

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**APRIL 28TH, 2015** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

EXECUTIVE PRESENT – Wayne Melymick, Bruce Ballantyne, Bill Warwick, Karen Warwick, Pam Brown Gerry Cain, Frank Friesen, Evelyn Mandley, Isabelle Nisbet, Bob Sutherland, and Willie Curley as pro-tem Sgt-at-Arms.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT - Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, 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 – March 31st, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by S. Davidson to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

SECRETARY – Correspondence - Karen Warwick**BC/Yukon Command** -

Memos #48.15 to #50.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

Requests for Donations –

Vancouver Naval Veterans Band – *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Dalziel that we donate \$1,000.00. **Carried.***

Thank you letters –

Canadian Military Heritage Museum – Included a \$100.00 cheque to reimburse shipping costs.

Navy League of Canada re donation to 201 Grilse Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp.

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

None.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Wayne Melymick – No report.

TREASURER’S REPORT – W. Melymick, President presented the Treasurer’s report:

Requested a motion to accept confirmation of the auditors. *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by S. Davidson that we accept M. Phelps and M. Powell as our auditors. **Carried.***

Reviewed the budget as done by the accountant and requested a motion to accept the budget as presented. *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by J. Smith to accept the budget as presented. **Carried.***

Reviewed the balance sheet.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce Ballantyne

The Legion Colour Party participated in the Anzac Parade and celebrations.

The PoCo May Day Parade is May 9th and the Hyack Parade is May 23rd.

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday is May 3rd. The Vancouver Naval Veterans band will be playing at 3:00 P.M.

July 1st Canada Day the Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band will be playing, more information to come.

The 90 Year Medals have been ordered, let B. Ballantyne know if you wish to have one.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Warwick

The 4th meat draws on Wednesdays and Sundays have been stopped as they were causing a loss.

Presented information regarding the "Smile" Cards fundraising program available from Thrifty Foods. The cards can be made available to the membership to be loaded at the cash register with any amount the carrier wishes and the Legion would realize 5% of that amount. *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by G. Howard that we participate in the "Smile" Card program. Carried.* F. Friesen to advise the store manager and acquire some of the cards.

Moved by P. Ryan and seconded by S. Mannynvali that these reports be accepted. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms – No report.

Ways & Means – Frank Friesen

Thrifty Foods has been providing a good assortment of meat and fish items.

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet

Bands are booked until July 1st, 2016. The Country Queens show is booked for June 14th. Will get 120 tickets printed for \$25.00. Should have the tickets by Friday.

Membership – Pam Brown

Thank you again to the Membership Committee for all the phone calling. 809 members have paid with 99 still unpaid. G. Howard reported that Command is sending out invoices to those members not yet paid. We still have new members waiting to be initiated. Working on the packages to include the house rules and volunteer information. There is a list of applications to be approved. *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Dalziel that we approve the list of new applications. Carried.*

Zone - Evelyn Mandley

The Zone Meeting was held on Sunday, April 26th at Branch 02, New Westminster with representatives from all 6 Branches in attendance.

Branch 119, Port Moody will be moving their office on May 1st into a suite at the Legion Manor.

Branch 88, Maple Ridge has changed their liquor licence to allow children.

The location of the various Sports Provincial play downs was discussed. An enormous travel cost was incurred by a participant in the 2014 Crib play down due in part to the absence of appropriate accommodations on site, winter road conditions and distance to be travelled. It was recommended that more thought be given regarding accommodation and accessibility; perhaps have multiple events at one location. Currently the travel costs are becoming prohibitive. ZC Irene Brown said there has to be more involvement from all the Branches in the Zone, currently only Branches 88 & 133 participates. The next Zone Sports Meeting will be held on November 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Branch 133, Port Coquitlam.

During the meeting Elections were held and will be installed at the Provincial Convention in June, and the following were elected by acclamation:

Zone Commander: Peter Dunford

Deputy Zone Commander: Dan Coyle

Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Currie

The next Zone Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., May 24th at Branch 088 Maple Ridge.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley

The veteran's lunch will be held on Sunday, May 31st and the LA will be serving a turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings.

I would like to present the following motions:

That the Poppy Fund spend \$1,350.00 to sponsor a meal for Veterans and their spouses or caregivers on May 31, 2015 who may or may not be Legion members. *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by M. Mandley. Carried.*

That the Poppy Fund donate \$5,000.00 to the George Derby Centre to purchase a Blanket Warmer. *Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Dalziel. Carried.*

Service Officer – Julien Methot – No report.

Honours & Awards – Karen Warwick - No report.

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland - No report.

By-Laws – Bill Warwick

The **Notice of Motion** presented by Bill Warwick at the March General meeting was brought forward: I will move or caused to be moved at the April General meeting that Section 8 of the By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #263 be amended to include the addition of the following:

Section 8.1.5 The Executive Committee shall not enter into or sign contracts for goods or services that exceed two [2] years in duration.

Section 8.1.6 Contracts that exceed two [2] years in duration and have substantial financial benefit shall be presented to the membership for approval.

Rationale for Change:

In keeping with best business practices, sitting administrations should not subject future administrations to contracts which may no longer be financially viable, and prevent new administrations from acquiring goods or services at better value.

*Moved by G. Howard and seconded by P. Ryan that we accept the Notice of Motion and therefore a change to our Legion By-Laws. **Carried.***

House – Bob Sutherland

Several plumbing problems have been resolved including the backflow prevention behind the bar and the pressure switch for the sprinkler system. The curbs at the rear of the building have been painted so they are more visible and the front stairs will be done soon. The repairs to the front walkway access to the ramp have been completed. The round tables in the hall are in rough shape, some will need to be discarded. A replacement program will be initiated to replace these tables as required.

Sick & Visiting – No report.

Earl Haig – David Fletcher

He reported that there will be two vacancies at the end of April.

Website – Bob Chapman, Gregor Aitken – No report.

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Dalziel that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – H. Smith

Several members attending their convention. The meat and chicken pies are selling well so soon there will be a need to make more.

OLD BUSINESS – W. Melymick

There will be further Website training with Chris Chapman for the Membership Committee, Bob Chapman and Karen Warwick.

All money collected for the RCAF WWII Memorial is in and will be added to the \$100.00 donated by the Legion and given to the accountant to write one cheque.

NEW BUSINESS –

Phil Ryan is spending many hours monitoring the Legion entrance door, checking for membership cards and making certain the sign-in book, as required by the LCB, is used properly. In appreciation it was *moved by S. Davidson and seconded by W. Curley that the Legion purchase him either a golf shirt or sweater (his choice) for him to wear while he is performing these duties. **Carried.***

George Thayer will be receiving the French Medal of Honour. J. Methot will be asked to contact the Consul-General regarding the presentation.

W. Melymick reported that B. Chapman has spoken with Linda Reimer MLA and Inga Kruse, Executive Director of BC/Yukon Command regarding getting all Non-Profit organizations together to approach the Provincial Government regarding a change in the Gaming Regulations to allow these organizations to keep a larger percentage of gaming profits.

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

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President