

HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting 16 August 2018 By Global Meet

In Attendance:

Mr. Paul Hale	Trustee / Chair
Mr. Dougal Salmon	Trustee / Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Croll	Trustee / Treasurer

Ex Officio

Mr Don Dalziel	Governance
Mr Dave Pentney	Finance
Ms Terri Orser	Secretary

Absent / Regrets

Mr. Michael Austdal	Trustee
Mr. Jay Lapeyre	Trustee

1. Call to order:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1630 hours MDT (Mountain Time Zone).

2. Opening Remarks from the Chair: The intent of this teleconf is to discuss a way ahead with respect to updating the charitable objectives within the HGMF.

3. Approval of Agenda: (attached)

The approval of agenda was moved by Dougal Salmon and seconded by Jim Croll.
Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of the HGMF BoT meeting, of 25 May 18 was deferred until the Annual HGMF BoT meeting to be held in Edmonton on 7 August 2019.

5. Proposed New HGMF Charitable Objectives:

- a. Mental Health and Suicide Awareness: Don Dalziel reviewed the attached briefing note.
 - 1) PPCLI Association Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops: Paul Hale responded that he thought we should add First Responders to the workshop participants. It would then read “Veterans, Members of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces, First Responders and then RCMP. To date, RCMP and First Responders have paid their own way to the workshops. There was discussion on whether the wording should be qualified, or suitable volunteers should be allowed to attend the workshop. It was decided to use the term suitable volunteers. Not all individuals who attend the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshops will become Volunteer Patricia Program coordinators, but all will benefit for the training. Note: Changes to the initial wording are reflected in italics
 - 2) Concern was expressed with respect to funding the costs of the current workshops. It was made clear to all that we cannot currently use HGMF funds. Funding of the current workshops will have to be addressed by the PPCLI Association. Paul informed all that PPCLI Foundation is looking for funding and we will have an answer from True Patriot Love by 3 Oct 18.
- b. Veterans and Family Support:
 - 1) Paul reviewed the background behind the proposed Veterans and Family Support objectives and the previous cases that fall within these objectives. It was stressed that funds cannot go direct to an individual, they must go to a service provider or contractor who delivers the service indicated. For example, Homeless agencies might be VETS Canada or Reno for Heroes.
 - 2) Concern was expressed with respect to the objective of relieving poverty by reducing financial burdens for veterans and their families who have significant debt and unable to meet immediate bills. It was decided to keep the objective but is unlikely that it will be used.
 - 3) Paul covered a number of areas where requests have been made for assistance to either the PPCLI Association or the HGMF. These were:
 - a. Support to INVICTUS and other disabled athletes for personal trainers, specialized equipment, financial assistance;
 - b. Access to alternate therapy programs, such as:
 1. Horse Equine;
 2. Art Therapy;
 3. Couples and children therapy;

4. Music;
5. Guided Hunting camp
6. Outward Bound camps;

4) The consensus was that we cannot fund individuals in the above areas, but we should be able to make donations to like-minded charitable organizations that provide the types of therapy indicated above.

- c. Korean Student Bursary. Paul explained that the Regimental Executive Committee would be requesting that the HGMF assume responsibility for administering and possibly funding Korean Student Bursaries. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that we could administer Korean Student Bursaries but will not fund them.

Don Dalziel did have a go at redrafting the objects for suicide prevention and awareness and believes it could work but does not know how CRA are going to approach it.

Local Training, i.e. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

- The current cost is between \$200 - \$250 per person. \$30,000 to \$31,000 in total. People attending will not be able to be reimbursed for the Sep 2018 training out of the HGMF. Paul Hale informed the members that he is confident we can get money from True Patriot Love and should have an answer by the end of August 18.

Veterans and Family Support Goals:

- Relieving poverty and promoting a health environment by assisting with the cost of home modifications not covered by the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada;
- Relieving poverty and promoting a healthy environment by assisting with medical costs or equipment not covered by the Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans Affairs Canada or Provincial Health Care;
- Promoting a healthy environment by assisting with costs related to the training and provision of Service Dogs;
- Relieving poverty and promoting a healthy environment by assisting with the provision or construction of housing for homeless veterans; and
- Relieving poverty by reducing financial burdens for veterans and their families who have significant debt and are unable to meet immediate bills.

6. Points from the Floor: Paul said that if the objects were being reviewed should we look at our current objective number five to provide counseling services to regional centers for members who suffer from PTSD. It was decided to delete that current objective and incorporate it under the new Mental Health objective.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7 Aug 2019, in Edmonton, Alberta.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1707 hours MST on a motion by Jim Croll.

Paul Hale

Prepared by:

Terri Osler

HGMF Secretary

09 September 2018

Approved by:

Paul Hale

HGMF Chair

11 September 2018