

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 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, Gregor Aitken.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT - Barry MacDonald, Julien Methot.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – June 23rd, 2015

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by S. Davison to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #70.15 to #96.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

Requests for Donations –

Rita Pollock – BC Lung Association Bike Trek for Life and Breath – *Moved by P. Epp and seconded by S. Davison that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Share Family & Community Services – *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by M. Mandley that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

Muscular Dystrophy Canada – *Moved by G. Howard and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

North Coquitlam United Soccer Club – *Moved by S. Davison and seconded by G. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

South Fraser Track and Field Club – *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by R. Pollock 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.***

The Camp Kerry Society – *Recommended at Executive meeting by W. Melymick this request be denied and seconded by B. Chapman. **Carried and Denied.***

Life Canada - *Recommended at Executive meeting by F. Friesen this request be denied and seconded by B. Chapman. **Carried and Denied.***

Other correspondence – Austin Heights Business Association**Thank you letters –**

Canadian Council of the Blind

Centennial Dry After Grad

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs/Autism Support Dogs & Receipt – for Jerry

RCAF WWII Memorial & Receipt – for Jerry

Royal Columbian Hospital & Receipt – for Evelyn (Poppy)

Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation & Receipt – for Evelyn (Poppy)

Crossroads Hospice Society & Receipt – for Evelyn (Poppy)

Children of the Street Society

754 Phoenix Squadron Sponsoring Committee & Pictures

Earl Haig Residents

Card and donation from the family of Dale Renwick

Information letters, flyers, newspapers, etc. - None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick

Comrades –

Welcome to our first meeting of the Fall. I hope all our Members had a very enjoyable summer.

Our Branch again survived our slowest part of the year. This is in great part to our Members who were at home and came to the Branch to support it. We also thank our Ladies Auxiliary whose generous donation truly kept us afloat. Thank you so much Ladies.

Your Executive continued to work on the systems within the Legion. The Website, WiFi, TV and telephone system changes are now complete. As well we have begun to make changes in the Games Room area.

Many, many thanks to our Directors and Volunteers. Our meat draws have been a mainstay in sustaining the Branch, especially through the summer months.

Again, many, many thanks to Frank and Gabi Friesen and their dedicated corps of volunteers. Also a special thanks to Liz for her unceasing efforts doing our 50/50 draws.

We have much left to do this Fall and look forward to working with all of our members to make 263 even better than it is.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Chapman

Reviewed the financial analysis between last year and this year. The best August in the past 5 years.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce Ballantyne

The Candlelight Tribute was held on September 19th, 2015 at the Robinson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Approximately 60 Cadets participated in cleaning up the Cemetery to prepare for the ceremony and the placing of the candles. The colour party, Pipe Band and dignitaries participated in spite of a very rainy day.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Warwick - No report.

*Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by P. Epp that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms – Bob Chapman

Commented on the Candlelight Tribute.

Ways & Means – Frank Friesen

Prices are up, but we are still holding our own.

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet

The Lobsterfest for October 25th has been cancelled.

Bonnie Kilroe will be presenting her Divas show on Sunday, November 29th. More information and ticket prices to come. Bonnie will bring her large poster into the Legion again.

New Year's Eve – Doug will do the food. Will need to determine the ticket price. Will bring it up at the next Executive meeting.

Membership – Pam Brown

July 1st Canada Day Pin presentation went very well. There were lots of Veterans who attended.

Skip Davison was not there so his 50 year pin is being presented tonight.

So far we have 835 members this year, down from the 947 of last year. There are still members waiting to be initiated. Presented a list of 2 ordinary, 5 associate, 11 affiliate and 1 transfer to be approved. *Moved by P. Epp and seconded by M. Mandley that these applicants be approved for membership. **Carried.***

Zone - Evelyn Mandley

The Zone Meeting was held at Branch 133, Port Coquitlam on Sunday, September 27, 2015

There were representatives from New Westminster, South Burnaby, Maple Ridge, Port Coquitlam, and Coquitlam.

After the Opening Ceremony, Shirley Stewart from the BC/Yukon Branch Advisory was introduced. Her territory is from Hope to Pemberton, her duties are assisting the Zone Commander, helping branches with staffing, problems with the bar, financial and building. She will be available 7 days a week to help in most situations.

