***Royal Canadian Logistics Service Association, Inc***

***ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting***

***06 May 2021 at 1330hrs***

Zoom virtual meeting

Attendees: John Page  Director/National President

Mike Boomer Chair Board of Directors/Senior RCAF (Absent)

Daphne Germain  Director – CWO RCAF

David T Erickson Director – Senior CA

Dino Luberti Director – CWO CA

Louise Siew Director – Senior RCN

Jake McDavid Director – CPO 1 RCN

Hal Pottle National Executive – Comms & Outreach

Barry Harris National Executive - Web Master

Dick Duffield National Executive – Lest We Forget

John Sharpe National Executive – Membership

Richard Guitar/Fanny National Executive – Treasurer

Ron “Bud” Burke President 36 Svc Bn Assoc/CFLA NL

John Hann President Gagetown Chapter

CWO Dave McNeil RSM Tech Svcs 5 CDSG Gagetown

LCol Anik Lefebvre CO Tech Svcs, 2 CDSG Quebec

Capt Victor-Joel Couture President Bagotville Chapter

Leo Gravelle Vice-President Montreal Chapter

Ben Woodman Vice-President OSBA/NCR Chapter

LCol Ken Perry CO 32 Svc Bn/Toronto Chapter

Maj Jenaya Hansen DCO CFLTC/Borden Chapter

Lt Philip Pageot Winnipeg Chapter

Maj Evan Wile 41 Svc Bn/Calgary Chapter

Will Watkins 39 Svc Bn/BC Chapter

Dave Quinn NCR/Perth

Sean McGrath NCR Chapter/BLOC 6901

Yves Pelletier NCR Chapter/BLOC 6901

Keith Reed BC/BLOC 6901

CPO 1 Dan Campbell CFB Borden Base CWO

CWO Steve Tremblay Tech Svcs RSM Borden

2Lt Vanessa Robert Borden Chapter

2Lt Judy Ng-Gerrior Borden Chapter

Fern Baillargeon Borden Chapter

Hans Schmidt Toronto Chapter

Sue Schmidt Toronto Chapter

LCol Ken Mills Winnipeg Chapter

Capt Kevin Linklater Winnipeg Chapter

Ex-Officio: Mark McQuillan  Colonel-Commandant

               MGen Rick Goodyear Senior Serving Logistician

Capt(N) F. Turcotte  RCLS Advisor

               CWO Jean St-Laurent RCLS CWO

      Dr Andrew Gregory Curator BBMM

1. Introductions. Everyone present, both in person and on Video or Teleconference introduced themselves, and their position and location. A very good turn-out, Thank you for the effort!
2. Welcome by Senior Serving Logistician – MGen Rick Goodyear provided opening remarks for this year’s AGM, noting the turn-out and use of Zoom platform.

3. Formal Opening of AGM/Welcome. John Page, National President, on behalf of the Chair of the Board of Directors, Mike Boomer – Introduced himself, welcomed everyone from across the Country and formally opened the AGM at 1305 hrs.

4. RCLS. Capt(N) Turcotte, RCLS Advisor, welcomed everyone on behalf of the RCLS, introducing the RCLS CWO, Jean St-Laurent and noted the close relationship required for this to work between RCLS and RCLSA. He reminded us that this was a marathon and would take a while to make work, but it was for the future of our Service.

5.  Departed Comrades. Annex A has been produced for the AGM and is a listing of our departed comrades since the last AGM. We are lucky to have Dick Duffield who maintains our listing.  Dick read off the list of departed comrades and added the ones who had passed since the list was published. Dick asked for and received: “Moment of silence for fallen comrades”.

6. Quorum. Secretary confirmed Quorum - By laws states we need 12 people, we had 48 in attendance from across Canada.

7. Approve Agenda:  No additions to Agenda.  Motion to accept the Agenda as presented.  All in favour, Motion adopted and Agenda passed.

8.  Review of Minutes of AGM 02 Nov 19 at CFLTC Borden.  The minutes are out there and everyone had a chance to review them.  There being no errors or omissions identified, John Page asked for a motion that they be adopted as presented.  Hal Pottle motioned and Sean McGrath seconded. Motion Carried.

9.  Treasurers report.  Treasurer is in process of handing off to Fanny.  The report was reviewed by our Reviewer, Margaret Demerchant, copies are attached.

