



**ROYAL MILITARY INSTITUTE OF MANITOBA**  
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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Held in the 17 Wing Officers Mess**  
**19:00 hours, Thursday, 09 May 2019**

### **MINUTES**

Board Members in Attendance:	Barry Burns	President
	Rick Linden	Honorary President
	Dennis Tabbernor	Vice President
	Charles Cameron	Secretary
	Barbara Gillis	Kit Shop Director
	Ray Leveque	Membership Director (Out going)
	John Davidson	Membership Director (Incumbent)
	Alan Parkin	Director at Large
	Rick Desjardins	Director at Large
	Claude Michon	Treasurer (Out going)
	Bernard Harfield	Treasurer (Incumbent)
	Pedro Correia	Director at Large
Board Member regrets:	Gary Hook	Director at Large

Institute Members in attendance:      Fourty Nine members, partners and guests.

#### **1. Call to Order**

President Barry Burns called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours and welcomed all attendees.

#### **2. Proof of notice of Meeting**

Charles Cameron confirmed that the AGM notice requirement was met by several announcements, by emailing the notice and agenda, and by Canada Post to our eight members without email. The notice included instructions to access the AGM documents package posted on the **rmim.ca** website.

#### **3. Confirmation of Quorum**

Ray Leveque confirmed that a quorum of paid members was present.

**4. Approval of Past AGM Minutes and Business Arising**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on Wednesday, 10 May 2018, were approved on a motion by Barb Gillis, seconded by Cpl Perron, Carried.

**5. Committee and Board Member Reports**

**President's Report**

2018/2019 was a great for the RMIM. We did not lose any money and we maintained our consistent membership base of over a hundred. Our Speakers events continued to draw a good crowd, averaging about fifty.

We have branched out, hosting events at other Venues, while support at the 17 Wing Officers' Mess has waned slightly, due to operational and equipment challenges.

We continue to support Cadet activities, and are consistently looking to identify qualified award honourees.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year for the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba.

**Membership Director's Report**

I am pleased to present the Membership Report for this Year's AGM as follows:

a.	Honorary Patrons	–	1
b.	Honorary Members	–	7
c.	Life Time Members	–	16
d.	2019 Membership	–	103
	of which 95 Members are Paid and 8 Membership Dues are still owing.		
e.	Affiliated Units & Association Members	–	14
f.	Spousal members	–	5

Ray Leveque presented his Membership Report for the period ending May 09, 2019. During our 018/2019 year to date, we lost four members who are now watching over us from above, **Thank You for your Service.** We also moved four regular Members and two Unit Members to the Ex members List. If you remember last year at this time, I had indicated that we were down 20 members over the past two previous years. I am pleased to say that we had ten NEW MEMBERS join us in 2018/2019.

In closing, my challenge stands again this year, if you know someone who could benefit from being part of The Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, let's get them down to our first meeting in September and have them see what we are all about. Take a couple of Brochures and Applications on your way out this evening and give them out to interested individuals. I have these with me so please see me after the meeting. Being this is my last evening as your Membership Director, I would like to thank the RMIM Board and the General Membership for all your help and support over the past two years, it has been a great experience and a fun time.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Leveque, Membership Director.

## Honours and Awards Report

The RMIM Awards evening was held on Friday, 19 October 2018, at 19:00 hours, in Room 200 of the Manitoba Legislative Building. The Host for the evening's event was Mr. Jon Reyes, the Province's Special Envoy for Military Affairs. A book was provided to Jon for his continued support.

There were five (5) Award Recipients:

Bob Darling	–	The Patriot Award
Gary Solar	–	The Twice the Citizen Award
David Frayer	–	The Twice the Citizen Award
Jim Bear	–	The Special Recognition Award
The Neeginan Centre	–	The Special Recognition Award

The cost to frame the Award Presentations was \$606.64. Special thanks to Ray Leveque for looking after getting the Awards framed.

There were about Ninety personnel who attended, including Recipients and their Guests.

An Air Cadet Ensemble of Six Cadets directed by Major (Retired) Howard Mar, provided music for the event. They were excellent.. We provided the Air Cadet League an honorarium of \$150.00.

The evening went off with no issues and the buffet provided by Reyes' Office was excellent.

The next Awards Presentation Evening will be held in October 2020. Nominations and recommendations for Awards can be passed to Dennis Tabbernor anytime between now and mid June 2020, the sooner the better. Details can be found on the RMIM Website. Click on Membership and scroll down to Awards.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis C. Tabbernor, Vice President.

### Treasurer's Report:

Claude Michon gave the Report of the Treasurer. He reviewed the financial statements for the period April 2018 to 31 March 2019, which were distributed prior to the meeting.

