

**2017 Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Units
Annual General Meeting
Held at ANAVETS, Kelowna, British Columbia
June 15, 2017**

NATIONAL RIDE ELEMENT ATTENDEES:

Earle "Griz" Eastman, CAV National, President
Derrick "Maddawg" McClinchey, CAV National, Vice President
Barry "Brutus" Drews, CAV National, SAA
Al Murray, CAV National, Road Captain
Willy Kaufman, 1 CAV, President
Tom Skelding, 2 CAV, President
Mike "Iron Mike" Lacharite, 3 CAV, President
Ron "Captain Ron" Donison, 3 CAV, Vice President
Trina "Den Mother" Murray, 3 CAV, Membership Coordinator

CAV DIRECTORS

Paul "Trapper" Cane, CAV National, Ambassador
Orland DeLong, CAV Director

1. Opening remarks were made by Earle welcoming all to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). He continued by commenting on the lack of drama this past year and giving a pat on the back to all formations for the fine job being done in vetting memberships ensuring that all newcomers fit within the scope of the CAV's requirements. He advised that all info from the AGM will be put together and posted on the CAV website after the respective formations hold their 2017 rallies.
2. A tribute to our fallen brothers, Mel Doucet of Paarderburg, and Dan Jorgenson of Hindenburg, was then shown and respects for both were observed.
3. It was then mentioned that Belt Drive Betty was to attend to present a business proposition to the CAV but she was unable to attend.
4. Trapper then took the floor to present the Interim Directors Report. He began by stating that this is an exciting time for the CAV as we approach our 15th anniversary. He advised that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is now in receipt of our application documents and it is now a 3-6 week wait for their response. He went on to say that we are now in a position to be recognized not only federally but internationally as well as a charitable organization. The most crucial step to be aware of with this new status is that the tax number will only be available through our Directors. Proposals for donations will require lead time to ensure all CRA protocols are met in the future. Protocols will be recommended, Directors will make legal decisions and when necessary changes will be directed by National. Trapper will continue throughout this period being the go-between between Directors and the riding element of the CAV.

Due to the large amounts of funding and disbursement changes that may come please be prepared for a transition phase while all is being sorted out. With the incorporation, protocols will be developed to manage

Fundraising and disbursements, all while staying within the legal parameters of CRA.

Orland added once per year we will be required to report to the CRA and that the Directors will represent the CAV nationally, not by formations. He also advised at this time there are 6 possible CRA designations of charitable status and that until the decision is made by CRA we will not know which we will be designated. It was advised that all CAV Directors are volunteers, without pay. It was also reminded that this designation means no change to the riding element of the CAV.

5. With great pride, Trapper advised that he and Doc Lebrun are to be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their work in the CAV. This honour is to be presented by the Governor General of Canada in the near future
6. Trapper then provided the Ambassador's update providing us some insight on our status across the nation. He advised when the time comes, not be ashamed to ask for donations and for all to take great pride in the work that is being done by our fellow CAV family members. He reminded all that we are the only motorcycle organization that sits on the Veteran's Committee round table and that alone speaks volumes as we are the prime mover in integrating veterans back into society.
7. Griz then proceeded to address the subject CAV leadership and communication, and how there has been very little drama throughout the year and this is due to the outstanding current leadership. That being said, there can always be improvement in communication, especially outside the riding season. Although Facebook and emails are excellent forms of communicating, picking up the phone and making calls should be utilized more often; do not rely on the other formats when needing to discuss matters at hand. The Formation executive need to support their units either in person or via other means.
8. Brutus then provided the following in his SAA report. Harold Leduc had been in contact with him requesting the names of our Silver Cross families as the Afghanistan monument is to be unveiled in Victoria on 30 September. Instead, the information was forwarded to our Silver Cross family members and they were directed to contact Mr. Leduc directly to respond to his request for attendance. The Nuttle family has been instrumental in this initiative and has been requested for CAV representation to attend as well. Griz reminded all that the CAV picks up where Veteran's Affairs (VA) and the Department of National Defence (DND) cuts off supports. Iron Mike stated that he will engage 3 CAV presidents and provide numbers to Brutus. This is an opportunity for great exposure and shows support to our Silver Cross members.
9. After a short break, the National Road Captain then took the floor. He reminded all of the importance of the Ride Handbook and the requirement to ensure that all members are aware of its contents. He stated that the 3-year review took place over the winter of 2016/2017 and the new handbook was effective 1 April 2017. It is mandatory that presidents and road captains know what is contained especially in the area of ride briefings and the process for awarding the Winged Wheel (WW).

