

MINUTES OF  
THE AIRBORNE SOCIAL CLUB (EDMONTON)  
HELD AT THE  
GARRISON EDMONTON WARRANT OFFICER'S AND SERGEANT'S MESS  
1930 HOURS, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 2012

President:	Absent
Treasurer:	Absent
Hospital Rep:	Absent
CQMS:	Absent
Vice President:	Assent
Secretary/Membership	Dave Paris

Members: 16

Opening. The secretary, in the absence of the president and vice president brought the meeting to order at 1930 hrs with a minute of silence for fallen comrade Leo McGrath who passed after a lengthy illness.

Minutes of Previous Meetings. Minutes of regular meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the executive meeting of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were presented. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Membership. There are currently 212 members of the club. A breakdown membership is as follows:

2011	- 30 (renewals are required by end March 2012)
2012	- 74
2013	- 43
2014	- 21
2015	- 7
2016	- 8
2017	- 3
Honourary	- 25
Life Member	- 1 (no additional life memberships will be given)
Total	- 212

The secretary stated that all members requiring renewals beyond 2011 were advised via email or letter in order for them to remain as a member in good standing they must renew by end-March 2012. Of the 70, plus notices sent out more than 40 renewals have been received.

Hospital. Dave reported Ben Murdock was home from the hospital after his operation and is recovering well. Ben received hospital comforts from the club. He went on to ask if anyone was aware of any other members who may be sick or in hospital that he be advised, as the interim hospital rep until such time as Ben, is able to resume this role.

Financial Report. Nil report.

## OLB BUSINESS

Airborne Reunion 2013. Bill Johnson, in the absence of the Reunion Committee Chairman Bill Tremain advised that the planning committee would be sitting later this month and it is planned they would sit every other month followed with monthly and weekly sittings until the actual reunion dates. More details will be forthcoming as plans are made.

Bill Dickson provided an update of the Canada Lands proposal for an Airborne Cairn to be erected in the Griesbach Housing area. He stated that blueprints and plans have been forwarded to the City of Edmonton for approval. He also stated he has been advised that at least three city councillors have acknowledged this project and given their support in principle to the project. Bill further reported he has spoken to Joe Jourdin who advised him once full city approval is received that Joe would spearhead a fund raising campaign within the total airborne brotherhood in support of this project.

Finally he advised, once approved it is estimated this project could take at least one year for completion, which hopefully could coincide with Airborne Reunion 2013.

**Siffleur Falls 2013. Bill Dickson advised plans are in place for this year's ceremony, which will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at the David Thompson Resort (DTR), Siffleur Falls Alberta. He has been advised several members from Bornewest will be travelling in convoy to the ceremony and it is hoped they and others would do likewise on a yearly basis. Hotel, camping and RV parking reservations can be made with DTR by contacting 1-888-810-2103 or email [info@davidthompsonresort.com](mailto:info@davidthompsonresort.com)**

NEW-WEST Travel - Cyprus Tour. Art advised through email that response for this tour was not as great as expected, therefore if NEW-WEST does not get a more positive response by end of March this trip may be cancelled. For those who have already confirmed with NEW-WEST or others who may be interested should contact **Kari-Lynn Thiel, Phone; 780-432-7446 (Edmonton) / Toll Free: 1-800-661-7281** or e-mail: [karilynn-newwest@shawbiz.ca](mailto:karilynn-newwest@shawbiz.ca) for follow-up tour status.

## NEW BUSINESS

Airborne Social Group (Edmonton) – Calgary Chapter. Dave read correspondence from John Johnsrud requesting that he and numerous other former paratroopers from the Calgary area be given permission to form a group in the Calgary area as a chapter to the Airborne Social Group (Edmonton). This request had received endorsement from the club executive during the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time the president advised this would be brought up at a monthly meeting for consideration. After discussion it was moved by Mike Bedel and seconded by Dave Latta that the Calgary group be give permission to meet as a chapter of Airborne Social Group (Edmonton). Motion carried.

Dave advised that the president's intent was to meet with this group at their first gathering to present the club By-Laws and give direction on Club procedures, etc.

50/50 Draw. The monthly 50/50 was won by Bob Fullerton, winnings \$16.50.

With no future business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

**Original signed by:**

*Dave R. Paris, Secretary*

*Art Brouchu, President*

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**