With respect to the 60<sup>th</sup> NORAD Dinner in May 2018, there was a surplus of \$160.00 to be presented to the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC). An honorarium of \$150.00 was given to the Air Cadet League for their performance at the Awards evening.

The financial statements were approved on a motion by Alan Parkin and seconded by Elaine Parent. Carried.

## **Report of the Financial Review:**

The 2018/2019 financial review was conducted by Mr. Bob Darling, who advised that he was satisfied that the financial statements reflect the financial position of the RMIM for the year ended 31 March 2019. Bob commented that Claude Michon is very complete and meticulous as Treasurer, and thanked him heartily for his efforts to make the transition for Bernard Harfield as easy as possible. The Organization is in very good financial order.

### **6. Financial Reviewer Appointment for 2019/2020**

Bob Darling was appointed to conduct the financial review for 2019/2020.

### **7. Approval of 2019/2020 Plan and Budget**

Charles Cameron introduced the Institute's Plan of Events and Budget for 2019/2020, posted on the rmim.ca website as part of the package of 2019 AGM documents. The Plan summarizes 2019/2020 activities and sets out next year's action plan and budget for each of the five RMIM objectives. The 2019/2020 Plan and Budget was approved on a motion by Elaine Parent and seconded by Rick Desjardins. Carried.

### **8. Nominating Committee Report for the RMIM AGM 2019**

We have some resignations from the Board, starting with Cdr (Ret'd) Claude Michon, who has done a fabulous job as our Treasurer for approximately 14 years, but finds himself busy with other commitments and a lot of traveling. We would like to thank him for his contributions as a Director and for his outstanding job as Treasurer.

We have requested nominations for Directors at the last two events, but have not had any additional nominations as of now. Although Barry had indicated a desire to retire a few years ago, he has been approached to continue and is prepared to do so if this would be supported. MGen (Ret'd) Dennis Tabbernor has also agreed to stay on in the position of Vice President, if this is supported. With no further nominations having been presented, I would submit the following for positions on the Board of the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba for 2019—2020.

#### **Board of Directors**

##### **Executive:**

President:	HCol (F) Barry Burns – for a one year term
Vice President:	MGen (Ret'd) Dennis Tabbernor – for a one year term
Secretary:	Cpl (Ret'd) Charles Cameron – for the second year of a two year term
Treasurer:	Mr. Bernard Harfield – for the first of a two year term
Membership:	Mr. John Davidson – for the first of a two year term

## **Directors**

### **To Serve for a one year term:**

Mr. Alan Parkin  
LCol (Ret'd) Barb Gillis  
LCol (Ret'd) Gary Hook  
Maj (Ret'd) Rick Desjardins  
Mr. Pedro Correia

### **To Serve for the second year of a two year term:**

Cpl (Ret'd) Elaine Parent

## **Board Appointments**

Honorary President:	MGen (Ret'd) Rick Linden
Honorary Solicitor:	HCol Alain Laurencelle
Honorary Chaplain:	Rev/Capt Richard Kunzelman
E-Communications	LCol (Ret'd) Jim Popplow

Respectively submitted by: LCol (Ret'd) Barb Gillis.

There being no further nominations, the adoption of the amended slate of Directors and Officers set out above was moved by HCol George Chapman and seconded by Bill Zuk. Carried.

Barry Burns then thanked the retiring Directors and welcomed the new Directors.

## **9. Other Business**

At this point, Barry Burns opened the floor to a general discussion of other business. He again asked if members were happy with the 17 Wing Officer's Mess as a venue for most events, or should other locations be investigated. Barb Gillis again suggested 17 Wing is best, but other options could be used as back up. Lynn Hawkeye was concerned that most of the Speaker Events were held on Thursdays vice Sundays. It was agreed that the October and March Presentation would be held on the Sunday afternoon.

As was mentioned at the last AGM, Cadet Units are now invited to our RMIM presentations. RSVP issues have been addressed and are now working well.

Upcoming events :

- a. BGen Keiver on Iraq – ANAVETS 05 June 2019 at 18:30 hours
- b. D Day from the Air – ANAVETS (Polo Park) –06 June 2019 at 19:00 hours
- c. D Day Memorial Parade –Vimy Park 08 June 2019 at 10:30 hours
- d. CT-133 Public unveiling at Woodhaven Park – Sunday, 30 June 2019
- e. United Nations Peacekeeping Memorial Parade – Memorial Boulevard  
11 August 2019 at 14:00 hours – 15 year Anniversary of the Cairn.

Barry Burns thanked all for their attendance and called for a motion to adjourn.

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:47 hours on a motion by Barb Gillis and seconded by Ray Leveque. Carried.

Charles Cameron  
Secretary

Barry Burns  
President