



**Newfoundland and Labrador Branch
The Naval Association of Canada
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 11 March 2020 1900, Crow`s Nest
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present:

Robert Andrews, Cdr. Alan Brown, Bill Brown, Peter Clarke, Tony Dearness, Tom Hallett, Robert Lucas, Wayne Ludlow, Margaret Morris, Don Peckham, Ernest Reid, Lorne Wheeler, Edgar Williams, Ian Wishart.

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda:

President Peckham welcomed all present and noted that copies of the agenda, minutes and other reports were available. The Agenda was accepted by consensus.

2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: (Williams/Lucas) that the minutes of the 13 March 2019 Annual General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

4. Annual Financial and Membership Report:

(a) The 2019 Financial Report was distributed by Treasurer Tony Dearness. The Balance Sheet showed that as of 31 December 2019, total assets were \$7,335. including current assets totalling \$1,141. and GIC investments valued at \$6,194. The Income Statement reported revenues of \$2,444. with expenditures of \$3,928. resulting in an excess of expenditure of \$1,484.

MOTION: (Dearness/Ludlow) that the Report of the Treasurer be accepted. Carried.

(b) **MOTION:** (Dearness/Williams) that the Branch annual membership dues for 2020 remain unchanged at NAC \$40.00 and NLNAC \$10.00. Carried.

(c) The Treasurer reported that 26 renewal memberships had been received by December 31, 2019 and that he would provide the Secretary with a complete up to date list. Renewal information was sent to members in early December and a reminder in early January.

(d) **MOTION:** (Dearness/Andrews) that pursuant to Article 15 of the Branch Constitution, the use of unaudited financial reports is authorized. Carried.

5. Annual Report of the President:

The annual report of the President Don was circulated. He provided a summary of Branch activities during the year, including our participation in the HMCS Cabot 70th Anniversary celebrations, a very successful social program and the decision that the Branch stay the course with essentially the same crew for another year.

MOTION: (Peckham/Hallett) that the Report of the President be accepted. Carried.

6. Report of the Social Committee;

Social Committee Lead Bob Lucas circulated his annual report. He summarized the various social activities organized since the last AGM including the attendance at each. In addition to the AGM Mess Dinner, there were six Pub Lunches to which partners were invited. Four luncheon speakers added to these events, plus the Acapella singing group at the December lunch.

MOTION: (Lucas/Ludlow) that the Report of the Social Committee be accepted. Carried.

7. Report of the Constitution Committee:

The Report of the Constitution Committee consisting of proposed amendments to the Branch Constitution was circulated to the membership by the Hon. Counsel. A summary of the proposed changes to the indicated articles are:

- 4.1 add "Navy League of Canada"
- 7.2 To allow an unaudited financial report versus a full audit
- 8.4 To allow the advisory non-voting Honorary Counsel to chair the Constitution Committee.
- 8.5.2 To add the President of the Crow's Nest to be an Ex-officio Board Member.
- 11.3 To allow voting at General Meetings, annual or Special, to be by Proxy
- 12.4 To allow attendance at Board Meetings by electronic means with two-way audio
- 15 Again to address the audit requirements
- 16.2 To change the Program Committee to the name we use - Social Committee
- 16.4 To establish the Constitution Committee as a standing committee
- 19 To provide for the distribution of surplus assets upon dissolution

MOTION: (Andrews/Dearness) that the proposed amendments to the NLNAC Constitution be approved. Carried.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee and the Election of Officers and Directors.

Wayne Ludlow Nominating Committee Chair circulated the Report of the Nominating Committee which recommended the following for election to the Board of Directors for a term to conclude at the next Annual General Meeting:

President:	Don Peckham
Vice-President	Tom Hallett
Secretary	Ed Williams
Treasurer	Tony Dearness
Directors:	Peter Clark
	Robert Lucas
	Margaret Morris
	Wayne Ludlow

The Report also recommended the following appointments:

Honourary Council	Robert Andrews
Ex-Officio Members	Commanding Officer, HMCS Cabot President, Crow's Nest Officers' Club

Since there were no further nominations from the floor, the members nominated for each of the officer positions were declared elected as were those nominated for Director Positions.

The meeting confirmed the proposed appointments.

8, New Business:

MOTION: (Williams/Lucas) that a vote of thanks be extended to President Don for taking command in stormy weather, for keeping the ship afloat and for steering it to calmer waters with a crew of willing sailors during the past year. Carried.

It also seems appropriate to recognize the passing of a passionate member Dave Gilbert who served on the Board for at least five years most recently 2017.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 19:16 (a new record by at least 6 minutes)

Edgar Williams, Secretary
12 March 2020

Wayne Ludlow, President