

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**FEBRUARY 24TH, 2015** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

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

EXECUTIVE ABSENT - Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Frank Friesen.

E. Mandley presented cheques to the following Cadet organizations: 513 Hornet Air Cadet Squadron, BCR Duke of Connaught's Own Army Cadets and 201 RCSCC GRILSE Sea Cadets. The 754 Phoenix Air Cadet Squadron was not able to attend so a cheque will be mailed to them.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – January 27th, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by W. Kain and seconded by S. Davidson to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #19.15 to #29.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

Requests for Donations –

Ian Macdonald – request for empties – tabled from last Executive meeting – **Not recommended.**

Charles Best Secondary – Dry After Grad – *Moved by P. Ryan and seconded by R. Pollock that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Centennial Secondary – Dry After Grad – *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Cpl. N. Blake – 2015 Wounded Warriors Canada Battlefield Bike Ride – *Moved by P. Ryan and seconded by B. Sutherland that we donate \$1,000.00. **Carried.***

Children of the Street Society – *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by G. Aitken that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

RCAF WWII Memorial and Dogwood Nothin' Dragon Boat Team – Tabled to the next Executive.

Request for Assistance –

Email from R. Howard in Ontario requesting assistance to have vintage rifle shipped to the Canadian Military Heritage Museum. Family will pay costs and a donation to the Legion – F. Friesen to handle.

Thank you letters –

K. Ackerman, E. & Y. Foulds, Coquitlam Metro Ford Dynamos & Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

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

The Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund – Given to the Service Officer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

We have begun our systems reviews - starting with the bar - interviews with Marilyn first and will be speaking with Staff in the next 2 weeks. We will report back to our Membership upon findings and recommendations soon after this review is completed.

We would like to introduce Julian Methot - who has been appointed as our new Service Officer. Julian's background in Veterans Affairs will be a tremendous help to our Membership. We have completed modifications to our patio to conform to Fraser Health regulations. The entire Executive Committee have been working extremely hard to ensure that we are fulfilling our commitments to our Branch.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

W. Melymick went over the short Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement – Y.T.D. Jan/15 \$12,835.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT –

B. Ballantyne advised that an order has been submitted for 90th Year Commemorative Medals. They may not be worn until June 1st.

June 23rd to 29th is “Legion Week”. Command has provided some suggestions regarding activities, etc. Looking into having a community Car Show that could include a BBQ, Ladies Auxiliary baking, etc. Will be arranging a meeting with the City of Coquitlam. B. Warwick to assist.

Has the information about changing our liquor licence so children may attend some designated activities. *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by M. Mandley that we change our liquor licence. Carried.*

The Jam Session was successful so we will be trying it again. The suggestion has been made to use the Website, posters, advertising in the local papers and information on the tables, etc. to promote the music.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT –

B. Warwick advised that the monitoring of the door and the sign-in book is going well. Thank you to P. Ryan and all who have helped. We have been able to get some new applications for membership and some renewals as well.

Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by G. Aitken that these reports be accepted. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms –

No report.

Ways & Means -

B. Warwick advised that the extra meat draws for Wednesdays and Sundays will begin on March 4th.

Entertainment –

I. Nisbet reported that Mardi Gras did not go well. She has checked into the Lobsterfest and has been told that the best prices are still in September and October so we should look at a date then. Brian Nichols will be playing on the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 15th.

Membership –

W. Melymick read P. Brown's membership report as follows and also the names of 31 new applicants for membership including – 1 ordinary, 2 associate, 22 affiliate voting and 6 transfers.

Moved by P. Ryan and seconded by B. Sutherland that we approve these applications. Carried.

Membership Report - Feb 24 2015

I am pleased to advise that we have 54 members for initiation. Of that number 25 are new members! I have submitted a list of all those requiring approval so that an initiation can proceed at the next General Meeting.

I am sorry I cannot attend tonight's meeting personally. I am recovering from surgery to my right foot and therefore am unable. In my absence I would like to thank Paul Howard for stepping in and ensuring all membership submissions have been completed for members who have paid their dues. I would also like to

thank the Membership Committee for their dedication and hard work. If it wasn't for them and the work they do this Legion would surely be less successful.

As suggested by Membership committee member Shirley Mannynvali I am working on a Welcome to the Legion Letter for all new initiations. This letter will include general information about the Legion, our history, Meat Draws times, info regarding the booking of the hall, food and entertainment and so on. This letter will help new members become familiar with the Legion and all the various programmes it offers.

Pam Brown, Membership Chair

Zone -

E. Mandley reported – The New Westminster and District Zone Meeting was held at Branch 263 on Sunday, February 22nd, 2015. The vote on Notice of Motion to increase the zone per capita from \$0.75 to \$1.00 was passed by those present. The amount due by March 31st, 2015 is based on the membership as at December 31st, 2014.

Election of Officers will be held at the April 26th, 2015, Branch #2, New Westminster. Nominations are as follows:

Zone Commander	Peter Dunford
Deputy Zone Commander	Dan Coyle
Secretary-Treasurer	Margaret Kury

Branch No. 133 Port Coquitlam Membership get new members approved and initiated on the same day, do not get their card until this is done. One way of correcting the backlog waiting to be initiated.

Next meeting will be April 26th, 2015, Branch #2, New Westminster at 1100 hours.

Poppy –

E. Mandley reported - Daffodils have been ordered and will be delivered to the various Care Facilities in the area, as well as the Crossroads Hospice and the George Derby Centre. The Daffodils and Daffodil pins will be delivered on Wednesday, March 25th. Two sets of volunteers are required to help with the delivery. I should be back in full gear with the week or so after my knee surgery.

Service Officer –

No report.

Honours & Awards –

K. Warwick reported that D. & S. Vilac had visited with our member William Croll in Mission and presented him with his 70 year pin. He was very pleased but wouldn't let them take any pictures.

Youth & Sports –

None.

By-Laws –

B. Warwick reported that the By-Laws review was complete.

House –

B. Sutherland reported that patio renovations were done by Andreas. The kitchen sink and bar needed some repair and this was done by another member Sean for the cost of the parts. Some outdoor lighting at the rear of the Legion has been repaired.

Sick & Visiting –

G. Cain reported that Peter Olsen has now moved to Vancouver Island to live in Comox.

Earl Haig –

D. Fletcher reported that there will be some vacancies at the end of the month, but there are already potential new residents coming to view them.

Website –

No report.

*Moved by G. Aitken and seconded by S. Davidson that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT –

F. McDiarmid reported that the bake sale was a great success. Thank you for the support. They may have another one in the near future as they are sending four ladies to Convention in Parksville from May 3rd to 6th. Tickets are printed for the Spring Basket and will go on sale shortly. Please buy them up and support the L. A.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

W. Melymick reported that E. Mandley and P. Howard would be attending the Conference as delegates and that M. Mandley and G. Howard would be attending as observers. *Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by P. Ryan that the Legion pay the \$65.00 registration for all four attending. **Carried.***

B. Sutherland reported that Julian Methot had recently retired from the DVA and that the Dogwood Veterans were hosting a luncheon on March 18th to pay tribute to him for all his dedicated work. The tickets are \$15.00 and available from B. Sutherland. *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by P. Ryan that a Certificate of Merit from the Legion be presented to J. Methot. **Carried.***

“Battle of the Atlantic” Sunday is coming up on May 3rd. D. Fletcher will contact the Navy Band and confirm that they are playing as always.

B. Sutherland reported that the Canadian flag that was donated by the City of Coquitlam and flew at Kandahar is to be displayed at City Hall. The arrangements are still in the works.

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Dalziel that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President