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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS.

Please read the following, important letter from our President Dave Love.

A Message from the President to the Membership

It has been some time now since I last corresponded with you as President. This has been my fault and for that I apologize. Let's say that life always seemed to get in the way and complicated, I suppose, by the continuing uncertainty and restrictions, etc. that the covid pandemic have inflicted upon all of us. Having said that I hope that all of you continue to be in good health and coping as well as might be expected.

Your executive continues to virtually connect now and then to review things that affect the Society. The first topic always discussed is the possibility of renewing face-to-face meetings. Unanimously, the Executive feel that it is still premature to do this, given the continuing uncertainty with this virus. We all agreed that we should revisit this in the March/April time frame but this was before the latest variant appeared on the scene which, I at least feel, makes this decision all the more valid. The other question that usually comes up is how we should handle annual dues. As was done last year, the Executive again unanimously agreed to once again roll over the dues another year for all members in good standing. We further decided that any new members the Society gets will be handled on a person by person basis. The other topic that has always come up, especially during the last two difficult years is how much we appreciate the work of Dave Gale in producing our bulletins. Not only does he send a bulletin each month but often more than one. On behalf of all of us, permit me to give another heartfelt thank you to Dave for his dedication in doing this task. It is appreciated and really is the main tangible connection the members have during these difficult times. A final note of business is that Floyd Stinson has agreed to take over collecting the Society mail for us. This was approved by the Executive a couple of months back. Thank you Floyd for doing this.

Now to other business. The main issue confronting us is our Annual General Meeting. As you know, we usually hold this in either October or November. Well, these months have come and gone and we must hold such a meeting. Apart from the fact that this is a normal thing we do, the CMHS, as a registered Society in Alberta is obliged to do so. Last year, upon agreement to a motion sent to the general membership, the Executive was entrusted with holding the meeting virtually with opportunity for any member in good standing to give input before the meeting was convened and completed. That input would be considered by then be considered by the Executive acting on your behalf. The minutes of our last AGM were distributed to the membership via our monthly bulletin. In that meeting, the normal course of business was carried out without any extraordinary issues being raised. A quorum was declared virtually present, a Secretary to the AGM was appointed (Rob Wellings), the Maurice Harvey Trophy was awarded to Dave Gale for his work with the bulletins, the annual financial report was tabled by motion and accepted, election of officers was officially done (by universal acclamation), annual dues were continued for 2020/2021, and membership and President's reports were given and communicated via the bulletin.

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We have to do the same procedure this year (see proposed agenda below and protocol), so I appeal to the membership to carefully consider and communicate any issues, etc. that they may have for review as soon as possible. These should be done by comment or, by motion if the issue concerns money, our constitution or our Mission Statement. Forward your input, by email to Dave Love (dlove@davincibb.net) any such comments or issues. The normal formalities of the AGM such as quorum, secretary, reports, etc. will be handled by the Executive unless a member in good standing wishes to give input to the contrary.

Lastly, we need to formally elect a new Executive. Now this is a critical point. For the past few years, our Executives have been re-elected by universal acclamation. This year, however, we have two positions where this cannot happen. A summary for this follows.

A) President – currently Dave Love – has indicated that he will **not** be standing for re-election.

B) Vice President – currently Mike Clare – he has indicated he will continue in this role if it is the wish of the membership.

C) Past President – currently Allan Ross – he will cease to hold this role when a new President is elected; Dave Love will assume this position automatically

D) Secretary – currently Rob Wellings – he has indicated he will continue in this role if it is the wish of the membership.

E) Treasurer and Membership Secretary – currently Floyd Stinson – he has indicated that he will **not** be standing for re-election but is willing to stand as a Society Director if it is the wish of the new Executive.

F) Directors (to a maximum of five, these positions are formally appointed by the Executive rather than by election). Current directors in place include:

1. Historian – currently Dave Love – he has indicated that he is willing to continue in that role if it is the wish of the new Executive.
2. Archivist/Librarian – currently Susan Elve – she has indicated that she does **not** wish to continue in this role.
3. Editor – currently Dave Gale – he has indicated he is willing to continue in that role if it is the wish of the new Executive
4. General Director – Floyd Stinson has indicated that he would be willing to take on this role if it is the wish of the new Executive

To facilitate our Executive elections, our Constitution allows any member in good standing to self-nomination for any elected position, as well, of course, by a normal nomination made by another member in good standing. We just ask that if you wish to nominate another member, out of courtesy, please get their permission first. Nominations without prior permission will not be accepted. Nominations for the Maurice Harvey Award are also welcomed. Nominations should be forwarded to either the current President (Dave Love – dlove@davincibb.net) or Membership Secretary (Floyd Stinson – f.e.stinson@shaw.ca) your interest in letting your name stand for any particular position or if you wish to nominate someone else.

Now, this is important, nominations will cease 7 days after the date this message is sent via our bulletin. (Sending December 27th, 2021 = January 3rd, 2022)

A virtual election in some fashion (to be communicated later) will then be held as soon as possible. Remember that As mentioned, Directors are appointed by the new Executive but you can let the new President know if you are interested in one of the three positions indicated above or to act as a General Director. The new Executive will then consider the request.

To continue as a registered Society, we must have a President, Secretary and Treasurer, as a minimum elected to office each year. Otherwise for all intents and purposes, the CMHS as a Society will formally cease to exist. So, we do need individuals, as a minimum, to allow their names to stand for the President and Treasurer.

For your information, our annual Financial Report and Membership Reports, recently presented to the current Executive by Floyd Stinson are as follows.

Financial:

Opening/Closing balance as of November 11, 2021 - \$1,114.27

Reserve account as of October 1, 2021 - \$9,475.13

Membership: 33, plus 3 life, 2 honorary: In Memoriam – Marjorie Norris, Stu Egglestone, both were life members. And also Member Don Skinner We will miss them.

Proposed Agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Military Historical Society, to be held as soon as possible. Date will be finalized once this message has been communicated to the membership plus a period of 7 days after that to allow for member input and Executive nominations.

Any motion presented to the Executive will be carried automatically unless there are dissenting opinions. If there is dissent, then a poll by email in some fashion will be made. This is termed, by “exception”.

Motion: Moved by Dave Love, seconded by Floyd Stinson, that the membership of the Calgary Military Historical Society authorize the current Executive to conduct a virtual Annual General Meeting on behalf of the membership at large. This authorization includes giving the Executive authority to vote on any motions, that come before them from the membership at large as well as to carry out the election of the Executive and declaration of said results.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Declaration that a quorum exists for the meeting
3. Appointment of a Secretary for the meeting
4. Nomination for the Maurice Harvey Award
5. **Reports**
 - A Financial – as indicated above – will be approved unless by exception as tabled
 - B Membership – as presented above
 - C President’s Report – essentially as discussed informally above
6. Election of Officers to the Executive
7. Annual Dues for the 2021-2022 year – Executive earlier approved a rollover of dues for a second year; no further motion is needed
8. Other Business – will depend upon written submissions to David Love within 7 days of the receipt of this message.
6. Adjournment

Lastly in closing, it is my sincere hope and that of the Executive that all of you will have a very Merry and safe Christmas and the hope that we can return to more normal and safer times in the new year when we will once again be able to connect face-to-face. Take care. Be safe.