

Minutes of the Maritime Air Veterans Association Informal Meeting

**Held at the Ramada Ottawa on the Rideau
Wednesday, 14 February 2018**

I. INTRODUCTION

Attendance was 23 persons.

Following the initial 'meet and greet' between 1145 and 1215, the members present were served an excellent Atlantic Salmon meal.

President Duane Daly welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Following the luncheon, President Duane Daly, conducted the informal meeting.

II. MEETING

A. Membership list

The president confirmed that Bob Moffatt had distributed the latest Membership List to members only.

B. MAVA Web Page.

The President thanked Jim McCutcheon and Kim Cable for their effort in developing the MAVA Web Site.

He then asked for comments. The response was positive. Some member mentioned that they would like to see the upcoming events section updated. Now that the development his terminated, Bob Blouin will act as the webmaster and should do the updates shortly. Ernie Cable will look after the history and articles.

C. Joe Scoles.

Joe Scoles called the president to inform him that during his medical checkup before he went to Barbados, the doctors found a reasonably advance cancer for which he is undergoing chemo radiation therapy for which he is doing well. Also, his wife Marg was diagnosed with brain cancer a few weeks later. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

D. Special Service Medal (SSM).

The president expressed, at length, his great disappointment at the outcome of our attempt to get a few of our members to be awarded the SSM -NATO in recognition of their work. All the applications (7) have been turned down. (Not meeting the 180 days criteria).

As a follow, up the President has contacted Gen Hood, explaining the situation. As a result, BGen S. Howden has been appointed to look into the current situation.

E. Election for President

The president announced that after 3+ years as President, circumstances are such that he will be stepping down at the next meeting. He advised that Bob Blouin has accepted the appointment as Nominations Coordinator and that he will accept the names of volunteers or nomination prior to the next meeting at which an election for President will be held. Nominations or the names of volunteers should be passed to Bob no later than 5 May.

F. Next Meeting.

The next general meeting is planned for the 16 May 2018. BGen Michel Lalumiere has accepted to be our guest speaker at the next meeting. He is the Director General Air Force Development (DGFDD). BGen Lalumiere will brief us on the current development programs and projects of the RCAF. These will include the project to replace the CF-18 and plans for the Aurora Update.

G. 50/50 Draw.

Brian Wattie carried out the Draw. Bill McLaughlin won the \$65.00 prize.

H. Membership.

Three new members have joined. John Scott, Jean Lefebvre and David Martin

Some of the unpaid members have dropped out of sight. They will be removed from the membership list unless they show sign of life.

Jack Lazaruk is recovering nicely and should be going home shortly.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

(Original signed by)
Bob Blouin (Secretary)

(Original signed by)
Duane Daly (President)