



**ROYAL MILITARY INSTITUTE OF MANITOBA**  
*Suite 188, PO Box 17000, Stn Forces, Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3Y5*

**Annual General Meeting  
Held at the 17 Wing Officers Mess  
19:00 hours, 13 April 2023**

**MINUTES**

Board Officers in Attendance:	Barry Burns	President
	Barb Gillis	Vice President/Kit Shop
	Rick Linden	Honorary President
	Charles Cameron	Secretary
	Vacant	Treasurer
	John Davidson	Membership
Board Directors in Attendance:	Lynda Bartel	Director at Large
	Elaine Parent	Good and Welfare/Kit Shop Director
	Eldren Thuen	Director at Large
	Pedro Correia	Director at Large
Board Member regrets:	Gary Hook	Director at Large
	Dale Watts	Director at Large
Institute Members in attendance:	Thirty seven members, partners and guests.	

**1. Call to Order**

President Barry Burns called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours and welcomed all attendees. Barry remarked on missing Members, due to the pandemic over the past two and a half years,

**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, Telephone and by Canada Post to members without email. The notice included instructions to access the AGM documents package posted on the **rmim.ca** website.

**3. Confirmation of Quorum**

John Davidson 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 21 September 2022, were approved on a motion by Bob Vanderwater, seconded by Eldren Thuen, Carried.

#### 5. Committee and Board Member Reports

##### **President's Report**

2023/2024 was not great, but Okay for the RMIM. We did not lose any money and we maintained our consistent membership base, close to a hundred.

Our Speaker events were as listed:

a.	14 September 2022	–	Martin Zeilig – Louis Slotin
b.	19 October 2023	–	LCol Jon Baker – Re-establishing the Cameron Brand
c.	23 November 2023	–	No Presentation was held
d.	03 December 2023	–	Christmas Luncheon at the 17 Wing Officers' Mess.
e.	18 January 2024	–	Padre Paul Gemmeti – Chaplain Services
f.	15 February 2024	–	TBD
g.	21 March 2024	–	TBD
h.	11 April 2024	–	Annual General Meeting – Charles Cameron

We continue to support Cadet activities, and are consistently looking to identify qualified award honourees. Hubbell Awards were held on 15 June 2023.

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.	2022 Membership	–	62
e...	Affiliated Units & Association Members	–	9
f.	Spousal members	–	4

John Davidson presented his Membership Report for the period ending 13 April 2023. During our 2023/2024 year to date, we lost several members, who are now watching over us from above, **Thank You for your Service.** We also moved several regular Members to the Ex members List. I am pleased to say that we had some new members join us in 2023.

In closing, my challenge to you 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 one of our Presentations, 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.”

Respectfully submitted by John Davidson, Membership Director.

### **Honours and Awards Report**

The next RMIM Awards Presentation evening will be held in October 2024.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Cdr(Ret'd) Claude Michon gave the Report of the Treasurer. He reviewed the financial statements for the period, April 2022 to April 2023, which were distributed prior to the meeting.

The financial statements were approved on a motion by Robert Vincent and seconded by Elaine Parent. Carried.

### **Change of Fiscal Year**

Bernard Harfield spoke of the change that the Fiscal Year be from 30 April to 31 March be changed to 01 January to 31 December of each year.

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

There was no Financial Review for 2022/2023. Bernard Harfield was meticulous as Treasurer, We thank him. The Institute is in very good financial order.

### **6. Financial Reviewer Appointment for 2023/2024**

This was not discussed at this Meeting. The By-Laws state that the Individual or Individuals performing the Audit and/or Review shall not be a Director, Officer or Employee of the RMIM, but may be a Member in good standing

### **7. Approval of 2022/2023 Plan and Budget**

Charles Cameron introduced the Institute's Plan of Events and Bernard Harfield the Budget for 2022/2023, posted on the rmim.ca website as part of the package of 2023 AGM documents. The Plan summarizes 2022/2023 activities and sets out next year's action plan and budget for each of the five RMIM objectives. The 2022/2023 Plan and Budget was approved on a motion by Elaine Parent and seconded by Lynda Bartel. Carried.

## 8. Nominating Committee Report for the RMIM AGM 2023:

After a few difficult years of COVID-19 – we are finally returning to some more normalcy, and I look forward to our future.

Since our 2022 AGM, there have been very few changes on the Board. We had some changes this year. First off I would like to mention that three of our board members have decided to leave the board. Mr Alan Parkin, LCol(Ret'd) Gary Hook, and Mr Bernard Harfield.

Alan has been on the Board since 2015, and has been particularly good at bringing us some excellent Speakers in some of the History and Project presentations, such as Ted Barris and Karen Storwick. Thank you for your work, Alan.

Gary Hook will also be missed as a Board Member. Gary brought us some outstanding Speakers, including Himself, for Living the “Cold War” Dream – Flying the CF-104, in downtown Bavaria in the '80s, and Flight of the CF-104 Starfighter.

Bernard Harfield joined the Board and took over the Treasurer position shortly thereafter. This position requires keeping on top of a lot of things, and keeping the Board and Membership apprised of our Finances regularly.

All three of these Individuals also participated in the events where all Board members were called upon to help, such as the Christmas Dinners and Barbecues, both cooking and helping serve, etc. We thank them for their efforts and appreciate them wanting to return to just being Members.

We do have two new Members to the Board, including BGen (Ret'd) Eldren Thuen and the Reverend Captain(Ret'd) Richard Kunzelman, and appreciate them volunteering.

I thus nominate the following, for the Board for 2022-2023:

### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Officers:**

President:	LCol(Ret'd) Barb Gillis	– for a two year term
Vice President:	BGen(Ret'd) Eldren Thuen	– for a two year term
Secretary:	Cpl (Ret'd) Charles Cameron	– for another one year term
Treasurer:	Vacant	– Looking for a Volunteer
Past President	HCol Barry Burns	
Membership:	Mr. John Davidson	– for another one year term

#### **Directors:**

Director at Large:	Sgt (Ret'd) Linda Jardine	– Second year of a two year term
Director at Large:	Sgt(Ret'd) Lynda Bartel	– Second year of a two year term
Director at Large:	Sgt(Ret'd) Pedro Correia	– for another one year term
Director at Large:	The Reverend Captain Richard Kunzelman	– for a two year term
Director at Large:	Cpl (Ret'd) Elaine Parent	– for a two year Term
Director at Large:	HCol(Ret'd) Dale Watts	– First year of a two year term
Director at Large:	Sgt (Ret'd) Brenda McLeod	– for a two year Term

I recommend no changes to the Board Appointments and am confident they will stand again for another year:

**Board Appointments**

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| – 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   |

In particular, I am so grateful and give special thanks to LCol (Ret'd) Jim Popplow for all his E-mail and Communications work.

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 Elaine Parent and seconded by Richard Kunzelman. Carried.

**9. Other Business**

At this point, Barb Gillis opened the floor to a general discussion of other business.

**Upcoming events:**

Len Isleifson, Special Envoy for Military Affairs mentioned that he would be proud to have a good working relationship with the Military in general and would do everything in his power to make this happen. He also mentioned that he would be looking forward to attending all RMIM functions, such as Speaker Nights and other occasions.

Barb Gillis then thanked all for their attendance and called for a motion to adjourn.

**10. Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours on a motion by Bob Vanderwater, and seconded by Cdr (Ret'd) Claude Michon Carried.

Charles Cameron  
Secretary

Barry Burns  
President