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**WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT MESS
MINUTES, MESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

EXECUTIVE MESS COMMITTEE

Role	Name	Status
Chairperson/PMC	Maj M.A. Bobbitt	Present
VPMC	Sgt P.D. Davis	Present
Secretary	2Lt J.T.G. Barkhouse	Excused Absent
Treasurer	2Lt A. Houston	Present
Entertainment Officer	Capt C.M. Robinson	Present
Additional	Sgt R. Hill	Present

QUORUM

1. The PMC accepted a survey of members present as sufficient to meet the requirements of a quorum based on reasonably available members as defined in the constitution.

OPENING REMARKS/PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The meeting was called to order at 1900 by the PMC who gave his opening remarks. Minutes from the previous Mess Executive Committee were accepted as proposed.

MESS EXECUTIVE REPORTS

3. There are no executive reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

4. There is no old business to review at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Treasurer reviewed the Mess financial report. The Mess currently has a bank balance of \$8,696.33.
 - a. Sgt Hill noted that with its current membership, Mess dues account for revenue of approximately \$150 / month.
 - b. The PMC noted that this amount will be useful for planning expenditures.
6. Maj Bobbitt put forward a motion to subsidize food and beverages for the upcoming Exercise TEMPEST SEMPER IV Weekend (19-21 March) at expense to the mess not to exceed \$300. The motion was seconded by Sgt Davis. Motion Approved.
7. The PMC noted that Special Event Liquor Licenses may be obtained to support alcohol at approved events, however the last application from November 2020 has yet to be processed by the NSLC. Sgt Davis noted that dropping off the application in person may have better affect and offered to do so as needed.
8. The PMC put forward a request for other events or opportunities for the Mess to support WNSR soldiers. He proposed that having each platoon identify a Mess representative would permit consolidated communications for each outlying location, including notification of meetings and collection of ideas.
9. Captain Robinson noted an inequity with our outlying locations, with some having excellent Platoon spaces for relaxation and recreation, while others have none. The Mess may be in a position to provide some comfort items to these locations.
10. Captain Robinson proposed the Mess consider CANEX gift cards or something similar for Mess members going on course or deployment, to provide comfort, especially if members find themselves in quarantine.
 - a. The PMC cautioned that while this is a good idea, in order to be equitable, we must determine the qualifying conditions for such a gift in a fair and open manner.
 - b. Sgt Hill noted that on some occasions, personnel have little notice before being sent away, and that acquiring cards must be at personal expense and then reimbursed, at least until a Mess credit card can be obtained.
 - c. 2Lt Houston proposed that purchasing a batch of gift cards in advance may allow cards to be issued even when there is little notice.

- d. Sgt Hill noted that Mess dues must be paid into the local Mess when soldiers are on training and are to be reimbursed to members on their return.

11. The PMC put forward a motion to have the first General Mess Meeting (GMM) at 1900 Tuesday 16 March 2021. Sgt Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

12. The PMC put forward a motion to have the next committee meeting on Tuesday 17 August 21 at 1900. The motion was seconded by Capt Robinson. Motion approved.

CLOSING REMARKS

13. Prior to delivering his final remarks, the PMC asked members of the assembly if they wished to add anything further. No additional comments were made. Following this the PMC thanked the assembly for their time and asked that additions to the General Mess Meeting agenda be submitted by Tuesday 11 March 2021.

14. The PMC concluded by reminding the assembly that the next Mess Executive Committee meeting would be at 1900 on Tuesday 17 August 2021.

ADJORNMENT

15. There being no further matters to discuss, the PMC made a motion to Adjourn the Inaugural Mess Meeting which was seconded and approved at 1929hrs.

Bobbitt MA
Major
PMC