



ROFFA SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tom Brown Arena – Main Hall

April 20, 2017 @ 10:00 hrs.

1. Opening of meeting by President: 114 members present, 5 guest presenters.
 - a) President Wib Paul welcomed the gathered members to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:00 hrs.
 - b) The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada.
 - c) 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 6, 2016 were posted on the ROFFA website.
 - a) Motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting.
 1. Moved by Dave MacCormac, Seconded by John McCarthy. Carried unanimously.
3. President's Report:
 - a) Wib Paul welcomed the members and speakers to the meeting and gave some opening remarks.
 1. The President informed the members about the new website and thanked Bob Larochelle and his daughter Julie for their hard efforts in changing over the website.
 2. If you have a suggestion for a speaker or want information on a particular topic. Please let the Board know so we can try to find an expert to speak at a future meeting.
 3. A powerpoint presentation played before the start of the meeting displaying our sponsors logo's and asking the members to support our sponsors and let them know that ROFFA sent you. The President re-iterated this request and our gratitude for our generous sponsors.
 4. The President reported that the WSIB claim on behalf of Rudi Douma was successfully adjudicated thanks to the efforts of Andrew Lee and Gavin Jacklyn from the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association.



4. Treasures Report: Bill Rennick

- a) Balance in account is \$ 5,351.06.
- b) The treasurer pointed out that we have several outstanding invoices to pay including the cost of transitioning to our new website..

Motion to accept: Terry Thompson seconded by Dave Smith – carried unanimously.

5. Ottawa Carleton Pension Association Report: Ralph Smith

- a) Ralph reported that there has been very little action on the transition to OMERS. OMERS has asked the City of Ottawa to pay several million dollars plus the proceeds of the COSF plan in order for them to take the plan over. So far the City is unwilling to pay as they feel the plan is solvent.

6. Ottawa Fire Fighters Community Foundation: Brian Conway

- Brian informed the members of the new upgrades that are being planned for the memorial site and described the concepts to the group.
- Brian also reminded members of the Memorial March and reception that follows.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Pierre Potvin gave his final update regarding sources for less expensive travel insurance.
- Pierre advised that it is not feasible for ROFFA to become a sponsor group due to the administrative issues that it would create. He informed the members that it might be of value for them to join the United Seniors Citizens of Ontario through a single or family membership that will allow them access to a wider range of discounted insurance brokers.

8. New Business:



- a) Tina Richardson from CAA Travel gave an informative presentation on River Cruising and the option to travel as a single person without incurring excessive costs that are normally associated with single travel.
- b) Lynn Rowsell from Frontline Financial spoke briefly on Executor legislation in Ontario and introduced Ottawa Lawyer Dan Dunlap.
- c) Dan provided an overview of what affect the new probate legislation will have on all estates in Ontario and how incredibly complicated it has become.
- d) Reverend John Brydges spoke about his role as the Fire Service Chaplain and provided some history about how he joined the clergy and how he ended up as our Chaplain.



9. Good and Welfare:

- a) John McCarthy introduced Lynne Wigmore and Craig Dunbar from the Salvation Army and they gave a history about the "Ballard" truck which attends all protracted emergency scenes in the Ottawa area to provide warm food and hot beverages for the crews working at these incidents.
- b) John advised the group of the need for ROFFA volunteers to staff the vehicle and take part in the on-call rotation.
- c) John also advised the group that arrangements are being made to have lunch provided by the Ballard Truck at the October ROFFA meeting to allow members a firsthand look at what the job entails and how it all works.
- d) The 50/50 draw raised 90.00 for ROFFA and the lucky winner was Mike Woodley
- e) Frontline Financial donated a door prize and the winner was Martin Bender.
- f) The Canadian Snowbirds Association donated a door prize and the winner was Shirley Nicholson.

10. Date for next ROFFA meeting:

- a) October 6, 2017 @ 10:00 hrs., Tom Brown Arena – Main Hall

11. Adjournment: 11:58 hrs.

- a) Moved by Dave Smith, seconded by Pat Houlahan. Carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by:

Attested:

____Neil Warren_____
(Secretary)

____Wib Paul_____
(President)