

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**JUNE 23RD, 2015** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

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

Bill Warwick filled in as pro-tem Sgt-at-Arms.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT - Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Julien Methot, Gregor Aitken.

Wayne Melymick presided over an initiation of eight new members.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – May 26th, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by J. Ackerman and seconded by W. Kain to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #58.15 to #69.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

Requests for Donations –

North Coquitlam United Soccer Club Division 1 U17 Fusion Team – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by B. Brister that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

CH.I.L.D. Foundation – *Recommended at Executive meeting by W. Melymick this request be tabled until the next Executive meeting and seconded by F. Friesen. **Carried and Tabled.***

Shriners Care for Kids - *Recommended at Executive meeting by B. Warwick this request be denied and seconded by B. Chapman. **Carried and Denied.***

Other correspondence –

Letter from member Art Lee regarding a sign/banner for Legion #263 to be displayed at the baseball games. Will be brought up under old business.

Thank you letters –

Vic Jones

Centennial Dry After-Grand Committee

Information letters, flyers, newspapers, etc. -

Hospital Veterans Journal

The Maple Leaf

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick

Thank you to all the Executive and Membership for the support and encouragement.

TREASURER'S REPORT – W. Melymick presented the Treasurer's report:

Bar Sales for the month of May '15 exceeded May '14 by \$6,135.00. Both months in both years had 5 weekends. YTD Sales over by \$16,611.00

Gross Profit Margin holding steady at 61% vs 60% last year.

Overhead being kept in check.

Direct bar expenses a little higher than last year due to an increase in business and higher casual labour than last year. Also we had Sunday music in early 2015 (which was a money loser) and not in 2014. Keno, Pull-tabs, Meat Draws and 50/50 are all doing well.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce Ballantyne

Canada Day Itinerary – A parade will form up at Noon by the Cenotaph in Blue Mountain Park and will march to the Legion at 12:30 P.M. with the Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band, Legion Colour Party, Veterans, etc. The Legion van is available if required. There will be an outdoor BBQ run by the Ladies Auxiliary. A special Canada Day cake cutting will take place in the Lounge, the Pipe Band will play at 2:00 P.M., the Legion President will say a few words, then a pin presentation, followed by the meat draws at 3, 3:30 & 4:00 P.M. and at 4:30 P.M. “Replay” will entertain us until 8:30 P.M.

The grant from Command will be going towards the costs of this event.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Warwick - No report.

*Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by B. Dalziel that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms – No report.

Ways & Means – Frank Friesen

Will be checking with Thrifty Foods regarding the wieners and burgers for Canada Day.

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet

Should we have Canada Day flags for the participants? Will purchase some and submit the bill.

The “Lobsterfest” would be at the end of October and the organizer has his own music so could not be combined with the “Blues Band”.

Membership – Pam Brown - No report.

Zone - Evelyn Mandley

Peter Dunford, our new Zone Commander, was installed at the Convention and will take over his duties immediately.

The next Zone Meeting will be held on September 27, 2015 at Branch 133, Port Coquitlam. The Zone Sports meeting will be held on November 14, 2015 at Branch 133, Port Coquitlam, both meetings start at 11:00 A.M.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley

The Veterans Lunch on May 31st, was once again a huge success and seems to be an event that the older vets really look forward to each year. A big thank you to all who helped make the day special for them. BC/Yukon Command are in the process of mailing out the Poppy Order forms, it is getting to be that time of year.

Requests for a Poppy Fund Bursary have been slow this year, having received only one successful applicant to date.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer recess.

Convention – Evelyn Mandley

A copy of the 2015 BC/Yukon Command Convention report will be posted on the Bulletin board and on the Website under the Membership section.

Service Officer – Wayne Melymick

No report from Julien. Bob Chapman will still pro-tem this position until Julien is available.

Honours & Awards – Karen Warwick, Wayne Melymick

Presentation of MSM to David Fletcher – included medal, certificate and plaque.

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland

Had the honour of attending the inspections of the Phoenix Air Force Cadets and the GRILSE Navy Cadets. Both events received cheques and a medal for the outstanding cadet. The youth are our investment in the future.

By-Laws – Bill Warwick - No report.

House – Bob Sutherland

The last of the plumbing issues have been resolved. The roof has been cleaned of all garbage and debris. The heating/air conditioning units have to have maintenance ASAP.

Sick & Visiting – No report.

Earl Haig – David Fletcher

He reported that they are currently filled with tenants and have a waiting list of five.

Website – W. Melymick

Chris Chapman the Website designer has checked over all the computers that the Legion attained and they will be set up for use in the different offices. There is the possibility of setting up one computer for use by the membership but a location within the Branch needs to be ascertained.

*Moved by W. Kain and seconded by M. Mandley that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – F. McDiarmid

The L.A. had their wrap-up meeting on June 9th with a pot luck dinner. So much good food! They awarded three bursaries to two students from Centennial and one from Port Moody Secondary. The recipients were very appreciative.

The L.A. also presented a cheque for \$5,000.00 to the Branch to help over the summer slow time.

The Branch and the L.A. will be working together to put on the Canada Day BBQ.

In May two ladies attended the Convention in Parksville as delegates and two as colour bearers. Our resolution regarding berets was defeated.

OLD BUSINESS – W. Melymick

Letter from member Art Lee regarding a sign/banner for Legion #263 to be displayed at the baseball games. Wayne Melymick will get back to Art and confirm what exactly is to be on the banner, etc.

NEW BUSINESS –

K. Warwick suggested that if we wished to have Bonnie Kilroe present her “Divas” show we should arrange that now. Isabelle Nisbet will contact her to firm up a date in November.

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by L. Brandstrom that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President