



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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Meeting – March 21, 2017 Macassa Bay Yacht Club 52 members present.

Minute of silence for Members: Al Grieve, Gord Talbot, Al Roberts and Al Mitchell

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence: Card of thanks was received from Macassa (Bob Mueller) for our donation of \$400.

President's Report: Brother Jackson reported that he and Brothers Staples and Grieve met regarding WSIB claims of deceased firefighters and stated that we need the assistance of our members in finding the families of George Bland, Gord Crandall, Frank Davies, Jim O'Brian, Fred Patterson and Gord Prelip. If you know how we could get in touch with any of the families, please contact a member of the Executive Board..

Treasurer's Report: Brother Cole reported that we have \$2854.84 in the bank and urged members to pay their dues.

Pensioners Report: Brother Alford reported that he had spoken to Earl Grice, John Stern and Wilf Elliott.

New Business: Brother Malcolm Buchanan, President of CURC, gave a presentation regarding the government's plan to amend the Canada Pensions Act by adding target pensions. Members are urged to contact their MP and voice their opposition to target pensions.

The following changes to the constitution were read and will be voted on at the June meeting.

A sign in book shall be used to ensure that all members sign in and can be accounted for at the meetings.

The Roberts Rules of Order shall be adopted and used for all meetings of the HFDPA.

Delete Article 3.01 and replace with Article 03.01 All members in good standing shall receive all notifications and benefit

Article 03.02 All members in good standing shall pay yearly dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Association by March 31 of each year

Any donation to the Group shall be clearly identified as such or it will be assumed that it was intended as a prepayment of annual dues.

The Executive has been acclaimed for the next term

Good and Welfare: It was reported that Colin Grieve's Appreciation Night had been cancelled and that refunds are available through Dave Graham and Greg Edwards.

Members wishing to participate in a retirees honour guard or request a blazer, should contact an Executive member

Next Meeting: will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally, Larry Staples, Secretary.