

Minutes of the Maritime Air Veterans Association General Meeting

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

I. INTRODUCTION

Attendance was 43 persons.

Following the initial 'meet and greet' between 1130 and 1230, the members present were served an excellent Maple Roasted Pork Loin meal.

President Jim McCutcheon welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Following the luncheon, Ernie Cable, introduced Mr. Chris Kitzen, **Director General Canada Aviation and Space Museum**, who gave a very informative and interesting talk of the Museum's (and partners') initiative to attract and involve young people to the science and technologies associated with the aviation industry. He also entertained many questions from the members, and was much appreciated for his visit. Mr Kitzen's presentation was arranged through the efforts of Vice President Jeff Tasseron, and Al Conrad, who deserve special thanks.

II. MEETING

A. 50/50 Draw.

The MAVA Chaplain, Father Stephen Silverthorne won \$60.00.

B. President Changeover.

The incoming President Jim McCutcheon thanked the outgoing President Duane Daly for his efforts and dedication to MAVA. He presented a gift card in the name of all the members, to Duane as a small token of their appreciation.

Past President Duane thanked all the members for their continued support and expressed his pleasure in knowing that MAVA lives on!

George Mayer took pictures of these, and following events during the meeting.

C. Special Service Medal (SSM).

Duane reported that, as Past President, he is still monitoring the progress (or lack of

progress) in the SSM situation. It seems that the problem has grown beyond us (NORAD people are also involved). It is not dead and he is still working on it. He will keep us informed.

D. Membership/Treasurer.

Bob Moffatt reported that the MAVA membership stands at 88 and that he is still collecting some of the dues. He will produce an updated list shortly.

MAVA has about \$7000.00 in the bank.

E. Secretary.

Bob Blouin reported that he will update the MAVA Web site with the new Executive.

F. Holy Mackerel.

Brian Wattie is looking for meal suggestions to add variety to the menu. He said that it will be appreciated if members don't wait until the last minute before they register. The hotel needs at least a week to 10 days lead time.

G. Entertainment.

Paul Baiden said that he got some good feedback for the music provided at the last Dinner Dance by Lauren Hall and that if there are no objections, he would like to book her again for next fall.

H. Historian.

Ernie Cable stated that he is always looking for items of historical interest to maritime air personnel, which he puts on the MAVA Web site Historical section and that he welcomes any pertinent articles.

I. Golf Convener.

Jim Ward will be organizing the spring Golf Tournament. He will let the members know the details as they become available.

J. New Business.

President Jim McCutcheon suggested that MAVA look into the possibility of purchasing a Projector to be used for the guest presentations, as recommended by VPres, Jeff Tasseron. The purchase not to exceed \$300.00. Bob Blouin will look into the options (Projector and Cabling). Motion carried.

K. Veterans Affairs Reports

Paul Baiden as a representative of MAVA, CNAG and NAC attended the last few veterans' meetings, and summarized some of the topics that were covered

- Pension for life (issue with indexing)
- VIP (Veteran Independence Program)
- Hearing Loss (Check My Vac Account on the veteran affairs (<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/help/mva>))
- Homeless Veterans (details in e-mail)
- Bill C-27 (details in e-mail)
- Caregiver Allowances
- Marriage after 60
- Affordable Housing

Paul plans to attend NCVA Meeting in Toronto, 23 Nov, and will report back, thereafter.

L. Next Meeting.

20th February 2019.

M. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:30.

(Original signed by)
Bob Blouin (Secretary)

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Jim McCutcheon (President)