

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING****OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**EXECUTIVE ABSENT** - Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Bob Sutherland, Gregor Aitken, Julien Methot.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

Correction to Executive Minutes – Sadie Hawkins Dance as well as Valentines not instead of Valentines.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by B. Brister to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #97.15 to #109.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

**Requests for Donations –**

**Cenotaph Flyover** – *Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by G. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Metro-Ford U11 Boys Soccer Team – Barcelona** – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by B. Brister that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Metro-Ford U17 Girls Soccer Team** – *Moved by B. Brister and seconded by D. Fletcher that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia** – *Moved by B. Brister and seconded by M. Mandley that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Child Find BC** – *Moved by G. Howard and seconded by J. Smith that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**CH.I.L.D. Foundation** – *Recommended by E. Mandley and seconded by P. Brown that this request be denied. **Denied.***

**Other correspondence** – None.

**Thank you letters –**

The Lung Association British Columbia

Children of the Street Thanksgiving card

South Fraser Track and Field Club

Metro-Ford U15 Hurricanes Soccer Club

Thank you card and pictures from the family of Mildred “Bunny” Norman

Thank you card from Muscular Dystrophy Canada

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Wayne Melymick

As stated at the last General meeting, we have accomplished much but still have much to do.

Compliments to Comrade Bruce Ballantyne for the huge amount of work organizing our upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Also Comrades Bob Sutherland, Bill Warwick, Frank Friesen for ensuring we will now have the Games room repainted in time for Remembrance Day.

The 2016 Dominion Convention will be held in St. John’s, Newfoundland, June 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Branch Elections will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. in the Hall. I encourage all our voting Membership to attend. This year there are not “Cup” conflicts.

The Coquitlam Express Hockey team has requested the Legion colour party and a Veteran to attend the puck drop on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Gregor Aitken will be attending. We have been given 50 tickets to sell for \$10.00 each as a fundraiser with \$5.00 from each ticket going to the Legion.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick**

Reviewed the balance sheet.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce Ballantyne**

Remembrance Day approaching and the plans are going well. We need volunteers for the Poppy Drive. The service at the school will begin at 9:30 A.M. this year. Will need ushers to help with the seating and the parade. Two golf carts and the Legion van will be available to shuttle the Veterans.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Warwick**

Responsibilities assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President at the beginning of the year were: overseeing house, ways and means and By-Laws. This report reflects the accomplishments in those areas during the year.

##### **House**

Front sidewalk area and paving stones repaired or replaced as required. (Project completed)

Louvres installed in the deck wall at the front of the building. (Project 90% complete with one more louvre required on the west wall to complete the project.)

Telephone system replaced to accommodate modernized equipment and answering system.

Cablevision system replaced to accommodate the viewing of different channels on different televisions, as well as incorporating a building wide Wi-Fi system.

Computer systems replaced and updated to incorporate new technology and computer locations as required.

New interactive Web Site constructed allowing us to keep our members (and the general public to a lesser degree) up to date with events and information pertaining to our Branch.

103 chairs replaced in lounge area.

Replacement glass washer acquired and now sits in storage pending replacement of old glass washer.

Replacement ice maker acquired and now sits in storage pending decision on running it along with our existing ice maker, or replacing our existing ice maker.

West wall of the games area under preparation for paint and transition to a Military Service Honour wall. (Project ongoing)

##### **Ways and Means**

Financial statements on gaming are now presented to membership each general meeting.

Constant monitoring of meat draw prices and quality maintained throughout the year, changes made as required to maintain best quality and value for our membership.

##### **By-Laws**

Two additional subsections were added to our By-Laws through notice of motion, along with approval and certification from Command.

##### **Conclusion**

It has been my pleasure to have worked along with two diligent and hardworking Directors, Bob Sutherland (house) and Frank Friesen (ways and means) I express a heartfelt thank you to both.

The telephones for the kitchen and Poppy still to be replaced.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by M. Mandley that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Wayne Melymick - No report.

**Ways & Means** – Frank Friesen

Bill covered it all.

**Entertainment** – Isabelle Nisbet

The Halloween dance is coming up. There will be candies placed on each of the tables for the attendees. Will have to decide how to divvy up the money for the costume prizes.

The Divas tickets are slow to sell. There was a question from the floor regarding the advertising. Karen Warwick reported that the information was on the Legion Website and had been submitted to both the TriCity News and the Snap for their digital and printed versions. A poster for the show is up at the Como Lake Village Dollar store as well.

**Membership** – Pam Brown

A gentle reminder if you have not paid you 2016 dues, now is the time. Take advantage of being an Early Bird to enter the draw to win your dues back.