Motion to adopt the financial statements as presented.  All in favour, motion carried.

Duties of AGM is to appoint a reviewer for the following year.  Margaret Demerchant, CMA, CPA has volunteered to do this for us Gratis.  Is a CPA and formerly a CMS accountant.  Motion to adopt Margaret Demerchant as our Financial Reviewer next year?  Victor-Joel Couture from Bagotville and Hal Pottle seconded.  Carried.

10. The following individuals will retain or be granted Financial Cheque Signing Authorities for 2019-20:

John Page, National President;

Mike Boomer, Chair – Board of Directors;

Fanny, National Treasurer, CFLA;

Mike Ingram, National Book Keeper, CFLA;

Dave Erickson, Board of Directors;

Hal Pottle, Communications and Outreach CFLA;

Dick Duffield, Lest We Forget CFLA.

11.  Annual Reports

a. National President, John Page.  John’s report for 2019-21 is attached. He confirmed that he would stay on for at least one more year as the President, but could sure use the help of a Vice-President and a recording secretary. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our family.

b. Chair - Board of Directors, Mike Boomer:  Mike is on a family vacation to Viet Nam and is somewhere on the Mekong River as we speak. Mike’s report was read into the minutes by John Page and is attached. The key is thanking those people who served on the initial Board of Directors and helped us get going: Cmdre Michel Charon; Col Gary Furie and CWO Brad Curtis; who have been replaced by Capt(N) Louise Siew; Col Dave Erickson and CWO Dino Luberti. We will be looking to replace CWO Daphne Germain and CPO1 Jake McDavid this year, and Mike has confirmed he will stay one more year on the BoD for continuity.

c. Membership. John Sharpe presented on the state of our membership at National and the use of MEMBEE as our single point of registration. This means he will be overseeing our Membership program that is available online across Canada and around the world; and, getting a membership card and all that by clicking a button on a computer.  The Membership tab is available on our website at www.rclsa-asrlc.org.  It is up and working well now, please pass that word on to your people.

d. Communications and Outreach. Hal Pottle is responsible for Strategic Communications as part of the National Executive and supports the Board of Directors, as required. We have a small team. Myself, like others at the table here tonight I deal in stone chisel called email but I have a webmaster and someone who takes care of Facebook.  We are hitting the mail fields to get info out and will continue to do so.

12. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Relationship between RCLS, RCLS Fund and RCLSA. Everyone who is a member of the RCLS Fund will be an Associate Member of the RCLSA, entitled to be held on our nominal roll, receive a membership card and access to our affinity Programs with TD Meloche or other groups, choose to be affiliated with and attend RCLSA Chapter meetings but not to vote or hold office without paying a premium to that Chapter. Joining RCLSA, preferably centrally on the MEMBEE Platform at www.rclsa-asrlc .org, gives you the right to choose your chapter and the bulk of your funds ($21+/$24) goes to the chapter for programming. If you do not choose a chapter, your funds will be held centrally. RCLSA members are automatically part of the RCLS Fund, being able to benefit from any RCLS Fund sponsored activity in the local area at the same cost as an RCLS Fund member (Sporting/recreation and social events). Joining at the Chapter level is fine, but the chapter will be charged an annual Admin fee to belong to the umbrella RCLSA Inc, and use our branding and By-Laws. That must still be discussed and agreed to by the Chapters; and there is scope for already existing unit Associations, Guilds or groupings to be associated as a local RCLSA chapter – especially with the Reserve Service Battalions.

b. Affinity Program - TD Meloche. Around the 20 Oct 2018, following the authority given by the previous AGM, the agreement was signed with CFLA and TD Meloche, they are offering exclusive for our membership, access to insurance products at a discounted rate. Although the minimum number is 500 we are around 2200 including branch family.  We will publish something in the near future as one of the benefits of being a member of RCLSA, but would like to await the signed agreement and larger nominal roll from the RCLS Fund. This year we received a cheque for over $4,000.00. We will pursue other Affinity Programs if this is a success.

