



ROYAL MILITARY INSTITUTE OF MANITOBA
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Annual General Meeting
Held at Building 61 – WOs and Sgts Mess
19:00 hours, 22 May 2025

MINUTES

Board Officers in Attendance:

Barb Gillis	President
Eldren Thuen	Vice President
Charles Cameron	Secretary
John Davidson	Membership

Board Directors in Attendance:

Dale Watts	Director at Large
Elaine Parent	Good and Welfare/Kit Shop Director
Jim Popplow	eCommunications
Brenda McLeod	Director at Large

Board Member regrets:

Rick Linden	Honorary President
Barry Burns	Past President
Paul Barnson	Treasurer

Institute Members in attendance: Thirty Seven members, partners and guests.

1. Call to Order:

President Barb Gillis called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours and welcomed all attendees. Barb remarked on missing and Fallen Members, Binyons Lines were read.

2. Proof of Notice of Meeting:

Charles Cameron confirmed that the AGM notice requirement was met by several announcements, by emailing the Notice and Agenda, Telephone and by Canada Post to members without mail. The notice included instructions to access the AGM documents package posted on the **rmim.ca** website.

3. **Confirmation of Quorum:**

John Davidson confirmed that a quorum of paid members was present.

4. **Approval of Past AGM Minutes and Business Arising:**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 16 May 2024, were approved on a motion by Elaine Parent, seconded by Brenda McLeod. Carried.

5. **Committee and Board Member Reports:**

President's Report:

2024/2025 was much better for the RMIM. We maintained our membership base, of 50 + members.

Our Speaker events were as listed:

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| a. | 08 June 2025 | – | Summer BBQ – Canceled due to Summer fires. |
| b. | 10 September 2025 | – | Candlelight Service – Brookside Cemetery |
| c. | 25 September 2025 | – | IF – Winnipeg at War – Wing Chapel |
| d. | 05 October 2025 | – | Gino, a Child of War – Caboto Centre – Alan Parkin |
| e. | 06 December 2025 | – | Christmas Dinner – 283 Anavets – CWO Joiner |
| f. | 15 January 2026 | – | 1 CAD Tour – Gord Crossley – CWO Joiner |

We continue to support Cadet activities, and are consistently looking to identify qualified award honourees. Hubbell Awards will be held on 16 June 2025.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year for the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba.

6. **Membership Director's Report:**

I am pleased to present the Membership Report for this Year's AGM as follows:

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| a. | Honorary President | – | 1 |
| b. | Honorary Members | – | 10 |
| c. | Life Time Members | – | 16 |
| d. | 2025/2026 Membership | – | 50/90 |
| e. | Affiliated Units & Association Members | – | 9 |
| f. | Spousal members | – | 4 |

John Davidson presented his Membership Report for the period ending 22 May 2025. During our 2025 year to date, we lost one member, who is now watching over us from above, **Thank You for your Service.** We also moved several regular Members to the Ex members List. I am pleased to say that we had some new members join us in 2024/2025.

In closing, my challenge to you again this year, if you know someone who could benefit from being part of The Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, let's get them down to one of our Presentations, and have them see what we are all about. Take a couple of Brochures and Applications on your way out this evening and give them out to interested individuals. I have these with me, so please see me after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by John Davidson, Membership Director.

7. Honours and Awards Report:

The RMIM Awards Presentation evening was held on 25 April 2025. There will be no RMIM Awards Presentation until 2027.

8. Treasurer's Report:

The financial statements were read, by Financial Reviewer Claude Michon.

Report of the Financial Review:

Cdr (Ret'd) Claude Michon gave the Financial Report for the Treasurer. He reviewed the financial statements for the Period January 2025 to May 2025, which was distributed prior to the meeting.

9. Financial Reviewer Appointment for 2025/2026:

The By-Laws state that the Individual or Individuals performing the Audit and/or Review shall not be a Director, Officer or Employee of the RMIM, but may be a Member in good standing. Cdr (Ret'd) Claude Michon agreed to be appointed as Financial Reviewer.

10. Approval of 2025/2026 Plan and Budget:

Barb Gillis introduced the Institute's Plan of Events and Claude Michon, the Budget for 2025, posted on the rmim.ca website as part of the package of 2024 AGM documents. The Plan summarizes 2025 activities and sets out next year's action plan and budget for each of the five RMIM objectives.

11. Nominating Committee Report for the RMIM AGM 2025:

The RMIM is returning to some normalcy, and we look forward to our future.

We do have two new Members to the Board, Cpl Kevin Gault, Director at Large, and Pedro Correia, Director at Large. The RMIM appreciates them volunteering.

I thus nominate the following, for the Board for 2025/2026:

Board of Directors:**Officers:**

President:	BGen(Ret'd) Eldren Thuen	– for a one year term
Vice President:	Vacant	–
Secretary:	Cpl (Ret'd) Charles Cameron	– for one year term
Treasurer:	Lt (N) (Ret'd) Paul Barnson	– for a one year term
Past President	LCol(Ret'd) Barb Gillis	–
Membership:	Mr. John Davidson	– for one year term

Directors:

Director at Large:	Sgt (Ret'd) Linda Jardine	– for a one year term
Director at Large:	The Rev Capt(Ret'd) Richard Kunzelman	– for a one year term
Director at Large:	HCol(Ret'd) Dale Watts	– for a one year term
Director at Large:	Sgt (Ret'd) Brenda McLeod	– for a one year Term
Director at Large:	CWO Leigh Joiner	– for a one year term

I recommend no changes to the Board Appointments and am confident they will stand again for another year:

Board Appointments:

–	Honorary President:	–	MGen (Ret'd) Rick Linden
–	Honorary Solicitor:	–	HCol Alain Laurencelle
–	Honorary Chaplain:	–	Rev/Capt Richard Kunzelman
–	E-Communications	–	LCol (Ret'd) Jim Popplow

In particular, I am so grateful and give special thanks to LCol (Ret'd) Jim Popplow for all his E-mail and Communications work.

Respectively submitted by: The Reverend Captain Richard Kunzelman

There being no further nominations, the adoption of the amended slate of Directors and Officers set out above was moved by Linda Jardine and seconded by Lynda Bartel. Carried.

9. Other Business:

At this point, Eldren Thuen opened the floor to a general discussion of other business.

Upcoming events:

David Pankratz, Special Envoy for Military Affairs mentioned that he would be proud to have a good working relationship with the Military in general and would do everything in his power to make this happen. He also mentioned that he would be looking forward to attending all RMIM functions, such as Speaker Nights and other occasions.

President Eldren Thuen then thanked all for their attendance and called for a motion to adjourn.

10. Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours on a motion by Brenda McLeod, and seconded by Lynn Hawkeye. Carried.

Charles Cameron CD
Secretary

Eldren Thuen CD
President