

# **BYE-LAWS of the ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION (MONTREAL)**

**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

**Section 1.** The name of this Association shall be:  
ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION  
(MONTREAL).

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose**

**Section 1.** The purpose of the ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION (MONTREAL), is to maintain a, continues link between all past, present and future members of the THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS (MONTREAL), past members of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Hussars, and the current members of the Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal).

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Members**

**Section 1.** Upon payment of annual dues, anyone who has served or is serving with THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS (MONTREAL), including those of other branches of the service who were attached to these units, is eligible for membership. Former members or attached personnel must have been honourably discharged.

### **Life Members**

**Section 2.** All members in good standing with five years of membership shall be eligible to become life members upon payment of the current fee, in one instalment. Life members shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall be exempt from annual dues.

### **Honorary**

**Section 3.** Members of the Royal family, representatives of the Crown, Officers Commanding the senior formations of the army, navy or air force, retired officers of Her Majesty's Fighting Forces, civic officials, senior officials of the Police Force, persons who have distinguished themselves by service to the British Commonwealth of Nations, persons in good standing in the community and persons who have distinguished themselves by service rendered in the promotion of the Association's interest, shall, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, be eligible for election to Honorary Membership at the Annual General Meeting. Upon appointment, the secretary shall notify them. Honorary members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be required to pay annual dues or assessments.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

#### **Members**

**Section 1.** All applications for membership except Life and Honorary membership shall be made on the proper form and sent to the secretary of the Association at the ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION (MONTREAL). Upon acceptance, the applicant shall not be considered until payment of his annual dues.

#### **Life Members**

**Section 2.** All applications for Life Membership should be made to the secretary of the Association at the ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION (MONTREAL). Upon acceptance, the secretary shall notify the applicant. An applicant shall not be considered accepted until payment of membership dues.

#### **Honorary Membership**

**Section 3.** Honorary members shall be elected upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at any EXECUTIVE Meeting. Upon appointment, the secretary shall notify them.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DUES**

#### **Members**

**Section 1.** Membership dues shall be the current fees per year, payable in one sum in advance on the first day of January. Members accepted during the year shall not have their annual dues pro-rated.

#### **Life Members**

**Section 2.** Membership dues for life members shall be the current fees payable in one sum.

#### **Honorary Members**

**Section 3.** Honorary members will be exempt from all dues and assessments.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Arrears**

**Section 1.** Members in arrears for fees for ninety days from date of assessment may have their names placed before the executive committee. Members in arrears for a period of six months from the date of assessment may be struck from the membership roster.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Expulsion**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee for cause may expel members of any classification. For any cause, other than non-payment of dues, expulsion shall take place only after the member complained against has been given reasonable opportunity for defence. Such members, if expelled, may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee at the next Annual general meeting of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, REGIONAL REPRESENTATION**

#### **Officers**

**Section 1.** Officers of the Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, or until their successors are elected. If a vacancy occurs, the remaining Officers shall fill the position, until the next Annual General Meeting.

#### **Executive Committee**

**Section 2.** Ten additional members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to form an Executive Committee of sixteen members, including the Officers. These ten members will serve until the next Annual General Meeting or until their successors are elected. If a vacancy occurs, the Officers shall fill it until the next Annual General meeting.

#### **Immediate Past President**

**Section 3.** The immediate past president shall become a member of the Executive Committee, but shall have no voting power.

#### **Commanding Officer**

**Section 4.** The Commanding Officer of the active unit shall become Honorary President of the Association, but shall have no voting power.

#### **Regimental Sergeant Major**

**Section 5.** The Regimental Sergeant Major of the active unit shall become Honorary Vice-President of the association, but shall have no voting power.

#### **Quorum**

**Section 6.** Six members of the Executive Committee will constitute a Quorum and a majority vote will be required.

#### **Meetings Exec Committee**

**Section 7.** The Executive Committee will meet at least four times per year on or before the last week of January, April, June and November.

## **Regional**

**Section 8.** The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint by majority vote, Regional Representatives, if, in their opinion, it will further the purpose of the Association in various districts across Canada or elsewhere.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **NOMINATIONS**

#### **Nomination Committee**

**Section 1.** The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint at a meeting, not later than two months prior to the Annual General Meeting, a Nominating Committee consisting of not more than five members of the Association in good standing. The immediate past President shall chair the Nominating Committee. This Committee shall nominate one for President, two for Vice-President, one Secretary, one Treasurer and ten members for election to the Executive Committee. They must obtain the consent of those nominated to serve if elected.

#### **Notice of Nominations**

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee, through the Secretary of the Association, shall send a list of its nominations together with a reproduction of Article IX, Section 3 of these Byelaws to each member of the Association at least one month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Nominating by Members**

**Section 3.** Any six members in good standing may nominate only one member in good standing who signifies his agreement to serve on the Executive Committee by filing such nomination with the Secretary at least three weeks before the declared date of the Annual General meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Elections**

**Section 1.** Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members shall be held at the Annual General meeting. Only those present at the Annual general meeting shall vote. Nominees receiving the largest vote shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a coin shall be tossed and the member winning the toss shall be declared elected.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Fiscal Year**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of the Association shall be 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**ARTICLE XII**

**Annual Meeting**

**Section 1.** The Annual general Meeting of the Association shall be held each year in the month of June at the Armoury of the Royal Canadian Hussars Montreal or at such place as the Executive Committee shall determine.

**Special General Meetings**

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee may call an extraordinary General meeting when a question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition by ten members of the Association in good standing.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Powers of Executive Committee**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall have the control of the finances of the Association and all such administration powers as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objectives of the Association in accordance with the rules and Bye-Laws.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**Banking**

**Section 1.** All moneys of the Association shall be deposited to the account of the Association in a chartered Bank or Trust Company of Canada, and member of the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**ARTICLE XV**

**Honorary Auditors**

**Section 1.** Two members shall be appointed Honorary Auditors at the Annual general meeting. They shall audit the Annual Statement or accounts for the ensuing year and shall certify same.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**Amendments**

**Section 1.** These Byelaws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting of the membership at large, notice of such proposed changes having been sent in writing to the membership at large, thirty days before the meeting.

**ARTICLE XVII**

**Financial**

**Section 1.** The Treasurer will present a report of the past year's financial activities (Revenue and Expenditure Statement and Statement of Assets and Liabilities) to the Executive Committee for review. It will then be presented to the Annual General Meeting for Approval.

**Section 2.** The Treasurer will present a budget (Financial Plan) for the coming year's activities. After review by the Executive Committee, it will be presented to the Annual general Meeting for Acceptance.

**ADDENDUM**

At the Annual general meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, the members voted that Life Membership be authorized,

**Article 3. Section 2.**