c. OP FAUST 2020 - 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Another benefit – the RCLSA with support of the RCLS secretariat is pursuing an opportunity to experience a piece of our history.  In April-May 1945 as Holland was starving the first Canadian army was one of the first organizations to be able to help the Dutch while still under control of the Germans.  The Germans held their line and allowed the Canadians to come forward and feed the population as part of a humanitarian gesture.  In May 2020 the Dutch organization “Keep Them Rolling” would like to re-enact some of that and tie in with the liberation celebrations that will be happening.  They have asked for the Logistics branch to help them celebrate a very important part in their history. Retired BGen Ernie Beno is helping us to put together a group of people to go in 2020.  The initial info Brief to LGen Lamarre was in December 2018 and the plan is to bring up to 200 people, of which 50 will be fully subsidized serving Regular and Reserve Force members. Needless to say, COVID-19 put a quash to the event. The plan is to re-mount for April-May 2022, with those currently registered having first right of refusal. We have worked closely with Merit Travel and Field of Fire Tours to have a significant refund and retained deposit by the Tour. Intent is to bring at least 25 fully subsidized members on the Battle Field Tour. The cost per person, including airfare is $5K and includes all transportation, hotels and meals for the ten days, plus Canadian Historians Col John Conrad, RCLS and Maj Gary Campbell, RCLS. The tour is being run by BGen Dave Patterson, RCA; Field of Fire Tours; and Merit Travel, Peterborough ON.

13. **New Business.**

a. Renaming CFLA Inc to RCLSA. (Dealt with Secretarially). To record in the minutes that we have formally re-branded as Royal Canadian Logistics Service Association. Because we are a legal entity, registered as a Not For Profit Corporation, any name change has to be done with the consent of the membership, recorded in the minutes of the AGM to be presented to Industry Canada.

b. Establishment of a Charitable Foundation. Director Dave Erickson has done a lot of research into what it would take to establish a Charitable Foundation, primarily under the broadest possible mandate of Education and preservation of our History and Heritage. His presentation is attached.

The motion: RCLSA and RCLS pursue the establishment of a Charitable Foundation with a first step of conducting a study to recommend the Best Possible process to establish this foundation, and report back to the Board of Directors for authority to proceed. (NoteThe BoD will inform the membership of their direction NLT the next AGM) Proposed: Erickson; Seconded, Andrew Gregory; Carried.

c. Buttons and Bows/Accoutrements. RCLS CWO Jean St-Laurent passed on the plans for the Crown, primarily the Army, to fund the production and distribution of cloth shoulder flashes (Army uniform top of sleeve – Royal Canadian Logistics Service//Service Logistique Royal Canadienne); Shoulder Titles/Slip on “RCLS” or “SRLC” in CADPAT, Rifle Green and Gold cloth and metal. These should be delivered in the next 6 months. He also discussed the CANEX Kit Shop and the search for feedback on items to be introduced in the next short while. It is our kit shop, any feedback is welcome.

d. Honourary Colonel/Captain (N) and Lieutenant-Colonels/Commanders. John has included a list of the current RCLS (and RCEME) Honourary Appointments, primarily with our Army Reserve units. These ladies and gentlemen are an important part of our family and should be included in more events. As an initial exercise, John employed as many as possible to assist in the Fund Raising efforts of Op FAUST 2020 and they have more than accepted the challenge.

e. Priority of Effort. John confirmed the RCLSA priority of effort is:

(1) Op FAUST 2022 – Fund Raising and Execution;

(2) Formal agreement with and growth of local CFLA Chapters;

(3) Expansion of affiliations across Canada with priority to Army Reserve units;

(4) MEMBEE Membership tool and inclusion of RCLS Fund members;

(5) TD Meloche admin;

f. Executive Positions for 2021 to 2023. Right now there are potentially 3 vacant positions on the National Executive that the President needs to fill, which means the individual should be available approx once a month for consultations, sometimes more; and come to a meeting once every two months.  The positions are:

1. Members of the Board of Directors, volunteer, preferably retired, would like balance of 2 RCN, 2 CA and 2 RCAF, with male/female ratio of 50/50; and
2. Secretary. There must be someone out there who can take the minutes and keep track of our efforts and conduct Administrative duties as recording secretary;

The three positions available now; if you know of anyone, let John know.  You know how to find him.

14. **ROUND TABLE**. John opened the floor and went around the table for input, including everyone left on the VTC and phones.

15. Adjournment and Next Meeting. John thanked everyone for participating from across Canada.

Motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1512 hrs.

JB Page, National President

Approved/No Approved