The new process for the Annex A processing was discussed and it was reiterated that the 250 km requirement and that signatures of both the president and the road captain are mandatory. He also reminded all that our handbook is only a guide and that safety and the law come first as always. When it comes to Riders At Large (RAL) being awarded their WW, as they fall under formation, it will be the Formation president and road captain that will sign the Annex A. Road Captain (RC) appointments were then discussed. Presidents must select RC's who meet all criteria in para 3.2 and all RC's are to observe new members as indicated in the manual. Assistant Road Captain status is not an executive position and no tag is to be worn by anyone given these duties. Assistant road captains must meet the same criteria as the unit RC. Another point brought up is that of the desire to be on the Rider's Assistance List (RAL). This question will no longer appear on the membership application. It is now the unit RC's job to inform new members of this program and advise them of how to register if they are so inclined. Road Captain's must inform the National Road Captain when members on the RAL leave the CAV so their contact information can be removed. Trapper intervened reminding all that we are a riding organization and the RC's hold a most important job. The WW should be coveted as it originates from World War I and II.

10. Griz then discussed ride protocol for funerals as in the past there was a lot of disconnect on this subject. An SOP is now available on the members only website which dictates dress, conduct, protocols etc. He advised the more professional we look and act the more respect we will be given for future opportunities. Once you have read the SOP, any questions or comments are to be forwarded to Griz.
11. Griz continued In the area of CAV special projects and progress – we are at the point where if CAV support is requested there needs to be as much lead time and as many details provided as possible. Challenge those requesting our support to provide legitimate information. As a yearly calendar is produced by Tony "Ranger" Lynch, National Ops O, he will coordinate with Formation Ops O's to develop this calendar with as much detail as possible. Long range special projects such as PTSD dogs, Yukon Royal Canadian Legion project, and the Afghanistan Memorial in Grande Prairie are already being tracked. When necessary, Nationals Ops O may contact local units, and designate an OPI. A request to assist with the Invictus Games has already been directed to the National Ops O by 1 CAV President and our participation will be directed by the Directors.
12. The Veteran's Affairs Stakeholder meeting was discussed and updates provided. Griz is mandated in TOR to attend this meeting along with approximately 40 other veterans organizations. He reminded all that the change from the 75% payout to the 90% payout for veterans was decided at this meeting. We're the only motorcycle organization represented at this meeting.

A lunch break was called at 1151 and the AGM resumed at 1323.

13. The afternoon began with Maddawg providing an update on membership. Current Membership Coordinators are: Sgt Bob for 1 CAV, Charlie for 2 CAV, and Den Mother for 3 CAV. Our national membership numbers are as follows:

Total	806
Veterans	404
Supporters	311
Honourary	39
Silver Cross	32
RAL	20

The new 2018 membership application is expected to be forwarded by National to Membership Coordinators at the beginning of July.

Trapper advised that we are one of the few motorcycle clubs that renew yearly and this is one of the requirements of CRA for charitable status.

With regards to Supply and Services: Meisha has now taken over the position of Supply and Services Coordinator. We will continue with the bi-annual ordering process. All units are to provide their contact info to Supply and Services whether it be for the unit president or a "kit shop" coordinator within the unit. Inflexibility in ordering was brought up as a previous challenge, hopefully this will be resolved with the new coordinator and process. As identity is trademarked, items cannot be produced locally. WI Villager provides excellent services and prices and at this time there is no intent to change providers in the future. Suggestions for new items should be sent through Formation to National for consideration. There are still some items available on an adhoc basis so if members are looking for items an email can be sent inquiring if any are currently available outside of regular bi-annual orders.

Financial info to note: Hub Insurance will continue as our insurance provider. They allow for 10% growth outside of numbers provided. Our last three years we have been operating in the black and any questions about finances can be directed to Maddawg. Currently, there is approximately \$5000 in the riding element account.

Formation Reports were then given by each of the Formation Presidents:

14. 1 CAV currently has 19 active units with approximately 299 members; down approximately 50% over 4 years ago but the past two years have been stable. Willy provided an update on the Tony Stacey Centre and reviewed the events supported by 1 CAV units for the past year.
15. 2 CAV reported that not a lot of units are doing "CAV centric" events. Tom advised the South Africa unit may be resurrected in the near future. He advised that veteran's plates were introduced in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and briefed on the unveilings of the Highway of Heroes down east.

A short break was taken from 1455 to 1510.

16. 3 CAV thanked Arnhem unit for all their assistance with the planning and coordination required to host this year's AGM. Advised that current membership is 286 with 173 veterans, 86 supporters, 4 riders at large and 19 silver cross members. Currently there are 20 active units in 3 CAV with Veterans comprising 61% of the membership. Advised there will be a new Formation SAA appointed at the 3 CAV Rally in August and that he is currently working on succession planning as his intent is to cease his president tenure NLT 2018, although this is negotiable.

