

Retired Ottawa Fire Fighters' Association



ROFFA SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tom Brown Arena – Main Hall October 5, 2017

- 1. Opening of meeting by President: 98 members present, 5 guest presenters.
 - a) President Wib Paul welcomed the gathered members to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:06 hrs.
 - b) The President asked the members to support our sponsors whenever possible because their support enables ROFFA to operate without any membership fees.
 - c) The President asked the gathered members to browse the selection of ROFFA apparel and described the new pin on crest that is now available for purchase.
 - d) The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada.
 - e) A power-point presentation was displayed in memory of members who have passed away since our last meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on April 20, 2017 were posted on the ROFFA website.
 - a) Motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting.
 - 1. Moved by Dave Smith, Seconded by Gary Clarke. Carried unanimously.
- 3. Treasures Report: Bill Rennick
 - a) Balance in account is \$1,612.42.
 - b) The treasurer advised the only outstanding costs were for hosting today's meeting.

Motion to accept: John McCarthy seconded by Al Murphy – carried unanimously.

- 4. Ottawa Carleton Pension Association Report: Ralph Smith
 - a) Ralph reported that there is no interest on the part of the City in negotiating further with OMERS regarding having take over COSF. The amount of money that OMERS is requesting is too high.
- 5. Ottawa Fire Fighters Community Foundation: No Report



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6. Unfinished Business:

- Elections:
- b) Founding members Dave Smith, Raplh Smith and Grant Hayward are stepping down from the Board of Directors. The following three members agreed to be nominated to the Board of Directors.
 - Peter Hunt
 - Denis St. Denis
 - Ed Honey

Hearing no new nominations from the floor, President Paul welcomed the three new members to the Board of Directors.

7. New Business:

- a) Ann Stanton-Loucks from Ottawa Public Health gave a very informative talk regarding ticks and the spread of Lime Disease in our area. Ann dispelled a great many myths about which ticks are harmful and how the disease is spread.
- b) Rene Ladouceur-Beauchamp from the Eastern Ottawa Resource Center outlined the many services that are available for seniors, people recovering from surgery and several other scenarios where a person might need additional support.
- c) Nuno Sousa from Capitol Memorial Gardens gave a presentation about a new firefighter wall that is currently in the planning phase at the cemetery. It would allow families to post the names of their loved one at no charge, even if the person was buried somewhere else.
- d) David McEvoy gave a presentation about a video he wishes to create with short snippets from retired and active firefighters to capture some of the history and flavour of the Ottawa Fire Department.
- e) John McCarthy spoke about the great work being done by ROFFA members in support of the Salvation Army with regard to the Ballard Truck. The Ballard Truck was made available to cook lunch for the meeting attendee's. It also gave members an opportunity to see the truck in operation and meet the ROFFA volunteers who staff the truck at incidents.

Lunch was provided courtesy of the Salvation Army and Frontline Financial Credit Union.



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- 8. Good and Welfare:
 - a) The draw was made for the 50/50 draw and the winner of \$92.00 dollars was Susan Gervais.
- 9. Date for next ROFFA meeting:
 - a) April 19, 2018 @ 10:00 hrs., Tom Brown Arena Main Hall
- 10. Adjournment: 11:58 hrs.
 - a) Moved by Tom Quinn, seconded by Leo Phillipe. Carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by:	Attested:
Neil Warren (Secretary)	Wib Paul (President)