

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
THE AIRBORNE SOCIAL CLUB (EDMONTON)  
HELD AT BR # 271 RCL, ST ALBERT, ALBERTA  
FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 - 1100 HRS**

**In Attendance**

Secretary/Membership	Dave Paris
Treasurer	Sharon Skwarchuk
Kit Shop	Bill Dickson
Hospital Rep	Ben Murdock
Entertainment	Michelle Laframboise

**Absent**

President	Mike Frail
Vice President	Michel Crepeau

**Regular Members:** 24

**Opening.** The Secretary, in the absence of the President and Vice President brought the meeting to order at 1110 hours. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of departed members; most recently Barry Chamberlain

**New Members/Guests.** Bill Hawes was introduced as a new member to the club.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings.** The Secretary asked if there were any additions or concerns which should be added to the agenda. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 2020 were presented. As there were no changes or amendments to these minutes, it was moved by Fred Goldring, seconded by Bill Shybunka the minutes be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report.** Sharon presented an abbreviated financial report as of February 14<sup>th</sup> January 18<sup>th</sup>, showing a bank balance of \$22,396.85 with an additional \$25,000 in GICs for a total of \$47,396.85.

Sharon went on the thank Michelle Laframboise, Bill Dickson, Mike Muranetz for the exceptional efforts put forth in making the Christmas function such a success.

Moved by Don Ste-Croix seconded by Chuck Stipchick the report be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**Correspondence.** Dave reported he has received a couple of emails and call asking if the club was going to hold another reunion in 2023. Dave advised those questioning the club was looking into this and would have an answer

sometime later this spring or early summer. It is anticipated that more on this subject will be brought forward at new business to this meeting.

**Membership Report.** Dave reported a current membership of 208 which includes 46 honorary and one lifetime membership. In accordance Club By-Laws, paragraph 13, once a membership reaches end-December paid-up period that membership will have until end-June the following year to either renew or have their name placed on an inactive listing. All those in this situation has been notified via email or postal of their renewal requirement. He reminded the meeting that in accordance with Club By-Laws, no club funds will be expended against an inactive name until such time as a renewal is received.

Fred Goldring suggested a possible way to gain more membership to our club would be to offer a one year new club membership to all those who register for the reunions. This could enhance reunion registration as well as gain future club memberships. Fred's suggestion will be brought forward to the reunion committee, if and when one is organization.

**Hospital Report.** Ben Murdock reported Ed Morley was at home convalescing; he was not doing well these days. He advised Barry Chamberlain received at great send off with about 150 attending Barry's memorial service. Barry's family thanked his airborne brothers for their kind words and attendance at the memorial.

It was reported that Beth Brochu was home recovering from her recent surgery and in good spirits.

Gord Carter, although being recently hospitalized and under home care was out to Barry's memorial and in good spirits.

Ben can be contacted at [ben.murdock@shaw.ca](mailto:ben.murdock@shaw.ca) or (780) 457-0646 for known shut-ins or hospitalizations notifications.

**Kitshop.** Bill Dickson advised he still has kit for sale left over from the reunion, some of which he has with him today at the meeting. As in the past he will continue taking this kit to his gun shows in an effort to make sales. Many of the items he has are being sold at cost price and below in some cases.

Bill has in his possession two of Roger Chabot's recent prints for sale. Anyone wish to purchase a print can make arrangements with him at [abn339@shaw.ca](mailto:abn339@shaw.ca)

**Newsletter.** Dave asked for articles for newsletter publication. He noted recent newsletters had some interesting contributions and said any/all contribution would be greatly accepted and appreciated by the readers. He hopes to have the next newsletter out by end-February 2020.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

During the January 2020 meeting a discussion of a possible reunion in 2023 was discussed. At that time, it was suggested this discussion be held in abeyance and brought up again at the May 2020 at which time a decision to have one or not should be made. However, Bill Dickson suggested that given the required planning that must go into this that we revisit this with the possibility of forming a committee soonest so that initial planning can be begin.

Having a reunion in 2023 would maintain as in the past of conducting a reunions every 5 years.

A discussion ensued with Don Ste-Croix putting his name forward as a committee member for a potential Reunion 2023. Several other members also put their names forward as potential reunion committee members, namely: Michelle Laframboise, Mike Muranetz, Paul Riopel, Bill Dickson and Bill Fletcher.

Don advised he would try to get together with these members prior to the general meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup> and bring some recommendations for the potential of holding a reunion and gathering a committee composition. He asked if he could get post-reunion reports prior to this meeting so he could see how thing were organized and transpired. Dave advised he would send him the reports he had on hand.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

Sharon confirmed the Spring BBQ for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The BBQ will be held at the Eagles Club, St Albert. Cost for the event will be \$10 per person which will include 2 drinks with the purchase of a ticket. Timing for the event will be 1600 social with dinner service at 1800.

She asked this information be widely published throughout the membership with the RSVP to NLT March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Siffleur 2020.** Bill Dickson once again reminded the David Thompson Resort (DTR) management has advised there will be "NO CHANGE" for event and reservation costs for 2020, and they will remain the same as they were in 2019; that is great news.

Rooms are \$139 per night plus tax for a total of \$151.51. Accommodation rates are based on a two-night stay. Meals are the same price as last year. A room and meals for 2 guests for the 2 night stay are as follows:

- ❖ Room is \$303.02 plus the meals for 2 are \$280.00 for a total of \$583.02.
- ❖ The rates for the campground sites are the same as last year also. \$36.75 per night plus tax, (38.59).

Procedures for making a reservation for the 2020 event have changed. It is the policy of the DTR now, not to shut down for reservations over the winter months, as they have done in the past. Also, while the days for our event have been reserved, there will be **“NO BLOCK BOOKING OF DTR FOR THE EVENT”**. That means anyone can be booking rooms at any time at DTR, which includes the period of our D-DAY event.

The procedure for making reservations now need to follow this format.

- ❖ Send reservation request to: [dtrwebpage2016@gmail.com](mailto:dtrwebpage2016@gmail.com)
- ❖ Mark your title: **AIRBORNE 2020**
- ❖ Include your full name, contact phone number, with check-in/out dates

DTR will call you for the payment info (Credit Card #). This procedure allows you to book for the event and not send your credit card info by e-mail.

If this procedure is not clear, contact Bill Dickson [abn339@shaw.ca](mailto:abn339@shaw.ca) for clarification, or telephone DTR, at **1-888-810-2103**.

**50/50 Draw.** Leo MacCarthy's ticket was drawn, winning \$48.50.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, moved by Alex Diaz seconded by Les Skinner the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours.

Next meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 1100 hrs.

Dave R. Paris  
Secretary  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Note: Neither the President or the Vice were at the meeting to confirm the minutes.*