

Vimy Officers' Mess
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MESS MEETING
FOR THE VIMY OFFICERS' MESS HELD
VIRTUALLY ON VIA MS TEAMS ON 11 FEB 22**

Executive present:

LCol C.J. Durant, Deputy BComd
LCol J.Y.A. Côté, President
Maj M.C. Drover, Vice President

Committee members present:

Maj L.K. Aubin Housing Officer
Capt C.L.E. McIver, Entertainment Officer
Capt M.C. Parrett, Information Officer
Capt E.D. Sauve, Finance Officer
Lt A.E. Maas-Stevens, Secretary


Ex-Officio representation present:



Veronica Ron, Assistant Mess Manager
Erica Lambert, Deputy Manager, CFB Kingston PSP




Absent:



Lynne Gutoskie, NPP Accounting Manager

1.	<u>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</u>	<u>Action</u>
a.	These are minutes for the General Mess Meeting (GMM) of the VOM Membership. The intent of this GMM is to update Membership on the progress of various initiatives since the previous GMM, propose new purchases which require approval by the Membership, as well as outline options for the VOM budget for the upcoming year.	Info
b.	At 0931, VPMC announced that we will wait another 5 minutes to begin as pers are still joining the call. PMC calls the meeting to order at 0936.	Info
c.	Approx. 70 Members are present. Based on the recommendation of the PMC, Deputy BComd establishes a quorum despite low Membership attendance.	Info
d.	PMC reviewed the agenda for the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order, Quorum Establishment	Info

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of Previous Minutes• Updates to Mess Unit Reps / Ex-Officio• Mess Committee Reports:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– PMC– Housing O– Info O– Bar O– Ent O / Fin O• New Business• Points from the Floor• Next GMM – June 2022																																			
2.	OLD BUSINESS																																			
a.	<p><u>Discussion of previous Mess Minutes.</u></p> <p>(1) Motion: VPMC moved to accept the minutes from May 21 GMM as a record the events and discussion from the last GMM.</p> <p>Second: Maj G.R. McDonald.</p> <p>Discussion: Nil.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous – in favour.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <div><h2>Mess Committee</h2><table><tr><td>• PMC^(Appointed 2021)</td><td>LCol Alex Côté (77 Line Regt)</td></tr><tr><td>• VPMC^(Appointed 2021)</td><td>Maj Matt Drover (DLCI)</td></tr><tr><td>• Housing Officer ^(Elected 2020)</td><td><u>Maj Leigh Aubin (CFSMI)</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Finance Officer ^(Appointed 2021)</td><td><u>Capt Eugene Sauvé (B Compt)</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Entertainment Officer ^(Elected 2021)</td><td><u>Capt Chris McIver (CFSMI)</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Bar Officer ^(Elected 2021)</td><td><u>Capt Ben Carey (CFJSR)</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Info Officer ^(Elected 2020)</td><td><u>Capt Micheal Parrett (CFJSR)</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Secretary ^(Elected 2021)</td><td>Lt Amy Maas-Stevens (CFJSR)</td></tr><tr><td>• Plans O/Entertainment 2IC</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>• Furniture & Effects Officer</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>• Live-In Officer</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>• C&E Home Station:</td><td>Capt Jim Bremner</td></tr><tr><td>• Int Home Station:</td><td>Capt Rob Wovtenko</td></tr><tr><td>• Infrastructure Advisor:</td><td><u>Capt Melody Schonfelder</u></td></tr><tr><td>• Associate Rep:</td><td>Mr. Wayne Marshall</td></tr><tr><td>• Mess Manager:</td><td>Ms. Kim Palmer</td></tr><tr><td>• Asst Mess Manager:</td><td>Ms. Veronica Ron</td></tr></table></div>	• PMC ^(Appointed 2021)	LCol Alex Côté (77 Line Regt)	• VPMC ^(Appointed 2021)	Maj Matt Drover (DLCI)	• Housing Officer ^(Elected 2020)	<u>Maj Leigh Aubin (CFSMI)</u>	• Finance Officer ^(Appointed 2021)	<u>Capt Eugene Sauvé (B Compt)</u>	• Entertainment Officer ^(Elected 2021)	<u>Capt Chris McIver (CFSMI)</u>	• Bar Officer ^(Elected 2021)	<u>Capt Ben Carey (CFJSR)</u>	• Info Officer ^(Elected 2020)	<u>Capt Micheal Parrett (CFJSR)</u>	• Secretary ^(Elected 2021)	Lt Amy Maas-Stevens (CFJSR)	• Plans O/Entertainment 2IC	Vacant	• Furniture & Effects Officer	Vacant	• Live-In Officer	Vacant	• C&E Home Station:	Capt Jim Bremner	• Int Home Station:	Capt Rob Wovtenko	• Infrastructure Advisor:	<u>Capt Melody Schonfelder</u>	• Associate Rep:	Mr. Wayne Marshall	• Mess Manager:	Ms. Kim Palmer	• Asst Mess Manager:	Ms. Veronica Ron	Vote
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b.	<p><u>Updates to Mess Unit Reps/Ex-Officio.</u></p> <p>(1) PMC mentioned that VPMC and PMC are not going to change this upcoming year, however positions in red are open for volunteers, as the positions are either vacant or soon to be vacant. Any mess members</p>	Info																																		

