
Keast BR	Brian	deceased 20 Aug 11	Kingston, ON
Langford GJ	Josh	deceased 3 Jul 11	Saint John, NB
Lefebvre R	Remi	deceased 21 May 11	Gatineau, QC
MacDonald JA	Jack	deceased 5 Apr 11	Stellarton, NS
MacInnis JR	Ray	deceased 26 Aug 11	Stratford, ON
MacKenzie RA	Alex	deceased 9 Jul 11	Glace Bay, NS
Marshe GI	Gerald Ian	deceased 7 Apr 11	Halifax, NS
McDowell NC	Neil	deceased 20 Jun 11	Calgary, AB
McIsaac RW	Bob	deceased 14 Apr 11	Westboro, ON
Milner H	Hance	deceased 14 Aug 11	Calgary, AB
Nielson JI	Jack	deceased 26 Jul 11	London, ON
Ouellette RJ	Ray	deceased 9 Apr 11	Windsor, ON
Pasha HA	Herbert	deceased 7 May 11	Halifax, NS
Playne RB		deceased 3 Sep 11	Edmonton, AB
Poetker IM	Irvin	deceased 12 Jun 11	Vancouver, BC
Powell GW	George	deceased 11 Jul 11	Ottawa, ON
Regal J	Jim	deceased 21 Sep 11	Deep River, ON
Rogers WA	Wally	deceased 9 Jun 11	Kingston, ON
Schofield MA	Art	deceased 13 Jul 11	Peterborough, ON
Stang FE	Frank	deceased 27 Apr 11	Edmonton, AB
Styles WJP	Pat	deceased 30 Jul 11	Victoria, BC
Thompson GHJ	Joe	deceased 13 Apr 11	Ottawa, ON
Turney JGW	Turk	deceased 19 Sep 11	Ottawa, ON
Wall R	Bob	deceased 20 Sep 11	Edmonton, AB
Witheridge CF	Cecil	deceased 15 Aug 11	Midland, ON

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ANNEX B
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<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
SIGS CLUB CHEQUING	\$ 12,743.80
Petty Cash - Float	\$ 400.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 13,143.80
Other Assets	
BNS 1	\$ 18,130.99
BNS 2	\$ 18,326.73
CO-OP TRUST 1	\$ 14,000.00
Dividend savings	\$ 65.55
KCCU	\$ 9,000.00
KCCU SHARES	\$ 216.44
TOTAL Other Assets	\$ 59,739.71
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 72,883.51
LIABILITIES	
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 72,883.51

<u>MEMBERSHIP STATUS</u>				
	18 APR 10	26 SEP 10	1 MAY 11	2 OCT 11
Life Members	581	582	579	570
Yearly Paying Members	81	82	66	68
Family Members	68	70	66	65
Honourary/Associate Members	5	5	5	5
Retiring Members - 1 yr (SP)	3	4	2	2
TOTAL MEMBERS	738	743	718	710