



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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Meeting –March 12, 2019

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

58 members present.

Minute of silence for Members: Minute of silence for Brothers Pat McLaughlin, Bill Brown, Murray Patterson, Gord MacNab, Sue Furies (Box 43); and Bobby Noto (everyone's little brother).

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence: A letter of thanks was received from the Macassa Bay Yacht Club for our \$500 donation.

President's Report: : Brother Jackson reported that many members are paying their dues; however, those who have failed to pay dues will be cut off from membership. The membership includes emails and notices from the Association. The website will remain for access until further notice.

Brother Jackson also reported that we have 462 retirees.

Treasurer's Report: Brother Cole reported that we have \$7720.83 in the bank and urged all members to pay their 2019 dues.

Pensions: Brothers Alford and Staples reported on the OMERS proposed changes which will be dealt with at the next OMERS meeting. The proposed changes were sent to all members via email. Members on mail delivery will receive the said proposals attached to the March minutes.

Brother Alford further reported that the HMERF pension fund is doing well.

Unfinished Business: Nil

New Business: The following proposed changes to the Constitution were read and will be voted on at the June meeting:

(1) Article 10.01 Honorary Member

An Honorary Member shall be member-in-good standing that has been nominated by a member-in-good-standing and voted by the qualified members present at any regular general meeting by a simple majority vote.

Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues.

Honorary Members shall retain all privileges of Active or Regular Members

Article 10.02 Associate Honorary Member

An "Associate Honorary Member" may be a person that does not qualify for membership described by Article 2.01 but is recognized for a meritorious public service or for notable or meritorious service to The Group.

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They shall not be required to pay dues.

Associate Honorary Members will not be eligible to vote for any Association matters.

Associate Honorary Members shall be passive at Association meetings except for Good and Welfare announcements

(2) **A sign in book** shall be used to ensure that all members sign in and can be accounted for at the meeting.

Nominations were held for 2019 and the Executive members were acclaimed.

Good and Welfare: Brother Dave Graham reported that Local 288 will be hosting a social night on April 12, 2019 at St. Michael's Church. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets please contact a member of the Executive Board.

See website for updates on Clark Wood, Paul Marchese Bob Culliton, and David Johnstone.

Next meeting: will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,

Larry Staples, Secretary

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