



# Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

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## MINUTES

**Meeting: March 11, 2025**

**Macassa Bay Yacht Club**

**44 Members Present**

- Last Alarm** Bob Culliton, Bob Fyfe, John Gaylord, Tom McDade, Ted Morgan
- Secretary's Report** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as is.
- Correspondence** Sympathy Cards to the families of John Gaylord, Bob Fyfe, Bob Culliton, Tom McDade, Steve Hawlyrshyn (Mother-in-Law), Gord Selinger (Mother) and Jim Barclay (Sister).
- President's Report** President George Mowbray provided a brief report on activities. He reported that our wreath at the monument was damaged and is waiting on a price before we replace same. At this point in time, the Pensioners Banquet will take place on October 22nd- watch the website for further details.
- Treasurer's Report:** Brother Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report which shows a balance of [REDACTED], including receivables and expenditures for the past quarter. There are currently 534 members in total of which 368 are considered to be active. Members who have not paid their yearly dues by March 31st, will be changed to DORMANT status. Current "Complimentary" members subscriptions will expire on March 31st.
- Pensions** Brother Don Skarratt reported that at 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 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 Wilson reported that as of March, 2025 our association has 368 active members out of a total of 534 members, as well as 5 Lifetime, 2 Associate Honourary 15 Complimentary Members. There are 106 Dormant Members.
- Brother Wilson that the website is up for renewal in September.
- Unfinished Business** A notation by President Mowbray that the "Approved Charitable Organizations list" is still under consideration.
- 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 and Webmaster if no other submissions are received. Due to family issues, Brother Mowbray will be stepping down as President.
- 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) and;
  2. From Brother Staples 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. Both Articles will be discussed and voted on at the June meeting.

**Good & Welfare:**

Dave Howse is undergoing rehabilitation for recent knee surgery. Bob Konkle has been to St Peters at 125 Redfern Avenue. Walter Romachyk has been moved to St Joes, Marion Wing. Updates were also given by Brother Wilson on Paul Marson, Norm Bush, John Grimshaw, Lorna Rowell, Wilf Elliot, Paul Marchese and Don Alford.

Welcome to new retired members: Stan Double, Keith Wood, Matt Madjeruh, Scott Collier, Ron Nordoff and Melissa Summers.

**Announcements:**

The OHEP screening program for 2025-2026 will re-open in August; any member who has not had their Doctor visit from the 2024-2025 program, is asked to contact the OHEP office for follow-up.

The Pensioner's Banquet is scheduled for October 22th at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Upper Ottawa Street - more information to follow.

HFDPA vehicle stickers and pins are both available at a cost of \$2 each; please contact Charlie Wilson for them.

The HPFFA is asking for a donation to send a Flag Football Team to the Firefighters Games in Denver. Brother Dave Graham made a motion (seconded by Brother Mike Tratch) to donate \$1,000 to the Association. The motion was put to a vote and approved.

The HFD Hockey League Championship Game is scheduled for Friday, March 28th @9:30 am at the Mountain Arena, Hester Street.

Brother Stan Double has been appointed as the new Fire Chief of Port Colborne, together with Mark Middleton as the Deputy Chief - Congratulations to both.

Coffee service, courtesy of Bob Mueller, many thanks.

**Next Meeting:**

will be held on Tuesday June 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club.

Parking in the Compound will be available; No street parking allowed – April to October. Overflow parking is available at Bayfront Park. Do not enter the Marine Police Compound.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

11:30 Hours

**Fraternaly, Dave Christopher, Secretary**

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