



MINUTES of 30th CAFL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM was held at the NAVCAN CENTER - Cornwall, Ontario.

Members in Attendance (25)

Kevin Duffett – National President
Yvan Tremblay – National Vice President
Winston Hewlin – National Treasurer/Secretary
Claude Mathieu – Fellowship Rep
Owen Crabbe – Membership Committee Rep
Curtis Schneikart – AGM Minute Recorder

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| Chris Jenkins | Jeff Nickerson |
| John Campbell | Alex Bergman |
| Brad Hardy | Ron During |
| Mike Pelletier | Rick Cooper |
| Martin Dubé | Jodi Jones |
| Steph Savard | Rigis Pilote |
| Rudy Skaala | Mike Barrington |
| Mark Ramsay | Todd Young |
| Chris Gummer | Johnny Ottenheimer |
| Phil Ferguson | |

Opening Statement:

The National President, Kevin Duffett called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to take a few minutes to review the minutes from last year.

No comments or questions were brought forward from last year's minutes.

A call to accept the Minutes as they are was made.

Motioned: Mike Barrington

2nd: Chris Jenkins

Financial Report

The Secretary and Treasurer, Winston Hewlin, presented the CAFL Financial Report.

All receipts are available and the bank statement is provided for review, additional copies can be made available upon request.

Answering Claude Mathieu's question from National Exec meeting, the bank fees currently are the cheapest rate available. One time administration charge/fee on the account.

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Majority of expense which is a bit of contention is the postal box, this is a requirement as many retired members continue to send in registrations and membership dues through this method. Want to maintain this for future as it creates a single point of communication regardless of personnel change. Some expense as a result.

\$440 was spent on the purchase of a laptop this was provided Julien Gunville-Vachon for Webmaster services, and card making machine. Something discussed at the Nat Exec meeting is asset accounting this is something that is intended to be completed in the future and once completed will be available to all the chapters.

Q: Jodi Jones – Curious about the design work for the membership card, it changed again from the last one?

A: Winston Hewlin – That will be a discussion point.

Any Questions? Receipts are available, and the financial statement of the bank account month by month, months with no activity there is no statement printed but there is \$1.95 transaction/banking fee.

Kevin Duffett – Call for a motion to accept the financial report.

Motioned: Martin Dubé

2nd: Jeff Nickerson

Fellowship Report

The President then called upon Claude Mathieu for the Fellowship Report.

Claude starts off with the sad news of the year. MWO Dion's (Rose) Father passed away this past year.

Frank "Saben" (not fully audible) is still alive, three years ago he was told he had three years left, Claude saw him two weeks ago and he looks great so far, he'll keep doing what he is doing.

Jean Leduc is doing OK. Is back in remission.

Jim Power is still receiving treatment; he has return to United States for his treatment.

Please pass on to your people if you have any updates please email Claude so he can ensure something can be done for the member.

Q: Owen Crabbe – Just for everyone's info, how is Mike (Huard) doing?

A: Claude Mathieu – Mike is doing OK, he just heard last week that there is no problem with his heart, they are looking for something else because he still has chest pain when he is excited or makes a little bit of effort. We will see.

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Q: Rick Cooper - Owen, are you allowed to post on social media to say contact Claude instead of Mike from now on?

A: Owen Crabbe – I don't see why not, I have no problems putting that out there.

The President asked if we can accept Fellowship report, as read.

Motioned: Kris Gummer

2nd: Jodi Jones

Membership Report

The President then called upon Owen Crabbe for the Membership Report.

Owen – Difficult year for membership drive, there was good effort from other people to pitch in and help with something on membership. As far as membership goes, everyone in this room is paid up except for Chris Jenkins, I will collect from him before he leaves.

Membership is always a struggle, hard to find someone with time to maintain and update the database. There is a new database with 467 CAFL lineman on there, paid/unpaid, some probably dead but it's a cleaner modern database to go through. I want to get the database out to the regions to update at the regional level, that's the next hope to get done this year.

New database still needs a complete vetting, but it's a step forward.

The President asked if there are any questions, none were presented.

A call to accept the Membership report, as read, was made.

Motioned: Alex Bergman

2nd: Rick Cooper

Website and Facebook Report

The President then called upon Yvan Tremblay for the Website and Facebook Report.

Yvan – From what I understand, both the website and Facebook are up to date. I don't check on them regularly.

Alex Bergman – I use the FB site all the time to put the Breakfast events info on it.

Owen – Yes, good job Alex.

The President – called for a motion to accept Facebook and Website report.

Mike Barrington – Actually, if you click on some of the links on there they go to the wrong place.

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Winston Hewlin – If you notice something fire an email to the Webmaster and he will sort it out.

Owen Crabbe – Julien is doing a good job with a preexisting site, but if you have problems let us know.

The President – called for a motion to accept Facebook and Website report.

Motioned: Mike Barrington

2nd: Jodi Jones

CAFL Scholarship Report

The President presented the CAFL Scholarship Report.

