



# Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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## MINUTES

**Meeting: June 10, 2025**

**Macassa Bay Yacht Club**

**28 Members Present**

- Last Alarm** Norm Gibbons; Wilf Elliot; Bob Divinski
- Secretary's Report** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as is.
- Correspondence** Thank you notes from Norm Gibbons Family; Condolences to the Gary Nicholls family (brother) and thank you note from the Gibbons Family.
- President's Report** President George Mowbray provided a brief report on activities. He reported that our Pensioners Banquet will now take place at Carmens Banquet Centre, on October 21st, 2025. Watch the website for further details.
- Treasurer's Report:** Brother Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report which shows a balance of [REDACTED] as of the end of May (in our shares account/general account) including receivables and expenditures for the past quarter.
- Pensions** As was reported at the March meeting by Brother Don Skarratt, the last meeting of the HMERF that due to a lack of participating members that a meeting could not be held; anyone who is interested (sic HMERF members), is encouraged to participate, put in their name. While he didn't have an exact number, he believes that are 45 members (spouses) still in the fund, which doing well.
- Committee Reports** Brother Alford reported that Reed Simpson has been moved to a more intensive care room. Brother Romachyk is home from the Hospital, but has a history of falling and is currently bedridden. Ed McGrane is currently in St Joseph Hospital as a result of a broken hip caused by a fall and is expected to be going to some sort of care facility when discharged from the hospital vs going home.
- Brother Wilson reported that as of May, 2025 our association has 344 active members out of a total of 528 members, as well as 8 Honorary / Complimentary/Members. He also reported that we have 25 Dormant/Undetermined members for which he does not have an address for or is unable to contact them. The Corporation no longer provides us with an updated mailing list, so if any members can assist with contacting these members it would be appreciated.
- Brother Wilson also reported that the website is running well and is updated regularly when items of interest / notifications are received.
- Unfinished Business** A discussion was held on establishing an "Approved Charitable Organizations list" and this matter will be tabled for the fall meeting due to George Mowbray stepping down as President.
- New Business:** The election of Officers deadline was for this meeting and at this point in time, no new nominations were received. Brother Christopher has submitted to serve as Secretary and Brother Wilson will continue as Treasurer/webmaster. Brother Mowbray will be stepping down as President. NOTE: The only nominations for the position of President were received from

former Secretary Larry Staples who accepted the nomination and thanked his nominator Rick Fletcher- subsequent to this, POST MEETING NOTE: Brother Staples advised that he has rethought the matter and WILL NOT accept the position of President of the Association. Two (2) changes to the constitution were received as follows: 1) From Brother Fletcher that 3.02 be changed to revise the yearly membership dues from \$10 down to \$6 (effectively \$1.50 per quarter) after an extended discussion on the issue with the primary issue being the keeping of coins to assist in making change by the Treasurer. This Constitutional Change was withdrawn at the request of Brother Fletcher.

2) The second matter, brought forth by Brother Staples requested that a New Article be incorporated that allows for a Medical Fund of \$10,000 be created and funded to cover items for members not presently covered under any government plan. Again, this article was discussed at length and the prevailing opinion was that moneys are available in our accounts with no need to set up a separate account and fund same. A call was made and properly seconded to vote on this matter and it was defeated 16 to 12.

**Good & Welfare:**

Bob Konkle is now resident at St Peters at 125 Redfern; Walter Romachyk has been moved to Extendicare, 90 Chedmac Dr. Updates were also given by Brother Wilson on Paul Marson, Norm Bush, John Grimshaw, Lorna Rowell, Paul Marchese and, again, brother Don Alford requested that if any of the younger members are interested, it would be appreciated if they would step up to take his place.

Welcome to newly retired members: Scott Sadler-Harrison, Lloyd Brown, Matthew Shaw, Samantha D'Angelo (FP), Mark Fingland (Aug 1st), John Barry (June 1st), Derek MacDonald and Rob D'Amico (Dec 31st).

**Announcements:**

The OHEP screening program for 2025-2026 will open in August; any member who has not had their doctor visit from the last program, is asked to contact the program for follow-up.

The Pensioner's Banquet is scheduled for October 21st at Carmen's Banquet Centre on Stonechurch Rd E - more information to follow.

HFDPA vehicle stickers and pins are both available to purchase. Contact Charlie Wilson for same.

The HPFFA Flag Football Team will be participating at the World Police/Fire Games scheduled for June 27th to July 6th in Birmingham, Alabama; winners of the ticket draw will be posted on our website.

The TPFFCS Memorial Ride to Ottawa will occur this summer; please watch the HPFFA website for more information.

Coffee courtesy of Bob Mueller, many thanks.

**Next Meeting:**

Will be held on September 9th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club. Compound parking will be available. No street parking from April to October Overflow parking is available at Bayfront Park. DO NOT ENTER the Marine Police Compound.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

11:30 Hours

**Fraternally, Dave Christopher, Secretary**

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