Membership is busy with new applications. There are 39 people to be initiated. There will be initiations on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> in the Lounge, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the General meeting, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the Lounge.

Hopefully we can clear up the back log and move on to 2016 recruiting new members.

A letter has been written to Mr. Trevor Linden requesting donations of game tickets and swag. Hopefully he will respond and we can use these items to promote members to come and win Canuck memorabilia.

Lastly I would like to thank the Ladies of the Membership Committee who work tirelessly ensuring the Legion continues to grow. The Legion could not function without their dedication.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for Membership, please contact Shirley, Gloria or myself.

Five new applicants for approval – 2 transfers, 3 applications for membership. *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by B. Brister that these applications be approved for membership. **Carried.***

**Zone** - Evelyn Mandley

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at Branch #83, South Burnaby at 11:00 A.M.

**Poppy** – Evelyn Mandley

The 2015 Poppy Campaign begins in 3 days. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to tag, we can always use more taggers.

I came up to the Legion this morning to drop off the Bulletins, envelopes, etc. for the mail out work bee after the meeting tonight; Frank Friesen, Wallie Cain, Hen Smith and Flora Palm had some spare time and several hours later all the envelopes were ready for mailing - thanks a million.

Thank you to Graham Laughner, Peter Fordham, Rita Pollock, Karen & Bill Warwick, Margaret & Gerry Cain, Skip Proulx, Shirley Vilac & Murray Mandley who will be delivering the poppies to various businesses in the area on Friday, 110 to be exact. Thank you Bob & Margaret Johnston for filling the bags to be delivered to the schools. Also thank you to Alan & Shirley Mannynvali, Wayne & Janet Melymick and Karen & Bill Warwick for delivering the 11,910 poppies to 31 schools in the Coquitlam area.

This year we will once again be selling the “Lest We Forget” poppy bracelets as well as the “We Remember” lapel pins for \$2.00 each.

Last year we collected \$62,498.30 for our Poppy Fund, most of which was expended for appliances and assistance to veterans or their families who found themselves in distress. We were able to give a bursary to a grand-daughter of a veteran to help with her education. We made the following donations: Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation, Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, and Crossroads Hospice to help with the care and comfort of our Veterans; George Derby Centre to purchase a Blanket Warmer, Veterans Transition Programme to help with the training, education and support needs of Veterans.

We made donations to the following Cadet Corps: Duke of Connaught’s Own Army Cadets, 513 Hornet Air Cadets, 754 Phoenix Air Cadets and 201 GRILSE Sea Cadets.

Let’s set a goal of \$70,000.00 this year, we can do it, but we need your assistance.

**Service Officer** – Bob Chapman - No report.

**Honours & Awards** – Karen Warwick - No report.

**Youth & Sports** – Bob Sutherland - No report.

**By-Laws** – Bill Warwick - No report.

**House** – Bob Sutherland - No report.

**Sick & Visiting** – Gerry Cain

Two members have passed away – William Christopher Winder on October 9<sup>th</sup> and Barry Rose on Thanksgiving Day. Both are in our thoughts.

Rita Jones is in Royal Columbian Hospital, Room #611 awaiting visitors. Sending flowers tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and will be passing a card around in the next few days.

**Earl Haig** – Dave Fletcher - No report.

**Website** – Karen Warwick

There are events, posts and pages on the Website. Please have a look at the site and give me any feedback you might have regarding the site particularly if there is anything you would like to see added.

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by B. Brister that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** – Fran McDiarmid

The bake sale was a success and thank you for your support. Unfortunately we have to raise meat pie prices as the cost of meat is skyrocketing. Meat pies will be going up \$.25. Still a good deal!

The Ladies will be serving a hot meal on November 11<sup>th</sup> and request a donation of \$5.00. I can see that going up next year.

A few of the Ladies will be Poppy tagging at Coquitlam Centre while others are making soup and sandwiches for the taggers.

The Ladies Auxiliary election is next week after our meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We will require 120 pounds of potatoes for the lunch. We have 50 pounds already so will need 70 more. Is there anyone who could donate these? Frank Friesen will check with Thrifty Foods.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

Looking into the cost of lights for the dart boards and a decision will have to be made about where they will be set up.

Rexall Drugs will put on a free Flu shot clinic on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 P.M. for all those who are eligible. Please get your consent form from the Bar and have it done prior to the clinic.

Remembrance Day falls on a Wednesday which would normally be a meat draw day. After a query from David Fletcher it was realized there had been an oversight in not cancelling the meat draws for this day.

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by M. Mandley that we cancel the meat draws for Remembrance Day Wednesday. **Carried.***

*Moved by D. Fletcher and seconded by W. Curley that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

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Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

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Wayne Melymick, President