


## ROFFA Fall Meeting - MINUTES


October 3, 2019

 Presidents Welcome - President Potvin opened the meeting at 10:10 hrs. 92 ROFFA members in attendance and 8 Guests.

 National Anthem & Moment of Silence

 President's Report - Pierre Potvin


 President Potvin advised the members about meetings that were held jointly with the OPFFA and the OFFCF regarding notifications for Line of Duty Deaths and the issue has been resolved and we should now get more timely updates on members who's deaths are accepted as Line of Duty.


 Pierre encouraged our members to support our sponsors and thanked the Salvation Army for providing lunch for our meeting. Their assistance saves ROFFA approximately \$800.00 per meeting.

 Minutes of the AGM - April 18, 2019

 Moved by Dave Smith, seconded by Dan Gauvreau - accepted.

 Treasurer's Report - Neil Warren


 Moved by Ralph Smith, seconded by Jake Charron - accepted

 Neil welcomed Wayned Barr, Century 21 John DeVries Ltd., and Phil Patel from Firehouse Subs as two new sponsors of ROFFA and encouraged the members to use their services whenever possible.


 Webmasters Update - Bob Larochelle

 Reports to Members:

 Ottawa Carleton Pensioners Update -Ralph Smith

 Ralph reported on the current status of the fund and that there is no longer any discussions about merging with OMERS.


 Ottawa Fire Fighters Community Foundation - Dave Smith

 Dave reported that the last dinner dance raised just over \$23,000.00 for the Foundation. To date they have invested over 1.5 million dollars at the memorial site. Dave narrated a short powerpoint presentation about the Dinner and the members who were remembered this past year.


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## ROFFA and Friends Christmas Lunch - Neil Warren

-  Neil reported that sales were going well and acknowledged Don Band for keeping this event going.


## Ballard Truck - John McCarthy


-  John gave a short update on the value of the work that our members provide at disasters and encouraged others to get involved with the Ballard Truck.

## Visitation and Honour Guard Committee update - Terry Thompson


-  Nothing to Report


## OPFFA Report – President John Sobey

-  John gave an update on all the Memorials that the OPFFA attend to honour our fallen members. John was also able to give some general information regarding the upcoming arbitrators settlement but was not able to give a great deal of detail due to the sensitive nature of the negotiations.

-  Chief Ayotte was able to stop by the meeting where he greeted the assembled members and thanked ROFFA and the OFFCF for their work and support for the fire service and pledged his ongoing support for both groups.


## Unfinished Business

-  Motion: That ROFFA renews our yearly membership with the Ontario Retired Fire Fighters' Association at a cost of \$100.00


-  Moved by Perry Fee seconded by Gil Leblanc - motion carried with 1 opposed.

## New Business

-  Election – nominations from the floor?


-  Terry Thompson was nominated by Dave Smith. There were no other members nominated. Terry Thompson acclaimed to the ROFFA Board of Directors.


-  Guest Speaker - Connor McNeely, Tanner Insurance

-  Connor provided information about why everyone's car and house insurance rates are rising. Basically home rates are being affected by the costs of the recent flooding and tornado's and vehicles repair costs are skyrocketing due to all of the sensors and airbags, etc. that need to be replaced even in a fairly minor collision.


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 Guest Speaker - Steve Kingan, Frontline Financial Credit Union


 Steve thanked the members for their support of him in his new role and talked about upcoming changes in investing and let the members know that Frontline is well prepared to handle the upcoming changes and invited all the members to get a free second opinion about their current investments.


 Guest Speaker - Josten's, ROFFA Rings

 Ed Honey spoke about ROFFA clothing going online in the near future and that he and Linda are open to bringing in any clothing items that members would wish to have. Ed then introduced Rob Lockheart from Josten's about a very interesting project that he has been working on with Ed and Linda to allow all firefighters an opportunity to purchase rings that would feature their crest from their former department as well as their name or badge number and the ROFFA crest on the side. A portion of sales would be returned to ROFFA and an equivalent amount would go to support the Memorial.

 Guest Speaker - Glen van Gulick, Salvation Army (Divisional Director


of Emergency Disaster Services) - Glen was not available to attend the meeting.

 Keynote Speaker - Rob Milligan and Alan Pellegrom, OFS Peer Support Program


 Rob and Alan outlined the OFS Peer support program and highlighted the fact that this is one of the only cities where this is a multi-service collaborative effort. They offered to train ROFFA members as Peer Support workers if there is any interest from ROFFA members.

 Good and Welfare

 Share the Wealth – Draws

 \$100.00 Gift card to The Keg donated by Frontline Financial – won by Linda Murphy


 \$50.00 gift card to Sukothai Restaurant donated by Wayne Barr = won by Bernie Matheson

 50/50 draw winner \$170.00 – won by Sheldon Ridgeway


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### ROFFA Travel – Bus Trip to New York City

 Neil showed a short powerpoint presentation outlining the New York Trip and encouraged members to contact Panda Vacations to book or get more information. Neil also advised the members that Panda Vacations are offering a 5% discount for any ROFFA member booking a cruise vacation through them.


### ROFFA and Friends Cruise – November 2020 update

 Bob advised that we currently have 209 people booked for the cruise and we still have 2 cabins available if anyone else is interested in attending.

 Anything from the floor under Good and Welfare ?? – nothing heard.

### Next Meeting - Thursday April 16, 2020

### Adjournment - Motion Required

 Moved by Ralph Smith seconded by Dan Gauvreau - carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:14 hrs.