

Minutes of the Centennial Class of 76 Teleconference

Dated 11 Feb 2018, 2000 hrs.

Present: Bill Sergeant, Tim Addison, Kerry Watkin, Bill van Beek, Paul Amyotte, and Chuck Oliviero

Remarks Forwarded via E-Mail: Andre Langlois, and Bob Weisman

Regrets: Michel Maisonneuve, Doug Cargo, Dean Brassington, and Gary Nevison.

The primary purpose of the conference call was to discuss plans for our class joining the Old Brigade, and in particular, plans for 'Coining the Recruit Class'.

This meeting was initiated as a result of questions asked by Chuck Oliviero about the committee's plans for the coin. He then contacted Gerry Stowe, Adjutant of the Old Brigade, and Greg Mitchell, Executive Director of the RMC Club of Canada, to find out information about the protocol for the coins that are presented to the Recruits after the obstacle race. A summary of the conversations is enclosed. It was also circulated to the committee prior to the teleconference via e-mail.

During the teleconference the pros and cons of using the Old Brigade coin and protocol were discussed. A few of the participants raised the question about the whether the cost to the class was \$400 or \$4,000. It was thought that the minimum that the class was requested to pay was \$400 as its share for the coin, however, there was a desire by the Adjutant that the class entering the Old Brigade would contributed \$4,000 towards the Coin Fund and having each coin that was to be presented to the Recruits personalised with the Recruit's College Number on it. Chuck later clarified the cost with Mary MacDonald at RMC Kingston. The ANNUAL cost of issuing 400 engraved coins (approx 240 to RMC and 160 to CMR) is \$ 4,000.00 NOT four hundred. The engraving alone costs about \$2.50/coin. Further, it is NOT the same coin for both colleges and it is NOT the same coin that Chuck has (or his sons for that matter). The current coin does not have the Arch because CMR vehemently objected. The design changed several years ago. The current design has the college mailed arm with the motto bilingually on one side and a profile of a male cadet and a female cadet on the other side.

Chuck e-mailed this info to Tim and I, and ask our opinion about whether the new info that was not available for the teleconference changed what we thought. We said that it does not really change what we had discussed during the teleconference. We felt that the money could be raised from cost of the reunion weekend 2021 participation fee or come from the Class Fund using the pre-2015 donations. One way or another, we felt that we should go with the traditional coins and that our class would contribute \$4K to the Old Brigade for them.

During the teleconference, it was asked, "What happens if our Class does not contribute towards the coins?" Chuck said that the Old Brigade would continue without our contribution, but our role in the ceremony would be likely be nil. It would also reflect poorly on our Class.

As noted in the first enclosure, if we were to design our own coin and have it manufactured, that the Old Brigade would go ahead and have their own coin give out in addition to ours.

With this in mind, it was decided that our class would NOT have its own coin that would be given out to the recruits. We would use the 'personalised' existing coin of the Old Brigade. However, if there was a ground swell of support from the Class for a separate coin to mark our entry into the Old Brigade, then one may be considered.

Paul Amyotte asked what the donations to the Centennial Class of '76 currently were. Bill only had the data up until 22 Dec 2017. The total donations were \$59K with an average of \$4.2K being pledged per person from 19 Buds. Pledges ranged from \$500 to \$10,000. Bill contacted Nancy Marr at the Foundation the next day, and she said that the current total for the Class Endowment was \$64,372.91. This figure does not include the 2017 interest attribution. She will be able to provide that number to us after her site audit is completed on February 23 2018.

In order to get more Buds to pledge or donate, it was agreed that we should have a publicity campaign targeted at our classmates. Tim said that he would talk with Gary Nevison to see he would be willing to draft something for our consideration. Gary had mentioned doing something similar a while back.

During the 2021 Reunion and entry into the Old Brigade, some members wondered what our class wish to have as a souvenir. Items mentioned were a baseball hat, or a vest similar to the one that we had 20 years ago or so, a broach for the ladies, or other item to mark this significant occasion. In order to get a broader consensus from the class it was suggested that Bill and Chuck work up a 'Survey Monkey' to see who would be interested in coming to the reunion, what functions they plan to attend, what type of souvenir they would like to purchase, and see if they would like to participate in the 'Coining Ceremony' or the Badging Ceremony the next day. As well, it would serve as a vehicle to stir up interest in the reunion and encourage Buds to contribute to the Class Projects.

The final item discussed was about whether we commemorate Tony Bowie somehow, or have a tribute to all of the members of the Class of '76 who have passed on. Altogether, 12 members of our class have passed on. They are: Tony Bowie, Don Oxley, Dale McLaughlin, Francois Alarie,

Dave Bayne, Rick Dodson, Pierre Gauvin, Terry McKenzie, John Rose, Rick Taylor, Dan Trayling, and Bertin Tremblay. For Tony Bowie, it was suggested that for those class members who wish to contribute to a bench in memory of him, could do so as a closed group. The bench, with a suitable plaque, could be placed behind the Stone Frigate over looking Navy Bay where he died during the obstacle course. This will be pursued separately. The other way to commemorate our class members would be to use the Centennial Class of '76 Obelisk. It is still sitting out in front of the former Cadet Mess. Chuck was going to see what the current status of the plan is to move it near the parade square. He said that he and Rod MacDonald had tried to make this happen, but the plan went dormant when Rod no longer worked for the Foundation. It was suggested that a plaque with all of the names of the members of the Class of '76 could be put on the Obelisk. This is something that needs further thought and discussion by the committee prior to opening it up for general discussion by the class.

The teleconference ended at 2045 hrs. The next one will take place in early May 2018.