



Hamilton Fire Department Pensioners Association

The Group

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MINUTES

Meeting: September 8th, 2026

Macassa Bay Yacht Club

26 Members Present

Last Alarm

Ross Blair - June 24th, Vince Oddi- July 11th

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting was made by Chuck Wilson and properly seconded; the motion was carried by the members present.

Correspondence

Condolences: Card of thanks received from the Oddi Family; Hamelin Family (Mikes mother); Connie Chudyk (Husband Igor); Dave Marcantino (Brother); Rick Blythe(Son).

President's Report

No formal report, general comments were made by President Benoska.

Treasurer's Report:

Chuck Wilson provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for June 1 through August 31st. The checking balance remains stable, ending August at \$[REDACTED]. Total assets reached [REDACTED] by the end of the quarter. With respect to dues, \$[REDACTED] is currently held in reserve for advanced dues. It was reported that some members are paid up to 2035. There are currently 541 members in total of which 342 are considered to be active. Our organization has successfully shifted most communications to digital, mailing out only 17 physical reports this quarter.

Committee Reports

Pensions - Don Skarratt reported that there was nothing to comment on with respect to pensions.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report

New Business:

The members were asked about their window sticker preference: IAAF or Local 288 and that those wishing to obtain said stickers are to contact Corey DeCou at Local 288 as the "retired" stickers are \$11 whereas Local 288 has developed its own for a cost of \$2. A request for a "Go Fund Me" Donation for Jacqueline Robillard (Wayne) for specialized medical treatment was received from Local 288 and an amount of \$1,000 was suggested; the matter was properly moved and seconded, approved by all members present. There was subsequent discussion about attempting to pay the family directly to avoid the 25% fee associated with the platform.

A question was raised about issues with the "Spending Account" coverage (for members that are eligible) and members were directed to check with Local 288 if they are encountering problems with payments from Manulife. Several members raised a question about an IAFF Alumni Members Card; Secretary Dave Christopher advised he would research the matter and report back to the members.

Good & Welfare:

Ronnie MacIntyre is at Ressay Gardens on West 5th. Ed McGrane is residing at Edgewater LTC in Dunnville and looks forward to visitors. Ernie Mills is at the Meadows LTC Home, 12 Tranquility Drive, Ancaster; Walter Romachyk at Extendicare Hamilton, 90 Chedmac Drive; Paul Marchese at Villages of Wentworth Heights, 160 Upper Wentworth Street; Bob Cober is at Wentworth Lodge in Dundas; Jim Steep is at home; Ken White is in Roberta's Place LTC, Barrie, On; Carl Cameron is now doing ok ; George Cort is dealing with a medical issue and has refused a claim with Local 288; Fred Reading is reported to be in reasonable health with moderate dementia problems and Mike Jackson has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia and Edward Green is convalescing in extended care following a broken hip. The group stood in honour of Ross (Rosco) Blair and Vince Oddi- who have passed away since our last meeting.

Welcome to the (soon to be) newly retired members: Mike Cascioli (Sept 30th); Dave Turner (November 20,2026); Chris Weimelink (Chief Training Officer) - December 21, 2026

Announcements:

The OHEP screening program for 2025-2027 has begun and will include cholesterol testing this year (please note that members attending for blood work should fast 10 hours prior to their blood work) any member who has not had their Doctor visit from the last program, is asked to contact the program for follow-up; similarly, members who wish to have their blood work done at a private clinic are to contact Allison Moore for a requisition form.

All members are invited to The "Boomers" Social Group (aka The Retirement Support Group") which continues every other Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm. The President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held at Glendale Golf Club on September 30th, with the \$125 fee due at the course - includes dinner. The Pensioners Banquet will occur on October 21st at Carmen's Event Centre. Please check our website for further updates. Coffee courtesy of Bob Mueller, our MBYC host, many thanks.

Next Meeting:

Will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.; Macassa Bay Yacht Club. Parking will be available in the compound for this meeting. If parking on the roadway outside the club, please obey all parking signs. Overflow parking is available at Bayfront Park. Please do not enter the Marine Police Compound.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 Hours

Fraternally, Dave Christopher, Secretary

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