looking to volunteer should contact PMC or VPMC to be considered for the position.																																	
(2) Maj S.J.M. Madore in the Chat - Capt A.M.J. Everitt to replace Capt Schonfelder as the infrastructure advisor.	Action Secretary																																
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(1) PMC mentioned that he is looking to update the regular GMM battle rhythm which used to be June/December. PMC is looking to do GMMs in February and June as that would be better for getting Member buy-in for the budget and December is already busy with silly season.	Info																																
(2) PMC stressed that the success of the VOM depends on the attendance of the Mess Membership: if Members do not support the Mess wherever possible, it leaves the VOM in a place where hard decisions need to be made to recover the deficit. Otherwise, the PMC is glad that TGIT was so busy yesterday.	Info																																
(3) PMC remarked that with regard to COVID-19 regulations, the VOM Staff and PSP management are working hard to ensure VOM Membership can be back in the Mess while facilitating a good time for everyone there. However, the VOM staff aren't responsible for policing Members. Mess Membership need to follow the rules, for example: if there are 4 chairs at a table, don't bring more chairs to a table or combine tables. If this becomes a larger issue, then the VOM will need to start requesting additional volunteers from the units to enforce Membership adherence to COVID-19 protocols.	Info																																

	<p>d. <u>Mess Committee Reports – Housing O, Maj Aubin.</u></p> <div data-bbox="518 348 1052 558"></div> <p>(1) Housing O indicated that there have been updates since these pictures were taken such as the plumbing work being completed, and a new drop ceiling having been installed.</p> <p>(2) Last fall, after confirming that there was asbestos in the adhesive of the aging blue tile floors, a remediation crew removed all the flooring in the lower bar. There has been a work order ongoing with RPO for several months, however the work being arranged for the floors in the lower bar is linked to a work order to replace the flooring in the Kingston Room. Although these rooms have different needs and will receive different flooring, they are being addressed as a holistic repair which has resulted in numerous delays.</p> <p>(3) Floor installation is currently delayed until March. Final floors in the Lower Bar will be of a vinyl composite material, but will look like a hardwood floor. Walls will be painted a neutral grey.</p> <p>e. <u>Mess Committee Reports - Information O, Capt Parrett.</u></p> <div data-bbox="557 1310 607 1377"></div> <div data-bbox="643 1323 933 1377"><p>Purchasing of 55" Microsoft Smart Hub Interactive Monitors</p></div> <div data-bbox="941 1314 1015 1356"></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds set aside by the Base Comd for tech upgrade to the VOM• Will allow the VOM to support video conferencing with greater ease and speed, and to wider audience than VTC• Purchase will set up the VOM as the primary setting to conduct less-formal video conferences and PD sessions <p>(1) The Mess Committee is introducing a new capability using funds allocated by the BComd. The VOM is acquiring MS Surface Hub monitors which are designed for video conferencing. There will be 2 monitors in the VOM: one in the Mercury room and one in the lower bar. Monitors will be on a small stand which could be moved around the VOM as needed. Monitors would be NON-DWAN to allow both military and civilian to use.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
