

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**JANUARY 27TH, 2015** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

EXECUTIVE PRESENT – Wayne Melymick, Bruce Ballantyne, Bill Warwick, Bob Chapman, Karen Warwick, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Frank Friesen, Evelyn Mandley, Isabelle Nisbet, Bob Sutherland.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT - Barry MacDonald.

E. Mandley presented a small gift and a certificate to Kelsey James, a Grade 12 student at Charles Best, for her winning entry in the Annual Poster and Literary Contest. Her entry was inspired by a family trip to the Canadian gravesites in Europe.

P. Brown presided over the initiation of seventeen new members.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING - November 25th, 2014**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by W. Kain to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION MEETING – November 30th, 2014

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by G. Aitken to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

SECRETARY - Correspondence:**BC/Yukon Command -**

Memos #01.15 to #18.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

Requests for Donations –

Centennial School Senior Girls Soccer – *Moved by J. Melymick and seconded by G. Aitken that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Centennial School Football Program – *Moved by W. Curly and seconded by G. Aitken that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics – *Moved by W. Kain and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Thank you letters –

754 Phoenix Squadron, B.C. Professional Firefighters' Burn Fund, Marilyn Phelps with donation.

Other correspondence – Information letters, flyers, newspapers, etc.

Last Door, Operation Rainbow, National Defense.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

W. Melymick went over the Happy New Year 2015 in its entirety. See attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

B. Chapman went over the short Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. We currently have a \$4,315.00 profit.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT –

B. Ballantyne advised the Legion members of the 90th Year Commemorative Medals. He will be taking care of the ordering, etc.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT –

B. Warwick addressed the recording sheets and ticket procedures for the Meat Draw and the 50/50 Draws. First and last tickets of the rolls must be attached to the sheet and the bearer ticket stubs must be collected from the winners.

The door sign-in book is a **MUST** under Liquor Board rules. **ALL** visitors and guests must sign-in. We will have volunteers at the door checking and advising members and guests. Possible email fan-out. After much discussion it was agreed by all that it is incumbent upon the membership to abide by the House Rules. These are posted on the entry door to the Lounge.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by G. Aitken that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms –

B. Chapman went over the same report from the Executive meeting. See attached.

Ways & Means -

F. Friesen reported that many members from both Port Moody and Burnaby Legions have been attending. He continues to check with Thrifty's regarding the selection of meats. He will make general announcements of upcoming events, etc. during the meat draws.

Entertainment –

B. Ballantyne read I. Nisbet's suggestion of a questionnaire on the tables regarding the entertainment as some of the bands are not too well liked. He has found a group interested in Jam Sessions. I. Nisbet reported on Mardi Gras night for Tues., Feb. 17th – dress-up and prizes.

Membership –

P. Brown thanked Shirley, Gloria and Liz for telephoning those members who had not yet paid their dues. Some have now paid. The fobs will be deactivated for those not paid. The new supply of dues cards is late coming from Command. List of five new applications.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by M. Mandley that we approve the five new applications for membership. **Carried.***

Zone -

E. Mandley reported - See attached.

Poppy –

E. Mandley reported - See attached. The following motions were made regarding donations to come from the Poppy Funds –

*Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by B. Sutherland that \$1,000.00 be donated to the Royal Westminster Regiment Association. **Carried.***

*Moved by G. Aitken and seconded by J. Melymick that \$3,000.00 be donated to each of the Cadet units: 754 Phoenix Air Cadet Squadron, 513 Hornet Air Cadet Squadron, BCR Duke of Connaught's Own Army Cadets and 201 RCSCC GRILSE Sea Cadets. **Carried.***

Service Officer –

B. Chapman went over the same report from the Executive meeting. See attached.

Soon our new Service Officer will be Julian Methot.

Honours & Awards –

K. Warwick reported on Memo #153.14 regarding the Second World War Tribute Pin & Certificate. The process is just beginning to contact the Veterans and make them aware of this tribute. On Thurs., February 5th the French Consul-General will present E. Foulds with the "Legion of Honour" medal for his participation at Juno Beach on D-Day. The ceremony will be at 3:00 P.M. in the Legion Hall. This is the highest medal of honour presented by the Government of France.

Youth & Sports –

None.

By-Laws –

B. Warwick reported that the By-Laws would be reviewed and they will be on the new website.

House –

B. Sutherland reported that he has enlisted the commitment of several trades people to assist in the maintenance of the building and grounds. The committee's objective is to do it right and keep costs down. In the past month he has done some minor maintenance in the building.

Earl Haig –

None.

Sick & Visiting –

G. Cain - None. E. Mandley reported that Peter Olsen is in RCH and would love to have some visitors.

Website –

B. Chapman reported that the website is still being worked on, but it is getting closer. Looking into having a "Sponsor Us" section for businesses who might wish to sponsor us. Considering asking those organizations who receive funding from the Legion to help us out. Also looking into a Facebook account to allow the Legion to reach a different audience. Will need a volunteer to manage that aspect.

*Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by L. Stephens that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT –

F. McDiarmid reported that they are considering taking on less banquets during the Christmas season, four or five are just too many. The L.A. will do the refreshments for the presentation to E. Foulds. They will still be making pies and the next bake sale is on February 13th from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. The L. A. is putting a half page ad in the new Seniors Directory to be published by the Tri-City News in February. It will be available at libraries, senior centres, community centres, clinics, etc. The L.A. donated \$10,000.00 to the Legion last year. That is a lot of pies!

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

B. Chapman reported that having the bands on Sunday nights is costing the Legion to lose \$1,000.00 per quarter. While this reflects the stats from October 14th to January 11th, all the stats are being looked at. It was voted on and carried at the Executive meeting that one more meet draw be added to both Wednesdays and Sundays. Starting dates to be announced.

The question of family events including children was brought up by G. Aitken. Perhaps a brunch on Sundays, etc. B. Ballantyne will be looking in to what changes the Legion would need to make to the liquor licence to accommodate this. He will report at the next meeting.

The next Executive meeting will be Sunday, February 22nd, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. Command will be attending as the Zone meeting will follow in the Legion Hall.

*Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by W. Kain that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President