The new executive was installed by the Past Zone Commander:

Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Kury

Deputy Zone Commander Dan Coyle

Zone Commander Peter Dunford

Presentation of medals by Paul Howard:

Past Zone Commander Medal Irene Brown

Past Officer Medal Irene Brown

Past Officer Medal Peter Dunford

Reports were given by all branches and all were on a positive note.

Zone Sports Meeting will be held at #133 Port Coquitlam, November 14, 2015, all Sports Chairs are urged to attend.

Next Zone meeting will be held on November 23, 2015 at #83, South Burnaby.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley

The summer recess has ended and I hope everyone had an enjoyable 2 months of sunshine and relaxation. We have received most of the Poppy supplies from BC/Yukon Command as well as the supplies for Veterans Week that I ordered from Veterans Affairs Canada. The Poppy Campaign officially begins on Friday, October 30th and we will be delivering poppies to the businesses in the Coquitlam area. I still need some help with delivering poppies to all our schools in the area on Monday, November 2nd Tuesday, November 3rd.

Last week all the schools received their information packages explaining the Legion Youth Remembrance Contest which is held every year which is open to all kids and youth from grades 1 – 12, in BC and the Yukon. Contest Categories are: **Poster – grades 1-12, Essay – grades 4-12, Poetry – grades 4-12, Video – grades 7-12.**

When each of us were initiated into this fine organization we made a commitment to support “The Poppy Campaign”. This is the most important event in the Legion calendar, please volunteer again this year and help make 2015 bigger and better than last year. The signup sheet for tagging will be posted soon.

Service Officer – Bob Chapman

No report.

Honours & Awards – Karen Warwick, Wayne Melymick

Certificates of Appreciation for service rendered to the Legion were presented to G. Friesen, F. Friesen, G. Howard, E. Mandley and M. Mandley. There are several more certificates ready to be presented but the members were not present so they will be presented at subsequent meetings. Thank you and congratulations to all.

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland

No report.

By-Laws – Bill Warwick

The amendment to the Branch By-Laws has been certified and printed out for us by BC/Yukon Command.

House – Bob Sutherland

A leak under the glass washer was repaired in early September. The pool table area has been prepped for painting. That will be completed by Remembrance Day. An area will be dedicated as a Veterans wall.

Sick & Visiting – Gerry Cain

It was a long slow summer this year and I was away for most of it so there is nothing to report.

Earl Haig – David Fletcher

No report.

Website – Gregor Aitken

Will be meeting with the web designer Chris Chapman to work on the new Facebook page.

*Moved by G. Friesen and seconded by B. Naughton that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – Fran McDiarmid

No report but there will be pie sales on October 9th.

OLD BUSINESS – Wayne Melymick

The banner for the baseball team is a work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS –

A letter was presented at the Executive meeting from our Legion member Sharron Brown regarding rental of the Hall on Saturday, October 3rd for a Fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Society being held in conjunction with the CIBC Run for the Cure on Sunday, October 4th. A recommendation that we waive the hall fee is being brought to the membership. *Moved by G. Howard and seconded by R. Pollock that the hall rental be waived for this event. **Carried.***

Bob Chapman is working on the submission for the Spirit of Coquitlam Grant. All the businesses on Ridgeway have been canvassed and are in support of the car show to be held on July 3rd, 2016.

The Legion building will be spruced up and painted inside and out.

A recommendation at the Executive meeting that the Legion look into sponsoring a team for the Ride to Conquer Cancer is being brought to the membership. *Moved by P Epp and seconded by Marcia Jeanes that we sponsor a team. **Carried.***

As the Legion elections will take place in November Fran McDiarmid was appointed as the chairperson for the nominating committee. A report from the committee will be presented at the October General Meeting.

There is an ice machine available from the Langley Legion for a cost of approximately \$1,100 - \$1,200.

*Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by B. Sutherland that we purchase this ice machine. **Carried.***

The Executive will also be looking at purchasing 30 chairs from the Langley Legion as well.

*Moved by S. Davison and seconded by F. McDiarmid that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President