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	<p>(2) This will set the VOM up as the premier location to conduct less-formal meetings and PD sessions.</p> <p>f. <u>Mess Committee Reports - Bar O, Capt Carey.</u></p> <div data-bbox="548 411 1024 707">  <p>Bar Selection Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Selection Currently • Seeking to expand selection and possibly hours of operation • Please participate in the following customer survey so we can best serve you <p>– https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BKB7BXH</p>  </div> <p>(1) Bar Officer was not present at the meeting, VPMC shared his points.</p> <p>(2) For anyone who has been at TGIT recently, it will have been noticed that the VOM bar services are limited to can or bottle products only. The VOM had to move away from kegs due to restrictions lowering demand and extended closures spoiling the stock. Further, the VOM is encountering challenges ordering domestic products. To that end, we are looking to engage microbreweries to stock our shelves.</p> <p>(3) To facilitate this effort, the Bar O has created a survey to solicit the preferences of the Mess Membership, which all are encouraged to complete. This will allow the Mess Committee to incorporate Member preferences in the VOM’s supply. Once taps are able to be brought back we may do this again to gage what kinds of taps the membership would be interested in. Bar O to send the survey link via DWAN as well, via the AMM.</p> <p>LCol R.J. Harris in the Chat - Bar Officer, I noted that McKinnon's beer was mentioned in the Ontario Craft Beer selection, but not then in the specifics section. Please be assured that I wish for McKinnon's beer to be stocked. Particularly, 8-Man, Cross Cut and Brothers or Harvest. Many thanks</p> <p>g. <u>Mess Committee Reports – Entertainment O, Capt McIver & Finance O, Capt Sauve.</u></p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Action Bar O</p> <p>Action Bar O</p>
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Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
SALES - CONSUMER				23,271.50	28,301.75	12,058.14		3,250.00	35,329.64
SALES				23,271.50	28,301.75	12,058.14		3,250.00	35,329.64
COGS				11,155.95	14,958.39	5,262.58		2,058.00	16,446.45
GROSS PROFIT				12,077.55	13,343.45	6,795.56		1,192.00	18,883.19
ENTERTAINMENT REV	60,250.56	50,175.00						60,250.56	50,175.00
FEES REV	375.38							375.38	
MEMBERSHIPS	79,302.39	68,121.00						79,302.39	68,121.00
INTEREST/INVESTMENTS REV	0.00	12,600.00						0.00	12,600.00
PUBLIC WAIVES REV			10,515.93				50,001.00	60,517.78	
OTHER REVENUE	136,908.33	130,896.00	10,515.93				50,001.00	209,245.11	130,896.00
ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONS EXP	0.00	520.00						0.00	520.00
DEPRECIATION	29,745.00	25,519.05						29,745.00	25,519.05
ENTERTAINMENT EXP	41,314.44	64,300.00						41,314.44	64,300.00
FEES EXP	2,720.24	4,212.50	749.25		1,500.00			3,469.49	5,712.50
OTHER EXP	0.21		-12.71					-12.50	
PROFIT SHARING/DISTRIBUTION EXP	1,717.30	2,196.35						1,717.30	2,196.35
PROGRAMS EXP	0.00	450.00						0.00	450.00
RENTAL EXP	209.45	1,350.00						209.45	1,350.00
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE EXP	4,080.52	9,510.00	70.00		450.00	3,871.50		1,125.00	8,030.02
SERVICES EXP	410.51	2,700.00	9.58		150.00	200.00		620.09	2,850.00
SUPPLIES EXP	3,861.60	2,700.00	278.56		1,575.00	2,017.32		1,375.00	6,277.48
TELECOMMUNICATION EXP	1,827.79	1,350.00						1,827.79	1,350.00
TRADES EXP	0.00	14,160.00	15,328.94		9,550.00	82,352.44		1,625.00	97,889.38
UNSC EXP	286.69	300.43						286.69	300.43
OTHER EXPENSES	85,493.75	128,877.00	16,737.95		13,225.00	88,441.26		4,125.00	190,672.56
NET INCOME	64,434.58	2,816.10	5,855.63		116.45	22,853.77		2,360.00	37,456.34

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(1) Income statement – Fin O: Year End Forecast: For FY 21/22 the total year end forecast at this time is a projected \$27,000 surplus. This is included for Mess Membership to have an appreciation for how much money comes in and out of the VOM.

