

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, Gregor Aitken.

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

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob Chapman.

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

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by L. Brandstrom to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

**INITIATION** – Pam Brown presided over the initiation of seven new members.

**SECRETARY – Correspondence** - Karen Warwick

**BC/Yukon Command** -

Memos #110.15 to #120.15 posted on Bulletin Board.

**Requests for Donations** –

**Air Cadet League of Canada** – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by P. Howard that we donate \$200.00. **Carried.***

**Tri Cities Female Ice Hockey Association** – *Moved by Y. Foulds and seconded by L. Brandstrom that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Vancouver Naval Museum and Heritage Society** – *Moved by S. Davidson and seconded by L. Brandstrom that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**The Canadian Letters & Images Project** – *Moved by R. Pollock and seconded P. Epp that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**CH.I.L.D. Foundation** – *Recommended by B. Warwick and seconded by G. Cain that this request be tabled to the next executive meeting. **Carried.***

**Other correspondence** –

Children of the Street Society

**Thank you letters &/or Receipts** -

Share Family & Community Services

Vancouver Naval Veterans Band

RCMP – Superintendent Sean Maloney

Flora Palm

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Wayne Melymick

I am very pleased to report that we have had a pretty good year at our Branch.

Much has been accomplished, but as said before, we still have much to do.

It has been overwhelming to see how our Branch Executive and our Executives-at-Large have taken on their portfolios, put their Volunteer 263 Teams together and along with our dedicated Staff “we all got her done”!

There are so many Members to recognize both in our Branch and our Ladies Auxiliary it becomes extremely difficult without writing a report that I'm quite sure would extend our General meeting by at least an extra hour. I am positive that wouldn't be a good thing! So, I would like to say, for the fantastic amount of work that was done by all of those within our Branch, a truly sincere THANK YOU!

At this time I wish to thank Comrade Bruce Ballantyne for his dedicated work to our Branch – 10 years on the Executive and 44 years as a member. Bruce is going to take a well-deserved break from his executive duties for now, and from all of us a very big thank you for all that you have done.

We are now coming into the Christmas season. We will again be busy with our Ham and Turkey draws and other Legion activities. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

This is our last meeting of 2015, thanks again to all.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Bob Chapman**

October has shown a profit of \$3,600.00. This year's Remembrance Day was our best ever posting \$6,500.00 in bar sales.

We are also examining the bands booked for next year. Bands that have demonstrated that they do not bring in people will not be booked. We must ensure that we are profitable at everything we do.

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

Remembrance Day went very well. Thanks to Evelyn, Murray, Shirley and all who worked to make it another success. I am stepping down, but I'm not going too far. I have enjoyed working with this board.

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

Still dealing with Thrifty Foods, but not getting the support in pricing that you might expect for doing nearly \$200,000.00 business with them. Will be meeting with other suppliers to compare products and pricing.

*Moved by P. Epp and seconded by S. Davidson that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Sergeant-At-Arms – Bob Chapman**

Remembrance Day was very successful for the Colour Party. The service and parade was well attended by the public.

The Colour Party also attended the Coquitlam Express Hockey game on November 13<sup>th</sup>. This date was the closest date that the team was home for Remembrance Day. George Thayer who is a Legion member and D-Day vet was honoured and dropped the ceremonial puck.

The Coquitlam Express wants to partner more with the Legion to raise its community involvement stature and assist the Legion.

The Legion Elections drew 87 members on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Ways & Means – Frank Friesen**

Bill covered it. We will be looking at better things for the Legion.

##### **Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet**

The bands are all booked for 2016. The Diva Show tickets are not selling too well. Hope some of the Executive will attend. The New Year's Eve tickets are going well.

##### **Membership – Pam Brown**

Has received an email from Pacific Command regarding a gentleman interested in becoming a member. Will follow up on that. Membership renewal is going well, about 700 have been done with about 300 left to do. For anyone who has not yet done your renewal, please do.

**Zone - Evelyn Mandley**

The Zone meeting was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Branch #83. See the attached report. The next Zone meeting will be February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Branch #263.

**Poppy – Evelyn Mandley**

The 2015 Poppy Campaign was a tremendous success surpassing the 2014 balance. Within the next couple of weeks, I will post the names of all who made it possible to raise approximately \$66,000.00 to date this year. In 2012 we raised \$50,420.00, in 2013 - \$53,000.00 and 2014 it was \$62,500.00

I noticed an increase in the number of taggers this year; an increase in the number of wreaths sold to be placed at the Cenotaph as well as the number bought to be placed elsewhere and a significant increase in the number of entries in the Literary & Poster Contest.