There were no applicants this year, so there will be no money. As per last year my Daughter Kayla was the recipient of the scholarship, she sent a letter of thank you to us and it was published in the SPUR. Thank you letter included how she is doing, she has a 3.9 roughly GPA average, she made the Dean's list. She only has a couple months left and she will graduate.

Q: Rick Cooper – What's the deadline for the application?

A: Owen Crabbe – Two weeks before the CALF AGM.

A: Kevin Duffett – I sent out a reminder on that and I got back crickets, so that's it.

Owen Crabbe – one point on that, there was a talk at the Nat Exec level on having a second scholarship award to replace the General George Simpson Award, as this award was going to be no longer awarded. Discussion was had to replace the award with a bursary worth approximately \$1000. Nothing as of yet on that, current CAFL constitution has the scholarship set at \$300 to any Lineman, family member, or retired serving.

Winston Hewlin – We did discuss the possibility of raising it to \$500, still in preliminary discussion.

The President – called for a motion to accept scholarship report.

Motioned: John Campbell

2nd: Steph Savard

Retired Lineman Liaison Officer Report

The President then called upon Yvan Tremblay for the Retired Lineman Liaison Officer Report.

Yvan – As you know Arnie was unable to make it tonight. He has reached out to a few older fellas and he is waiting for us to get our membership up to snuff, once we know where we are going with that then he's going to be able to contact them, he received a few applications and he's ready to help us out with that.

Kevin Duffett – Any questions? None were presented.

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The President – called for a motion to accept the report.

Motioned: Claude Mathieu

2nd: Brad Hardy

Regional Reports

The President called upon the regional reps, to report on their chapter.

Atlantic:

Phil Ferguson - NTR, nothing planned. Hoping to get more things on the go, still a work in progress. Hoping to get a golf tournament in the summer time to get the troops out, maybe have some lobster and steak.

Maritimes (PEI / NB):

No one present. No thing to report.

Quebec:

Stéphane Savard - Have nothing to report other than the actual president is on sick leave, I tried to reach him with no answer. I don't have any list of members for the CAFL for the Quebec region, as I am in Bagotville and most of the activities are not there I am not sure where the money is or who is in charge of the money.

Chris Jenkins – I spoke with Kevin Michaluk and he told me there was not much of a CAFL presence and there wasn't much of a structure left either.

Stéphane Savard – I know Yvan was there two years ago. Who replaced you?

Yvan Tremblay – I was just the Treasurer, I think the President was Sebastien Thomassin.

Stéphane Savard – I need to find out where the money is, if it is all gone I would like to see receipts.

Central:

Alex Bergman – Kingston has been doing pretty good, with the breakfasts every month posted on FB. We have a party planned for June. Jimmy "Fail" polar express will come out in theater if we get enough people, we are going to do that at Mel Douglas' property about an hour north of Kingston. By the end of March it should be all laid out and planned to put out to everyone. The breakfasts are very well received usually have good attendance with a great mix of serving and retired, it's good for a laugh so if you're in the Kingston area please come by. Meeting are on FB.

Prairies:

No one present.

Western:

Nothing to report.

Pacific:

No one present.

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Petawawa:

Mike Pelletier – Did the fishing derby last year, it was pretty successful. Tried to recruit new members this year to bring more money to the organization. Last year we never asked any money for the fishing derby, we are going to do the fishing derby again this year. Last year it was 26-27 weekend of Aug the attendance was pretty good, mostly old Lineman but it was good. We are going to try the next one the 25-26 of Aug it's after APS so it's easier for new people coming in.

National Exec (NCR):

Kevin Duffett – We had an initial meeting in March, we just recently had another one to discuss a few items. We are going to focus this year on membership drive.

The President – called for a motion to accept the Regional Reports.

Motioned: Mike Barrington

2nd: Jody Jones

Old Business

Kevin Duffett – A couple items; Padre Lee Winchester was voted in as the CAFL padre last year, and free membership was unanimously accepted for newly retired members from 5 years down to 3 years is now rescinded, so now there is no free membership for newly retired members.

The President – called for a motion to accept the Old business as read.

Motioned: Phil Ferguson

2nd: Ron During

New Business (Non-voting)

Kevin Duffett – We reached out to a few people, got some graphics, and advise. This is what we came up with on short notice and limited funding. This one is up for comments, everyone has been so long without a card we are going to get all the names tonight and send it to Julien, he's going to print it off and puolated, the new cards so hopefully everyone here will have a new card before you leave the conference, along with the pin that you just received.

Q: Rick Cooper – Who made the card design?

A: Kevin Duffett – We had a graphic artist but at \$70 bucks an hour it was pretty expensive, so we just made it on our own. If you have any other ideas pass it up.

Kevin Duffett – The constitution has been in place for 30 years, we are looking to get it revised and updated, have a look. If there are any comments please bring to my attention. There's a new CAFL email address, it's on the card, any questions email that address and your question should be answered by one of the Exec as they all have access to the email. One of my initiatives this year, there is lots of "biker's" out

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there, I want to try design an embroidered CAFL patch if there is any interest. We will see if there is interest on this later down the road.