(2) Entertainment for the rest of the FY – Ent O: We will be continuing with the 2x meals provided per member at TGIT commencing 10 Feb and continuing until the end of this FY. There are also events planned for March such as a St. Patrick's Day-themed TGIT and VOM trivia nights.

(3) Mess dues & Membership – Fin O: Mess dues per member a month is **\$32.00**, 504 members this comes to **\$16,128.00** monthly & **\$193,536.00** yearly. This amount is broken down below and reflects revenue:
A. **\$61,084.80** for Entertainment; and
B. **\$101,727.36** for Mess Dues.

The remaining approx. **\$30,784.32** is not revenue and goes to pay for Gifts at **\$8,467.20** and HST **\$22,317.12** a year. Gifts include gifts given to the Members on posting or retirement, on the occasion of the birth of a child, or to provide comfort to Members during times of hospitalization or bereavement.

The Fin O breaks things down further to the individual mess dues payment. \$32.00 per month per member:

Entertainment: \$10.10;

Mess Dues: \$16.82;

Gifts: \$1.40; and

HST: \$3.69.

(4) Financial reality – PMC: As the Membership may already know, the biggest source of revenue for the VOM is civilian events such as weddings. For FY21/22 weddings were minimal due to COVID-19 restrictions; however, there was also a corresponding reduction to operating costs due to these same restrictions.

Kitchen revenue is approximately \$28.7k at this time, which will increase as Member participation increases for meals. If kitchen doesn't produce adequate revenue, it may ultimately need to close.

In general food is getting more expensive, but food service remains an integral part of event we do. Mainly due to the current COVID-19 environment, the VOM is expected to run a deficit which we will talk about more later on. Note that we currently have approximately \$550K in unencumbered cash in the VOM bank account. We do need some cushion but we are flexible in that we can afford a deficit over the next few years.

The intent behind our budget proposals is promoting a normal Mess life that would be beneficial to all of us as we help the Mess recover from being closed due to COVID-19. We are pushing for an active entertainment scheule to set the Mess up for success in the years following COVID-19. We will be looking to return to a balanced budget for FY 23/24.

Common to all COAs that will be presented is that there will be no more takeout offered. PMC elaborates that offering takeout was an option the VOM exercised when we had no alternatives, but the Mess is not a place to just pick up food. Takeout will continue for the remainder of FY 21/22, but will be stopped in the next FY. If Membership gets a meal as part of TGIT, then they are expected to eat it in the Mess.

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(5) Projected Revenue for FY 22/23.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>No Restrictions</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
Entertainment	\$61,084.80	\$61,084.80
Mess Dues	\$101,727.36	\$101,727.36
Other Revenue (interest, rebates, weddings, etc.)	\$108,331.40	\$14,831.40
Bar (alcohol, pop, snacks).	\$35,304.00	\$15,000.00
Kitchen Revenue	\$28,708.00	\$0.00
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$335,155.56</u>	<u>\$192,643.56</u>

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If restrictions continue to lessen at a steady state, then we can expect approximately 330k in revenue to the VOM. If restrictions increase again, then we can expect 190k revenue to the VOM.

(6) COA 1 – Progressive Normal. Table of expenses for COA 1:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>
TGIT	\$91,084.00
Special Events (Entertainment)	\$20,600.00
Operations Cost	\$220,764.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$332,448.00</u>
Difference With Weddings	\$2,707.56
Difference Without Weddings	(\$139,804.44)

Given the projected revenue with no restrictions, this COA would leave us with a surplus of \$2.7k. With restrictions, at worst this COA runs the VOM at a deficit of about \$140k, which is about 25% of the VOMs unencumbered cash.

