

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**MAY 26TH, 2015** – Meeting chaired by Bill Warwick, 2nd Vice President

EXECUTIVE PRESENT – Bill Warwick, Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Frank Friesen, Evelyn Mandley, Bob Sutherland, and Willie Curley as pro-tem Sgt-at-Arms.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT – Wayne Melymick, Bruce Ballantyne, Karen Warwick, Julien Methot, Gregor Aitken.

Pam Brown presided over an initiation of seven new members.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – April 28th, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None

Business arising: None

*Moved by P. Epp and seconded by M. Mandley to accept as printed. **Carried.***

Secretary – Correspondence – Evelyn Mandley pro-tem

BC/Yukon Command –

Memos #51.15 to #57.15 posted on the Bulletin Board

Requests for Donations –

Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by L. Brandstrom that we **DENY** this request as we are unable to verify the validity of the organization at this time. **Carried.***

CMFSC U 11 Boys Select Team – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by P. Epp that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Coquitlam Metro-Ford Rebels – *Moved by P. Epp and seconded by G. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

AllStar Youth Sport – Davis Lutterodt – *Moved by G. Friesen and seconded by P. Epp that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

B.C. Guide Dogs – *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by G. Friesen that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Thank you letters –

Yetty Foulds

Vancouver Naval Veterans Band

Legion Foundation

754 Phoenix Squadron

Other Correspondence – None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick – no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Chapman.

Need further clarification regarding the \$600.00 loss shown in the financial report.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bruce Ballantyne – no report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bill Warwick – no report – will report under By-laws.

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by G. Howard to accept the reports. **Carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Sergeant-at-Arms -

B. Chapman reported that the Colour Party attended the Anzac Parade in Vancouver and the New Zealand Consulate has asked Branch 263 to be their official Colour Party and we will be receiving the flags of Australia and New Zealand to carry. We also attended the PoCo May Day Parade and the Hyack parade in New Westminster.

Ways & Means - Frank Friesen reported that we will be cutting down on the amount of fish at the meat draws.

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet was absent – H. Smith reported that the tickets for the Country Queens, scheduled for June 14th are on sale at the bar.

Membership – Pam Brown reported there are still 89 members that have not renewed for this year. She explained what the One-By-One Membership Campaign was about.

Zone – Evelyn Mandley

The Zone Meeting was held on Sunday, May 24th at Branch 88 Maple Ridge, with representatives from all branches except New Westminster.

Zone Sports was discussed and the lack of participation by some of our branches. The Euchre play downs will be held at Branch 133 on Saturday, May 30th with only Branches 83, 88 and 133 participating. The Provincial finals will be held in September at Ashcroft.

Port Moody reported that they are now in the permit stage of redevelopment.

Zone Commander Irene Brown gave her farewell speech and thanked everyone for all their hard work and cooperation.

Bob Chapman from Branch 263 addressed the meeting on the subject of shrinking branch revenue sources with the suggestion that the commission received from the Gaming Commission for the extensive work and cost of branch upkeep is too low compared to the man-hours and Branch overhead expenses incurred in producing the gaming revenues. He has, in conversation with our local MLA, because the Branch share can be changed only by legislation, put forward the argument that the Legions should receive an increased share of the gaming income as contribution to general revenue of the Branch. The Branches in attendance were urged to communicate this proposition to their local MLA. Bob's presentation was well received.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley

Plans for the Veteran's Lunch seem to be under control. Bill Warwick will act as MC, Bob Sutherland will introduce the Veterans, and Bob Chapman will give the Act of Remembrance. Marilyn Klein has volunteered to serve the drinks and 8 people have confirmed they will help with the serving of the food. Each guest will receive a "We Remember" pin.

I would like to present the following motions:

That the Poppy Fund donate \$3,000.00 to each of the following: The Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation, the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation and the Crossroads Hospice for medical training and/or medical appliances to assist in the care and comfort of Veterans.

*Moved by P. Epp and seconded by H. Smith. **Carried.***

That the Poppy Fund donate \$750.00 to each of the following Cadet Corps:

513 Hornet Air Cadet Squadron

201 GRILSE Sea Cadets

Duke of Connaught's Own Army Cadets

754 Phoenix Air Cadet Squadron

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by B. Walker. **Carried.***

Service report – Julien Methot – no report

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland reported that he will be attending Cadet Corp Annual Reviews on June 6th and June 7th.

By-Laws – Bill Warwick reported that the **Notice of Motion** presented at the March General Meeting is now at BC/Yukon Command waiting for approval.

House – Bob Sutherland reported that the stairs and curbs have been painted yellow to make them more visible in the dark (thanks to Frank Friesen). The round table that we were considering purchasing are not strong enough for our use. We will keep looking for suitable replacement or repair the old ones.

Sick & Visiting – no report.

Earl Haig – no report.

Website - Bob Chapman reported there were a few minor problems with the website and he has hired Chris Chapman (no relation) to be our I.T. person for \$25.00 per month. Bob encouraged the new initiates to use the Website.

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by L. Brandstrom to accept the reports. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – H. Smith reported the Ladies will be catering the Vets Lunch on Sunday, May 31st and a Memorial on Thursday, May 28 for 225 people.

OLD BUSINESS – B. Sutherland reported work is on-going obtaining the names of those, from Coquitlam, who served in Kandahar, their names will be put on a plaque to be displayed at the Coquitlam City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

*Move by L. Brandstrom and seconded by H. Smith to adjourn the meeting. **Carried.***

Evelyn Mandley, Recording Secretary

Bill Warwick, 2nd Vice President