

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

**EXECUTIVE PRESENT** – Wayne Melymick, Bob Chapman, Mark Powell, Karen Warwick, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Isabelle Nisbet, Bob Sutherland.

**EXECUTIVE ABSENT** – Bill Warwick, Barry MacDonald, Frank Friesen, Evelyn Mandley, Gregor Aitken, Peter Epp.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bruce Ballantyne.

**INITIATION:** Pam Brown presided over the initiation of eleven new members.

**INSTALLATION:** Peter Dunford presided over the installation of the Ladies Auxiliary: Sgt-at-Arms – H. Smith, Treasurer – M. Phelps, Vice-President – K. Funk, Past President – I. Nisbet, President – F. McDiarmid.

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

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by J. Smith to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

**SECRETARY – Correspondence** - Karen Warwick

**BC/Yukon Command** -

Memos #121.15 to #07.16 posted on Bulletin Board.

**Requests for Donations –**

**Canadian Council of the Blind** – *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Last Post Fund** – *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by L. Brandstrom that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Charles Best Secondary School – Dry Grad 2016** – *Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by H. Smith that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Little League** – *Moved by B. Brister and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Special Olympics British Columbia** – *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Crossroads Hospice** – *Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$500.00, and that this also be referred to Poppy for a further donation of \$2,500.00. **Carried.***

**B.C. & Alberta Guide Dogs** – *Moved by K. Funk and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**CH.I.L.D. Foundation** – *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by L. Brandstrom that we donate \$1,000.00. **Carried.***

**Operation Rainbow** – *Moved by B. Brister and seconded by K. Funk that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Other correspondence –**

Mark Powell – Resignation as Auditor

754 Phoenix Squadron – Re support and participation. Given to W. Melymick to follow up.

George Derby Centre – Regarding dates for Residents to attend Legion for luncheons.

Children of the Street Society – Invitation to the Annual Celebration of Success.

**Christmas cards, Thank you letters &/or Receipts -**

Children of the Street Society

Selina Robinson

B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick**

In 2015 the Executive had a good year. Thank you to all the Executive, Executive-at-Large and volunteers. We will carry on with the same flexible living plan and continue to do the reviews where they are needed.

The Director positions will be as follows:

House – Bob Sutherland and Frank Friesen.

Ways & Means – TBA

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet.

Membership – Gloria Howard, Shirley Mannynvali, Paul Howard to assist.

Honours & Awards – Pam Brown.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley.

Zone – Evelyn Mandley (for now).

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland.

By-Laws – Bill Warwick and Brian Brister.

Sick & Visiting – Gerry Cain.

Service Officer – Peter Epp.

Website, Facebook, Twitter – Karen Warwick and Gregor Aitken.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Mark Powell**

Reviewed the financials – the gaming and meat costs; bar sales and the increases in profits.

Remarked that the Legion had had a wonderful year. Congratulations.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Wayne Melymick**

Reported that we have been trying a new meat supplier for two of the meat draw days and when a question originated from the floor regarding the Executive just going ahead with this it was confirmed it was on a trial basis only, no formal agreement.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Bob Chapman**

Chris Chapman has been doing the transition on our emails etc. taking down the old .org ones.

*Moved by S. Davidson and seconded by L. Brandstrom that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sergeant-At-Arms – Bob Chapman - No report.**

**Ways & Means – Frank Friesen - No report.**

**Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet**

There is a woman who would be willing to come in and teach line dancing. Possible dates March 3, 10 & 24. Preparations are under way for the Valentine's Day Dance, and the Sadie Hawkins dance will be on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow. Barb Ash will be taking over while Isabelle is away.

**Membership – Pam Brown**

Presented a list of membership applicants and transfers for approval. *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by B. Brister that these applicants be approved. **Carried.*** There are still 238 renewals to be paid.

**Zone** - Evelyn Mandley - No report.

**Poppy** – Evelyn Mandley

Donations to the Poppy Fund are still being received slowly and with any luck we should reach over \$66,000.00.

The 2015 Poster and Literary submissions increased significantly from the previous year, receiving 22 colour posters, 29 essays and 22 poems for a total of 73 entries. The seven first place winners will be presented with their prizes at the General meeting in February. Thank you to Margaret and Bob Johnston for judging the entries.

The Poppy Fund was able to assist the Service Officer in dealing with several emergency situations this month to do with Veterans in need.

I had a conversation with Oliver Thorne, of the Veterans Transition Programme, regarding their need for financial assistance and how we can help.

I recommend that the Poppy Fund donate \$10,000.00 to the Veterans Transition Programme to aid with the training, education and support needs of Veterans. *Moved by K. Warwick and seconded by B. Brister that the Poppy Fund donate \$10,000.00 to the Veterans Transition Programme. **Carried.***

**Service Officer** – Peter Epp, read by Wayne Melymick

See attached report.

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

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

**By-Laws** – Wayne Melymick - No report.

**House** – Bob Sutherland – Missing the report.

**Sick & Visiting** – Gerry Cain

Here is a list of people who were sick or in hospital or are recovering at home as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>:

Dom Ieraci – had a heart attack but is recovering at home; Betty Naughton – was in the hospital but out now and recovering; Kris John is in St. Paul's Hospital and I am waiting for a report from her husband so I can get a card and some flowers; Rita Jones is home now and can have visitors; Jim Smith had open heart surgery but is home now and recovering; Wayne Melymick had a nasty infection but is okay now. Also, Maureen Fletcher had her Mother's reception at the Legion and flowers were sent there.

**Earl Haig** – Wayne Melymick - No report.

**Website** – Karen Warwick

Constant changes to the website to update the information and add new things. The same for Facebook and Twitter.

*Moved by L. Brandstrom and seconded by B. Brister that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** – Fran McDiarmid

The L.A. had their Christmas party in December and many thanks to the Branch Executive who served as waiters for our refreshments. A good time was had by all.

Also the Branch presented the L.A. with a plaque of appreciation for all the work and donations that have been given.

Something that has not happened in the L.A. for a very long time – one of our Executive members at large gave birth to a baby girl during the summer break.

The ladies have been busy with lunches, dinners, teas and of course, pies.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

Pam Brown reported that she had received some Canucks swag and will decide how best to use it, perhaps on a Canucks game night.

The darts and lights will be taken care of. Researching stands for the dart boards.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

We have donated to the B.C. & Alberta Guide Dogs and have been asked about supporting the PTSD Dogs so will do some research and consider a donation amount.

The topic of a cover charge was discussed for those who are not members of a Legion. Will research the By-Laws and how other Legions might handle this situation. Possibly have a questionnaire at the door? Is it possible to post the information about the Telus WIFI access on the Legion site?

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by J. Smith that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.***

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Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

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Wayne Melymick, President