\$2,000 would be allocated to food for each TGIT, which would cover one meal per person, as well as \$250 dollars allocated to prize draws each week. There would also be themed TGITs three times per year, lodger units to provide OPIs for themed events.

COA 1 allocates \$20K for Special events which would happen every 2 months, this cost is assuming 50-60 pers in attendance. Select events may also have a cost to attendees.

Traditional events such as Remembrance day and BComd “Meet and Greet” remain unchanged.

(7) COA 2 – Have It All. Table of expenses for COA 2:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>
TGIT	\$111,252.00
Special Events (Entertainment)	\$35,315.00
Operations Cost	\$220,764.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$367,331.00</u>
Difference With Weddings	(\$32,175.44)
Difference Without Weddings	(\$174,687.44)

This COA includes an increase to the cost of TGIT and Events. At best this has the VOM running a deficit of \$32K, with a worst case seeing a deficit of approximately \$175K, about 32% of the VOMs unencumbered cash.

\$2,500 would be allocated to food for each TGIT, which would cover up to two meals per person, as well as \$250 dollars allocated to prize draws each

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week There would also be themed TGITs four times per year, lodger units to provide OPIs for themed events.

COA 2 allocates \$35K for Special events which would happen every month, this cost is assuming 75-100 pers in attendance. Some events would be incorporated into TGIT. Select events may also have a cost to attendees.

Traditional events remain unchanged.

(8) COA 3 – Se Serrer la Ceinture. Table of expenses for COA 3.

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>
TGIT	\$61,084.00
Special Events (Entertainment)	\$12,495.00
Operations Cost	\$220,764.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$294,343.00</u>
Difference With Weddings	\$40,812.56
Difference Without Weddings	(\$101,699.44)

Significantly decreased cost of TGIT and events. At best the VOM runs a surplus of \$40K, at worst a deficit of \$100K.

\$1,000 would be allocated to food for each TGIT, which would cover one snack per person instead of a meal, as well as \$250 dollars allocated to prize draws each week. Themed TGITs twice per year, lodger units to provide OPIs for themed events.

COA 3 allocates \$12.5K for Special events which would happen every three month, this cost is assuming 25-30 pers in attendance. Some events would be incorporated into TGIT. select events may also have a cost to attendees.

Traditional events are consistent throughout.



FY 22/23 Budget Proposal - General



*Assuming we generate money from weddings.

COA 1 – Progressive Normal **\$2,707.56;**



COA 2 – Have It All **(\$32,175.44); and**




COA 3 – Se serrer la ceinture **\$40,812.56.**

(9) Overall, the COVID-19 limitations could limit revenue but it would also limit the events we could hold. However, we are confident that the COVID-19 situation will continue to get better.




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	<p>(10) An increase to Mess dues could be a reality. With an intent to return to a balanced budget in FY 23/24, and a temporary or permanent increase to mess dues may be required to achieve this. An increase to mess dues is not confirmed at this point, but is an option that the Membership should be aware of. Kitchen activity and revenue would impact the degree of the increase if it were to happen.</p> <p>Questions from the floor? Nil</p>	
3.	NEW BUSINESS	
	<div style="text-align: center;">  New Business  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasted Budget FY 22/23 • Barbeque • Clinton Room Dedication • Kingston Room Chandeliers • Lower Bar Pool Table <p>a. <u>Forecasted budget for FY 22/23.</u> Mess membership to vote on a COA which will influence the budget the Fin O pushes to the BComd for approval. PMC asks if we have a motion for COA 1.</p> <p>(1) Motion: Maj S. McKnight motioned to Accept COA 1 – Progressive Normal as the basis to finalize the VOM budget for 2022/2023.</p> <p>Second: Capt C.M. Jamieson.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Maj Priems - looking to push for COA 2 instead. The Committee has presented the extremes for how much deficit this COA could entail, however it is unlikely that we would get zero revenue from weddings at this point. Membership would like to get things back to normal. He also mentions that by going with COA 2 we will retain the flexibility to change it later on, but if we start our budget too tight this flexibility is lost. He is willing to take more risk, and mentions the VOM can afford it.</p> <p>PMC - the committee is advocating for COA 1 but a secondary motion in support of COA 2 can still be made.</p> <p>(2) Secondary motion: Maj Primes moves to accept COA 2.</p> <p>Second: Lt S.W. Grant.</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Vote</p>