The President – called for a motion to accept the New Business (Non-voting).

Motioned: Mike Barrington

2nd: Jody Jones

New Business for Open Voting

Kevin Duffett – Now is the time if you have anything to say, bring up.

Jodi Jones – I would like to bring up an initiative that has been started by some of the senior CAFL members, Arnie Murray, when it comes to the refresh of the CFSCE museum. There's a briefing being presented tomorrow from the curator (Anita Gilles) of the museum on that. I am now part of the museum committee, I am in all the meetings with the commandant, myself, CWO MacKnight, Arnie Murray, Mel Douglas, DCO 77 Line Regt Maj Rob Stroud, we are all involved in taking the current line display that portrays the history of our trade and bring it to the "now". It is absolutely horrible, nothing has been done to it for the past 20 years. I just want everyone to know that it is in the works, some of the funds raised from the charity event this week is going to that initiative directly. It's not going to the museum, it's going to the Line refresh initiative at the museum. I am going to be looking to the regional centers to provide some video/time-lapse photography of large cable splices and a variety of things. We are planning on getting monitors to display processes and people climbing. So I just wanted to let you know that is in the works and it was started by some of the retired CAFL members.

Q: Owen Crabbe – The VP brought up a good point, has it been clearly defined that any money raised will not go into the museum general revenues, it will be definitely for the Line display?

A: Jodi Jones – 100% every dollar going in will be segregated for the Line display only.

Q: Owen Crabbe – Think about that tomorrow night at the charity event.

Q: Kevin Duffett – Any other points?

Q: Chris Jenkins – Question on the membership and paying for fees and stuff, I was reviewing last year's minutes. Did the PayPal thing work out?

A: Owen Crabbe – We killed it, PayPal didn't work for us.

Winston Hewlin – We did look into it as an alternate means, this came up as the Western Chapter approached up for funding for the regular gathering in the summer. The Nat Exec was considering using PayPal to send the funds because in the past we used money orders which there is a fee involved, as you will note in the financial report it is a \$7.50 charge per order plus whatever is involved in mailing. We recently talked to the bank, and part of the account setup was to enable email money transfers so that is now sorted out. We have yet to test the process but you can use the email on the membership card and one of the Nat Exec should be able to access and deposit the funds. In the past the memberships of chapters were supposed to provide 50 % of their subscription fee to the National account, but with the

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memberships the way they are we are not in a position to ask for anything and with the Nat Exec not functioning well for a number of years we can't really demand anything either.

Phil Ferguson – If we have that ability to e-transfer, everyone is doing it now, it's easy, and it cost the member the money not the CAFL.

Chris Jenkins – We as the region should be collecting the money and doing a single transaction.

Owen Crabbe – I have a quick one, not sure if it's a voting item, where are we sitting with the Jean Romard Challenge?

Jodi Jones – It's being held in Kingston, run by 77 Line Regt, overseen by 2 Line Sqn it will be joined with 77 Line Regt EX in Sept, I will provide the dates. It's a done deal, 77 will be having a PD week which will include the Jean Romard challenge. Steph Langevin will be the POC for it. Kris Gummer will be the Kingston contact because it will be held in Kingston.

Kevin Duffett – Any questions? None were presented.

The President – called for a motion to accept the report.

Motioned: Jeff Nickerson

2nd: Alex Bergman

General Elections

Kevin Duffett – No elections this year.

Kevin Duffett – Any questions? None were presented.

The President – called for a motion to accept the report.

Motioned: Chris Jenkins

2nd: Ron During

Open Discussion

Winston Hewlin – One of the things talked about at the Nat Exec meeting, the effort to renew the constitution. It's a big document, if we want to get it right we will have to put some effort into it. We'll look at some of the other examples of associations where the members are spread far and wide across the country and we want to give them the ability to have some kind of voice at the CAFL AGM where they can't attend. One of the things we are thinking about in the constitution is making the ability of them to vote by proxy or by letter, when we get a little more connected with the new email we may be able to entertain some of those votes or at least suggestions for agenda items to be brought to the AGM. So that's one of the things we are talking about.

Lastly, I will say this, the organization doesn't exist without its membership, we rely on the Chapters and I realize that everyone is busy but if we can get some assistance at the Chapter level to funnel the

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information to the Nat Exec level it will help build this thing to what it can be. If you can't do that because people's interest is waning at least provide a POC for the region so we can start to make some inroads on some of this stuff.

Kevin Duffett – Any questions? None were presented.

The President – called for a motion to accept the report.

Motioned: Alex Bergman

2nd: Kris Gummer

Kevin Duffett – That brings this pretty much to an end, I would like to thank everyone for coming out. Please put an effort towards the membership this year.

The President – called for a motion to accept and adjourn the meeting.

Motioned: Alex Bergman

2nd: Jodi Jones

Kevin Duffett - Meeting Adjourned.

CAFL Executives/or POCs - March 2017

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