

POLICE PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 AT

THE CANADIAN CORP. 17 CLAIRMONT ST, THOROLD

1. **Presidents Opening Remarks** - Erville called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then asked that we stand for a moment of silence for the following retired police officers/civilians who passed away since our last meeting:

Erwin(Bud)Wilson, Bob Davidson, Gord Buckley, Jim MacPherson, Barbara Jackson, Jim Girard, Ernie Kohnle.
2. **Introduction of Guest Speaker** – Nola introduced David Telfer and Atsuko Hashimoto, both Associate Professors in the Department of Tourism and Environment at Brock University. They spoke on Tourism and the environmental, economy and cultural impact on the small countries visited by tourists each year.
3. **Minutes of General Meeting of May 25th, 2011** – Motion to accept – Ted Johnson, Seconded – Billie Hockey. Carried
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Bob Hansen said basically our finances are just about the same as last year. Though an audit had been completed and finances were in order he was not in receipt of the Auditors Report. This will be given at the next meeting in the Fall. Motion to Accept – Don Parry, Seconded – Bob Findlater – Carried.
5. **Membership** – Bob Hansen reported that we have 180 paid members. After this meeting names would be removed from the membership list and the e-mail list. On payment of dues their names would be re-entered. He also asked that members keep us advised of any changes in address or e-mail. Motion of Accept – Ray Crown – Seconded – Doug Crawford – Carried.
6. **Break for Lunch** – Nola and Michael Thompson sold 50/50 tickets and ultimately when this was drawn by Ed Waud, Nola was the winner of the draw.
7. **Old Business** - Clothing – Bob Hansen advised that he had some items on hand and had them on display.

8. **New Business – (a)** Police Memorial Service in Toronto, Sunday, May 6th. Frank Parkhouse spoke on this and said families were welcome and when asked if retirees could have a place on the bus going to Toronto, he said he felt that if the Service was contacted there would not be a problem.

(b) 3rd Annual Doug Hill Memorial BBQ – Paul Hampson said that while he had been unable to talk directly to the President of the Merritton Legion, he had set a tentative date of Thursday, August 9th at 1 p.m. A Notice will be sent out at a later date. **(c)** Resignation of Nola Brown – Dianne Stevenson volunteered to complete Nola's term as secretary, which will end October 2013. She was thanked sincerely for volunteering. **(d)** PPAO Meeting in York Wednesday, May 23rd – Erv advised that 2 or 3 Board members would attend.

9. **Open to the Floor** – Erv said that when a new chief was named this Board would try to meet with him/her in an attempt to have better communication with retirees and thereby be more in line with the other Services who seem to be included in some way with the parent Service.

Ted Johnson asked about changes to OHIP benefits. Erv said he would ask Paul Bail when we meet at the PPAO Meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the investing of money with OMERS by members. Ray Crown spoke to this and the problem for some of the members is the age 70 cut off. Hopefully this will be changed in the future.

Erv asked the members if they liked having a guest speaker and the general feeling was that it added interest to the meeting. Nola said that Velvet Tomassini had volunteered to come and talk about changes to OAS and CPP.

Adjourned – Motion by Ed Waud, Seconded by Don Parry - Carried