	<p>PMC - we do have the flexibility to do it, but partway through the year we may be put into a situation where we may not be able to spend it, for example if visitors are not allowed admittance to the Mess. It is vital that the Membership understand that this is a basically a guaranteed 7% deficit in the VOMs unencumbered cash if this COA is accepted.</p> <p>PMC - due to the limitations of MS TEAMS, any voting will be done by only voting against, and only if they think the vote is split enough will a count be taken for those in favour. Otherwise, all others not voting against or to abstain will be assumed to be in favour.</p> <p>Vote to accept secondary motion: Against: 22 Abstain: 5 In favour: 34. Motion carried with 60% of the vote.</p> <p>(3) Motion: VPMC moved to table the original motion to accept COA 1, given the Membership's acceptance of COA 2.</p> <p>Second: Capt J.G.R. Adamczyk.</p> <p>Discussion: Nil.</p> <p>Vote: Against: 1, Abstain: 0.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <div data-bbox="535 1281 1039 1638">  <h3>New VOM Barbeque </h3>  <p>At some point during the late summer/early fall 2021, the large propane BBQ belonging to the VOM went missing*. The BBQ had been chained to the eastern side of the building, and its disappearance went unnoticed due to infrequent foot traffic in the area.</p> <p>We are looking to invest in a BBQ to be made available for Member and Staff use throughout the spring and summer months.</p> <p>OPI: VPMC Cost: approx. \$6,000</p> </div> <p>b. <u>New VOM Barbeque.</u></p> <p>(1) VPMC indicated that the VOM used to have a very wide barbeque chained to the eastern side of the building. Sometime between August and November it has gone missing. If anyone has any info, they are to engage</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Info</p>
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	<p>the MPs. The picture above is not completely accurate to the one that went missing, but would be similar in type to the one we would be looking to buy.</p>	
	<p>(2) The VOM is looking to replace this capability, in order to reclaim our flexibility of having a barbeque for VOM usage. This would be particularly beneficial during restrictions where indoor social events are more scrutinized.</p>	Info
	<p>(3) Motion: VPMC moved to allocate \$6,000 toward the purchase of a new VOM Barbeque.</p> <p>Second: Capt McGean.</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	Vote
	<p>Maj Priems - How are we going to protect the new barbeque?</p> <p>AMM - The VOM is planning to buy a sea container to secure outside eqpt.</p> <p>Maj Priems - We should be voting on the security instead of voting to replace the barbeque at this time.</p> <p>PMC - We will be working with Base to increase security.</p> <p>Maj Aubin in chat - Might need to procure security cameras also.</p> <p>2Lt LeClaire in chat - Supposedly other messes have a shed to lock the BBQ up in.</p> <p>Maj McKnight – Should we also be voting to write off the old barbeque?</p> <p>AMM – Old Barbeque was purchased by base kitchen and is not part of the VOM assets. We don't need to be write it off.</p> <p>Maj McKnight - Why is Base Kitchen not purchasing a replacement?</p> <p>VPMC - Base Kitchen hasn't been engaged, but it would be beneficial for the VOM to control the asset at our level rather than rely on the Base kitchen.</p> <p>Maj McKnight - The mess committee is limited to what they can purchase without authorization from the VOM membership, he inquires if voting to increase the amount that the committee can spend on security is a viable option here?</p> <p>PMC – The Base holds the responsibility to support the VOM for security purposes.</p>	Info