A teacher from Centennial Senior High School named Susan Lloyd, contacted me for the names of 20-30 Veterans from our Branch so her students could make personalized “thank you” cards for each of them. These cards were given to those Vets attending the lunch on the 11th with some being read out by Mayor Richard Stewart and Comrade Bob Sutherland after lunch. Karen will be posting a few on our website for all to enjoy. We will make sure that all the cards are given to the named Veteran.

A teacher from Miller Park Community School dropped off a stack of “Thank You” postcards we supplied to them from Veterans Affairs Canada, which her class had completed, these will be sent to Veterans Affairs Canada to be distributed to the serving armed forces members.

**Service Officer – Bob Chapman**

There have been a couple of requests for assistance from the Service Officer. One from a person who wanted money to fix a stair climber exercise machine. That request was denied.

A 90 year old veteran made application for hearing aids. That application was processed and passed on to the BC/Yukon Command Service Officer to be given to Veteran Affairs.

Wayne Melymick reported that Peter Epp will take over the position of Service Officer.

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

**Youth & Sports – Wayne Melymick - No report.**

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

**House – Wayne Melymick - No report.**

**Sick & Visiting – Gerry Cain**

Fortunately it has not been very busy. Any information will be on the white board.

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

**Website – Gregor Aitken**

The Legion has gone live with both the Facebook and the Twitter accounts. The banner showing both is on the left side of the Website home page [www.rclegion263.ca](http://www.rclegion263.ca)

*Moved by R. Pollock and seconded by L. Brandstrom that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – Fran McDiarmid**

The L. A. had their election:

President – Fran McDiarmid, Past President – Isabelle Nisbet, Vice-President – Kelly Funk, Treasurer – Marilyn Phelps and Secretary – Kathy Miller.

Executive-at-Large – Sergeant-at-Arms – Henrietta Smith; Wallie Kain, Flo Hooseman, Heidi Ling, Marleine Wagner, Brandi Forsyth-Bollen, Flora Palm.

Branch #263 President Wayne Melymick has accepted our request to do our installations after the Branch installations. Date to be determined.

Basket raffle tickets are on sale so support the L. A. and buy some. It is a lovely basket.

We managed to scrape together enough to present the Branch with a \$5,000.00 cheque on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Blue Mountain Market donated 100 lbs. of potatoes for the November 11<sup>th</sup> dinner.

**OLD BUSINESS – Wayne Melymick**

Still researching cost on the track lighting for the Veterans wall and lighting in the hall for the dart boards. The flu clinic was a success and the pharmacy would be willing to do it again.

**NEW BUSINESS – Wayne Melymick**

We received a \$45.00 donation from the Frisbee toss at the Coquitlam Express hockey game held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne Melymick was contacted by Greg Krenz of the TriCity News asking if the Legion would be interested in running a Christmas ad in the newspaper along with many of the other businesses. This was brought up at the Executive meeting and at that time it was *moved by G. Aitken and seconded by B. Chapman that we spend \$170.00 to place this ad in the TriCity News for the month of December. Carried.*

Doug Metzler, a PoCo Legion member, who regularly attends our Branch wants to know if we are interested in running a Reverse Draw on our Super Bowl Sunday. Will meet with him in the first week of December to go over all the information and how it could benefit the Legion.

Donna Buscis, a #263 Legion member, who is the Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator for the City of Port Moody, has offered to take a look at the costs of garbage, recycling etc. and set up a program for us that would be beneficial to the Legion.

The Sea Cadets who used to meet and practice at the Port Moody Legion are looking for a hall to use. We checked the dates and times necessary and the availability of our Hall but unfortunately the hall is booked on Mondays so we are unable to help them.

A letter has been drafted and will be finalized and sent to BC/Yukon Command asking for the breakdown of the per capita taxes.

As the City of Coquitlam will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016 Yetty Foulds asked if the Legion was going to be participating in any way.

After some discussion about the price of bottled water it was *moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by Y. Foulds that the price be increased from \$1.75 to \$3.00. Carried.*

*Moved by S. Davidson and seconded by G. Friesen that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*

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Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

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Wayne Melymick, President