



ROFFA SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tom Brown Arena – Main Hall

April 19, 2018

1. Opening of meeting by President: 104 members present, 14 guests and presenters.
 - a) President Pierre Potvin welcomed the gathered members to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:06 hrs.
 - b) The President acknowledged our sponsors and 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.
 - 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 October 4, 2017 were posted on the ROFFA website.
 - a) Motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting.
 1. Moved by Ralph Smith, Seconded by Al Murphy. Carried unanimously.
3. Treasures Report: Neil Warren
 - a) Balance in account is \$ 4,031.40.
 - b) The treasurer advised the only outstanding costs would be approximately \$600.00 for today's meeting. *** *Actual cost was \$836.78 minus \$225.00 from 50/50 draw .. new Bank Balance is \$ 3,419.62.****
 - c) There are still a couple of outstanding sponsorships in process.

Motion to accept: Dave Smith seconded by John McCarthy – 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 OMERS take over COSF. There have been several instances where this has taken place but these other plans were in surplus whereas the COSF fund is still running a structural deficit.





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5. Ottawa Fire Fighters Community Foundation:

- a) Brian Conway reported that the foundation has raised \$274,000.00 to date from the annual Fall Gala but that due to the amount of effort required to hold the event each year the Committee have decided not to hold this event this year. Brian thanked the Committee for all their efforts in the past.
- b) Brian described the new work that is in progress at the Memorial Site.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Elections: President Potvin advised that there will be an election at the October meeting to replace Pat Houlahan.
- The President thanked Pat for his service to ROFFA on the Board of Directors.

7. Good and Welfare:

- a) President Potvin advised the members that the Ottawa Carleton Pensioners Association no longer have enough active and interested members to undertake the annual Christmas Lunch that is held at the RA Center in December. Pierre asked any members interested in having ROFFA take over running this event.
- b) Terry Thompson spoke about the need to have ROFFA members to volunteer to stand as an honour guard for deceased members when the family's request this tribute. Due to the demand on resources, Ottawa Fire is no longer able to send on-duty personnel to handle this duty. Terry advised that OFS would be supporting this endeavour and would be able to supply serge uniforms for members taking on this task.
- c) Dave Smith spoke about his desire to establish a group of people who would be interested in visiting ROFFA members when they are in hospital or shut-in's.
- d) Peter Hunt spoke about the replica fire truck raffle that will be held with the proceeds benefiting ROFFA. The truck was previously raffled by the Community Foundation and the winner who was from Burlington, donated the truck as he felt it should stay in our community.

8. New Business:

- e) Ottawa Professional Fire Fighters Association President Peter Kennedy updated the members regarding the ongoing arbitration. The goal is to have the employer recognized spouses of retired members as well as the actual member when applying the upgrade in retiree benefits negotiated in the last Collective Agreement. Peter also spoke regarding some of the differences that are being with Great-West Life with regard to how different fees are being applied.





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- f) Marc Caron from Habitat for Humanity was introduced by ROFFA member Gord MacIsaac. Marc gave a presentation on the work that Habitat does locally and globally and asked if ROFFA members or the organization would be interested in getting involved.
- g) Nuno Sousa and Daryl Grossauer from Capitol Memorial Gardens gave a presentation about the new firefighter wall that is currently being built at Capitol Memorial Gardens. They displayed the concept drawings and explained the process to get the name of any deceased firefighter added to the wall of remembrance at no charge.
- h) Ottawa Police Sergeant, Steve Malo and France Lauzon from TD Bank gave a presentation on all the different types of computer, phone and door to door frauds that are currently taking place in the Ottawa area.
- i) President Potvin announced the winner of the 50/50 draw. Jon Mortenson won \$225.00 and ROFFA received \$225.00 to offset the costs for the meeting.
- j) The C.E.O. of Frontline Financial, Debbie McCabe donated a \$100.00 gift card to the Keg restaurant as an additional draw prize. Frank Chapman was the winner. Our thanks to Frontline for all of their past and ongoing support.
9. Next Meeting:
- Thursday October 4, 2018 at 10:00 hrs at the Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Road.
10. Adjournment: moved by Al Murphy seconded by Grant Hayward – carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:58 hrs.

Pizza lunch from Moe's World Famous Newport Restaurant was provided to the members at no charge courtesy of ROFFA.

Minutes recorded by:

Attested:

____Neil Warren____
(Secretary)

____Pierre Potvin____
(President)