	<p>Maj Thomas – I’m concerned that a seacan placed beside the mess would be ugly.</p> <p>PMC - The seacan would be placed beside the other seacans in the area, and that storing it there would require moving the barbeque every time we would use it.</p> <p>Maj McDonald - What measures have been done to find the missing barbeque?</p> <p>VPMC - It was discovered that the barbeque was missing about 2-3 weeks before Christmas, nobody in the committee or in the kitchen staff was approached by someone looking to borrow the barbeque. The theft was brought to the MPs, however they are unable to provide support due to the lack of information and the long time frame of when it went missing.</p> <p>Vote: Against: 0, Abstain: 2.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <div data-bbox="532 808 1052 1165"><div></div><div>Clinton Room Dedication</div><div></div><div><p>As a follow-on to the recent inauguration of a monument at CFB Clinton, C&E Branch is seeking to commemorate this event through incorporation of a suitable memento into VOM's Clinton room.</p><p>OPI: VPMC w/ Lt AN Legere, DG Cyber Cost: TBD</p></div></div> <p>c. <u>Clinton Room Dedication.</u> VPMC explained that the C&E Branch is seeking to commemorate the recent inauguration of a monument at CFB Clinton with a dedication in the Clinton Room at the VOM. Lt Legere will develop a proposal for the precise nature and details of this dedication to be presented at the next GMM.</p> <p>d. <u>Kingston Room Chandeliers.</u></p> <div data-bbox="263 1507 435 1795"></div> <p>(1) The 10 brass Chandeliers hanging in the Kingston room are roughly 100 Years old, and originally belonged to the city of Kingston. These items were installed in the VOM in the 1980s on a loan from the City as a result of a renovation that put these items in storage; a series of bidders for the chandeliers were not approved however the VOM was approved location to hang the chandeliers due to the VOMs heritage status.</p> <p>(2) The city is now performing a renovation on Memorial Hall and has requested the chandeliers be returned. Enclosed is an excerpt from the City Council meeting minutes (1987) that details the arrangement of</p>	<p>Action VPMC/ Lt Legere</p> <p>Info</p>
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	<p>this “loan” (received yesterday), the VOM/base will still require to determine a way forward. It is possible these Chandeliers may be returned to the city (they are requesting a spring 2022 timeline). “Is being understood that the fixtures shall remain the property of the city of Kingston” If these items are returned to the City of Kingston, the VOM will require to determine an appropriate replacement.</p> <p>(3) As lighting falls under Public funds, the baseline replacement for purposes of infrastructure could result in simple pot-light as the replacement. To procure replacement chandeliers will require a deliberate allocation of funds and likely in coordination with NPF.</p> <p>(4) Due to the historical nature of these items there are series of considerations to balance; replacement of 10x Chandeliers with a similar scale and quality will present a significant cost (estimated min \$5k x 10 fixtures).</p> <p>PMC - BComd is already fully aware of the situation. Our next step is to establish contact with the LEGAD for their advice prior to the BComd engaging City of Kingston. A point of note is that there are actually only 9 chandeliers in the Kingston room, however the minutes from the City say 10; perhaps one is still in storage somewhere. If it turns out that the chandeliers do need to be returned to the city, it would be a significant expense to replace them.</p> <p>Capt Alder - Is there a timeline for giving the chandeliers back?</p> <p>PMC - The City of Kingston wants them by Spring, but this is likely too optimistic.</p> <p>Maj Priems – Can we empower the Committee as a contingency for the funds to replace the chandeliers now? We could vote on a motion to give them the potential power to do it in the event that we do need to give them back on short notice.</p> <p>PMC - That shouldn’t be required. To give the Committee a blank cheque such as that wouldn’t be necessary. If there is an emergency, then we still have the option to push a motion secretarially via DWAN.</p> <p>Capt Adler – It would be prudent to do a contingency motion, but wouldn’t it be more beneficial to do some preliminary research prior to that in order to know what it is we would be looking to purchase. We talked earlier about wedding bookings, there are concerns that if the chandeliers are gone we would potentially be less appealing as a weddings venue.</p> <p>Maj Aubin – There needs to be further discussion with regards to baseline cost. If we are looking at 10 fixtures we need to know how much money we are willing to spend. At this point it is looking like \$5-6k per fixture.</p>	