NEW BUSINESS

17. It was discussed whether CAV members who belong to other riding clubs should be able to hold executive positions. Per the Constitution, CAV members can belong to more than 1 riding club with the same principles. The following motion was put forward by Ron Donison: "CAV Executives, at all levels, cannot be an executive of any other motorcycle organization". The motion was seconded by Tom.

All were in favour of this motion and none opposed - MOTION PASSED.

18. The next item of discussion was Old Guard Membership Protocols. Old Guard process and protocol was brought up by 1 CAV but it was determined that this matter was discussed at the 2016 AGM and points were located in minutes from same. The number of Old Guard members per unit is currently discretionary but it is suggested no more than 2 per unit. The discussion was had whether to set maximum limits or leave as is. The 3 CAV president advised that currently submissions are made to him and he personally evaluates. After much discussion, it was decided that for the time being this matter will remain status quo.

19. Next item for new business was CAV Honourary Membership Protocols. Discussion was held and motion was put forward by Trapper, "Written nominations for Honourary Memberships will be put forward by unit presidents to Formation President and forwarded to National for final approval". Motion was seconded by Willy.

All were in favour of this motion and none opposed - MOTION PASSED.

20. A discussion was then held on whether or not to limit the number of non-riding Supporters (excluding spouses of Veteran members) per unit based on number of Veteran members. It was suggested that there be a cap on number of non-riding members. For many this is a social support network and many have no issue with number of riding/non-riding members. It was brought up that establishing a cap may be in violation of CRA requirements. A motion was put forward to table this discussion until next year's AGM when we have a better understanding of CRA regulations. Motion was seconded by Ron Donison and a vote was taken.

Vote was: 5 For and 3 Against - MOTION PASSED, subject will be tabled until next AGM.

21. It was discussed whether an application checklist should be established and distributed amongst presidents for vetting new applications. Mike advised that Arnhem currently has an info sheet that he would obtain and forward for all to review.
22. The next item of discussion was the status of CIL/COATS Officers as Veteran members. The definition of a Veteran was read aloud. It was advised that due to the current pending CRA approval, membership requirements cannot be re-defined. It was decided that the 2 members in 3 CAV and the 1 member in 2 CAV who had been previously granted Veteran status be grandfathered as they have all been members for quite some time and should not be penalized (by removing Veteran crest) for the errs made in administration in years past; all were in agreeance.

Current membership regulations are to remain status quo at this time.

23. CAV Bursary viability was next on the agenda. Discussion of how nominations are gathered and verified was held. It was also discussed whether to continue as in the past couple of years minimal entries had been received. 3 CAV president suggested he would like to see the bursary program remain and 2 CAV president concurred. 1 CAV president advised as this is his first year he has no first hand knowledge as yet. It was also discussed as to whether to limit the number of times a person could receive if each time was for different reasons.

No changes were made to the awarding of the bursaries

However a motion was put forward by Trapper to rename the current CAV bursaries to "The CWO (Ret'd) Ernest J. Hall (Buddha), MMM, MSM, CD, Education Bursary". The motion to change the name was seconded by Mike.

All were in favour of this motion and none opposed - MOTION PASSED.

24. Changing the geographical AOR of the CAV by moving Manitoba from 1 CAV to 3 CAV was next to be discussed. Both units directly involved were in favour of this move and it was decided that effective immediately Manitoba would now form part of 3 CAV Formation.
25. The topic of membership fees was then introduced. It was discussed that the fees for both new memberships and renewals had been the same for at least ten years and that due to increasing costs an increase in membership would be beneficial. It was suggested that both fees increase by \$10 yearly; a counter suggestion of an incremental increase of \$5 this year and another \$5 in 2-3 years was also suggested. It was mentioned that a one time increase is an "easy sell" whereas incremental increases look badly on management. Much discussion was had and the point of the fact is that on other organizations annual dues are this inexpensive. Mike motioned "Effective 1 November, 2017 the CAV membership fee will increase to \$75 and the renewal fee will increase to \$45". The motion was seconded by Willy.

Vote was: 6 For and 2 Abstained - MOTION PASSED


THIS CONCLUDED THE NEW BUSINESS.

The only remaining business was the awarding of the 2017 CAV Bursaries:

1 CAV Luke Cooper
2 CAV Matthew Taylor
3 CAV Bea DeLong
CAV HQ No submissions

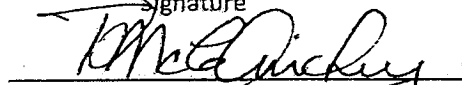
Meeting concluded at 1718 at which time Griz presented a plaque of appreciation was to ANAVETS Bar Manager in for letting CAV use their establishment for the 2017 AGM.

Earle "Grizzly" Eastman
CAV National President



Signature

Derrick "Maddawg" McClinchey
CAV National Vice President



Signature

Date 20 July 2017