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**MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORCES LINEMEN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CORNWALL ON 18 FEB 2008**

Chairperson:

Scot Henriksson (President)

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Central Region :

Lester Henry, John Campbell, Joey Desroches, Blane Kilback, Blair Macknight.

Pacific Region :

Brian Stewart, Kris Gummer.

Western Region :

Moe Morin, Bob Gallagher.

Atlantic Region:

Phil Ferguson, Will Richards, Casey Worth, Greg Snook, Troy Devene.

New Brunswick Region:

Tim Stevens.

Quebec Region:

Stephane Savard, Mike Pelletier.

National Capital Region:

Brent McEvoy, Marty Dubé, Scott Henriksson, Rick Dinelle, Chris Young, Dave Daubert, Claude Mathieu, Mike Huard, Kevin Fathers, Les Thomlinson.

Prairie Region:

Denis Lafrenière, Wade Nesbitt, Rob Nicholson.

Petawawa Region:

Mike Mackie, Owen Crabbe, Stéphane Langevin, Bill Grandy, Jeff Sandney.

DISCUSSION:

Introduction Remarks

1. The Chairperson, president Scot Henriksson called the meeting to order at 1903hrs on 18 February 2008. He welcomed all members present at the 2008 CAFL meeting.
2. The members were given 10 minutes to review the minutes of the 2007 meeting. Discrepancies were found by members and the following corrections were made:
 - a. Kurt St-Germain did not attend as a member of the Atlantic Region, but rather of the Prairie Region;
 - b. Petawawa was misspelled; and
 - c. Will Richards read the Atlantic report, not Will Roberts.
3. It was moved by Joey Desroches, seconded by Mike Mackie "That the minutes of the 2007 meeting be approved as revised". (Motion carried)

Financial Report

The financial report was read by Kevin Fathers and reviewed by members. It was moved by Mike Huard, seconded by Les Thomlinson "That the 2008 financial report be approved as read". (Motion carried)

Fellowship Report

1. The fellowship report was read by Mike Huard in Frank Leblanc's absence:
 - a. Retired Lmn Marcel Miclette lost his wife Louise on 28 Dec 07. Marcel was back at work as a Cable Plant Designer for 5GSS the week after the funeral. We all wish him well and share his loss;
 - b. Retired Lmn Terry McCormick, from the Kingston Area, passed away on 19 Nov 07. In his typical fashion, he wrote his goodbyes, thanked everyone for their kindness and arranged to have his last message sent after his death;
 - c. Sgt Larry Bartlett from Petawawa was admitted to hospital oct 14 Oct 07 after suffering from a heart attack. He was released a few days after surgery, was on sick leave until 30 Oct and is back on the job. Well done Larry;
 - d. MCpl Tom Dillon lost his mother on 30 Sep 07. We are sorry for your loss Tom, especially those of us whose parents are no longer with us;

- e. Retired Lmn Roy Wheeler, from "The Army of the West", passed away in Chilliwack, BC, on 28 Apr 07 after putting up a long and good fight against cancer;
 - f. Retired Lmn Bob McFarlane passed away on 11 Mar 07 in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. Bob spent many years in both CSR and 1 Line Troop, retired in Kingston and went back to NS; and
 - g. Retired Lmn Jim Buck, legendary for his strength and love of hard work, passed away on 2 Mar 07 in Simcoe, Ontario. He was the first Lineman to pass away this year and that is as it should be, because if you were anywhere near Jim Buck you always knew who was going to lead, no matter what rank you wore.
2. Special thanks is given to Terry Murphy and John Leduc for their faithful updates on Linemen given to us via their Email system. This is very appreciated by everyone and we all realize how much of their time and effort these updates actually takes up. Once again, well done.

Regional Report

Atlantic:

Phil Ferguson – The region held the second Shawn Aucoin Invitational. They would like to thank the National Association for its contribution of \$100. There was a good turn-out, everyone had a good time and hope to repeat the experience. One retired lineman (unnamed) made it to the tournament and was extremely pleased to be part of the event.

Pacific:

Brian Stewart – Brian is now the new president of that region. Fifty-four linemen turned up for a BBQ in Febuary. A fishing trip is in the planning stages, as well as possibly a camping trip in Comox.

Western:

Bob Gallagher – Not much going on this year in the West. Moe Morin gathered once with 4 retired linemen.

Quebec:

Mike Pelletier – The Jean Romard Challenge was the only event taking place in the Quebec Region this year. The new format was a hit with participants and spectators alike and will be presented in the same fashion this year. Proposed date is 5 September 08.

Prairie:

No representation from the Prairie Region at the meeting.

Petawawa:

Owen Crabbe – Tom Dillon is now the president. Petawawa would like to thank the Quebec Region for hosting the Jean Romard Challenge. Petawawa held yet another Bill Hanson fishing derby and the turn-out was excellent as always. Mike Walsh won the derby for the second year in a row. There is a X-Mas party in the works, for which Graybar vendors have expressed interest in participating.

Central:

Blair Macknight – Winston Hulin is the new president. Central would like to thank Quebec for hosting The Jean Romard Challenge. There might be a possibility that American Linemen met during a training exercise would compete in the next edition. In October, CFSCE invited everyone to the Glade. Good turn-out, with QL3 and QL5 courses in attendance. They are planning for a CAFL display to go up in the museum and the Kit Shop is up and running again.

New Business:

1. Gagetown offered to host next summer's Jean Romard Challenge. There was some discussion over this, with the consensus being that this is the only event to take place in Quebec and therefore should remain there. Blair Macknight moved that Valcartier continue to host the event and that they approach other Regions if they cannot hold the Challenge in Quebec. Motion seconded by Lester Henry and carried.
2. Blair Macknight asked if the Museum Brick had been purchased yet. It seems this undertaking is incomplete. More to follow at a later date.
3. Blair Macknight proposed to have the minutes published on the CAFL Website. Seconded by Martin Dubé. (Motion Carried).
4. Mike Huard expressed his thanks for the outstanding participation in this year's Golden Spur, which was to largest edition to date. With over 80 pages, it was filled with anecdotes and accomplishments from everywhere in the country.
5. Mike Huard asked the committee to consider making B General (ret.) O'Keefe an honorary member for outstanding and continuous support to the Association and the Line Trade in general. The proposal was accepted by the committee and will be announced at the formal dinner on 20 Feb 08.

6. With no further new items to discuss, it was moved by Mike Mackie, seconded by Owen Crabbe "That the 2007 meeting be adjourned". (Motion carried)

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