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	<p>PMC – This request only came to us recently, but we have already been looking into some nice chandeliers and will continue to develop options on how to proceed if we are required to replace them. However, it would still be risky to write a blank cheque for this.</p> <p>Maj Rathbun in the Chat - 1994_05_04-Vimy-Offrs-Mess-History_1.pdf.aspx (cafconnection.ca) Para 3.32 provides a brief statement on the loan status of the chandeliers, may help the records search in terms of timelines.</p> <p>e. <u>Lower Bar Pool Table</u>. The pool table downstairs is in poor repair and needs to be moved in order to complete further renovations on the lower bar. Costs to move, service, and maintain the table would be about \$2,000, which at that point it would be better to just replace the whole thing entirely.</p> <p>(1)Motion: Maj D.W. Bos moved to dispose of current table and allocate \$8,000 in funds to purchase a replacement.</p> <p>Second: LCol R.J. Harris</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>LCol Harris – What is the disposal plan, are we just throwing it out, selling it on FB market place, or is it in so bad repair that no one would buy it?</p> <p>AMM – If there is anyone in the mess membership interested in the table they could take it, but moving it would be at the cost of the member.</p> <p>PMC – From the NPF side, when we dispose of something like this, it would need to be sent to disposal, it cannott be sold.</p> <p>LCol Harris – It would be good to send an inquiry out to the membership to give them the opportunity to get the pool table.</p> <p>PMC – We could definitely inquire to mess membership in an email, and give a 2 week window for replies from anyone interested.</p> <p>Maj Priems – NPP process doesn’t include throwing in dumpster and there are proper processes that need to be followed.</p> <p>PMC – PMC and VPMC will confirm our options.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Action PMC/ VPMC</p>
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	<p>Maj Priems – Follow-on to last, is this a capability we would want to retain? Is this something the membership wants and is it worth it?</p> <p>VPMC – Can attest to a regular use of the pool tables in the lower bar during TGIT.</p> <p>Lt(N) Rosenkranz in the chat - What other games are in the mess aside from pool and darts?</p> <p>Maj Aubin in the chat - There are convertible tables that can be used as poker/card games tables.</p> <p>Vote: Against: 1, Abstain: 2.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>f. <u>Points from the Floor:</u></p> <p>(1) Maj Aubin, Housing O – extending a special thanks to Veronica Ron for her work with the renovations. For the Incoming Housing Officer, there are many previously approved motions to continue the renovations to the mess, so we would have the momentum to keep moving forward when the floors are completed. An ideal time for that Housing O handover to happen would be in the March/April timeframe.</p> <p>(2) VPMC – Looking for thoughts from the membership: in the last couple years a substantial amount of money has gone into the Gift Fund that hasn't been spent. Is there appetite for these funds to be allocated towards offsetting the cost of bar staff for events hosted at the VOM such as DWDs or military funeral receptions?</p> <p>Maj Priems in the chat – Love that idea.</p> <p>(3) Lt(N) Rosenkranz in the chat – Requesting other types of games we could have in the lower bar: foosball (very fun for up to 4 people), table tennis, even air hockey?</p> <p>Miscellaneous remarks in the chat about how the mess used to have various video games systems and games in the lower bar.</p> <p>VPMC – We have a foosball table already, but the other tables could be something we look into upon request.</p>	<p>Action PMC/ VPMC</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
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	PMC – prior to setting aside money for more games we need to ensure we have real estate for more games tables. Lt(N) Rozenkranz to engage AMM to talk about options prior to pushing a motion potentially at the next GMM.	Action Lt(N) Rosen- kranz
4.	CLOSING REMARKS	
	<p>PMC – Thanks to Maj Aubin for her work on the renovations project over the last years. As well, thanks to Capt McIver for his work as the Entertainment Officer for all of his ideas and hard work in the background to bring life back to the Mess. Big thanks to both.</p> <p>PMC announced that the next GMM will be in June 22, with the exact to be determined later.</p> <p>Motion: Maj B.M. Rathbun moved to adjourn the GMM.</p> <p>Second: Maj G.R. McDonald.</p> <p>Discussion: Nil</p> <p>Vote: no vote taken, but no interest expressed in continuing further.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned: 1105hrs.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Vote</p>

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