

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**June 28th, 2016** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

EXECUTIVE PRESENT – Wayne Melymick, Bob Chapman, Peter Epp, Mark Powell, Karen Warwick, Frank Friesen, Evelyn Mandley, Isabelle Nisbet, Bob Sutherland, Gregor Aitken.

EXECUTIVE ABSENT – Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Liz Brandstrom.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bruce Ballantyne.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – May 24th, 2016**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

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

SECRETARY – Correspondence - Karen Warwick

BC/Yukon Command -

Memos #46.16 to #56.16 posted on Bulletin Board

Requests for Donations –

Coquitlam Metro-Ford Renegades – *Moved by J. Ackerman and seconded by H. Smith that we donate \$250.00.*

Carried.

Coquitlam Metro-Ford U12 Bayern – *Moved by B. Naughton and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

Rita Pollock – BC Lung Association’s Bike Trek for Life and Breath – *Moved by M. Mandley and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

Other correspondence –

None.

Thank you letters &/or Receipts -

Coquitlam Metro-Ford U17 Team Kaos

Information letters, flyers, newspapers, etc. –

Legion Magazine – Guidelines

Battle of the Atlantic Place – Design Concept

Legion Spring Branch Flyer

Daisy Day Flyer

Hospital Veterans Journal

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Wayne Melymick

This is our last G.M. before the summer break. We have had a fairly busy first half of the year and will, I am sure, be busier as we move toward Fall.

I would like to thank all of our Members for the support shown for our Branch to date!

In particular I wish to thank our small but very hard working Volunteer Corps, your Executive Directors, our Ladies Auxiliary, and the Executive Committee for everything that has been accomplished at #263 so far this year.

We all know we still have a lot to do and we will get a lot more done before the end of this term!

I wish you ALL a very Happy and Safe Summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mark Powell

I am pleased to report that, as of this morning, we have healthy bank account balances as follows:

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| General Account | \$22,000 |
| Lottery Account | \$ 4,000 |
| Gaming Account | \$39,000 |
| Capital Grant | \$24,000 |
| Poppy Fund | \$25,000 |

The operating profit for the month was about a \$1,000 loss. The loss would have been much higher had it not been for the bar prices increases that were put through mid-month.

Unusual items for the month included the purchase of soft drinks which was up about \$1,000 and the new condenser for the fridge which cost about \$1,000. On the plus side the banquet hall revenue was about \$1,900 better than most months this year and up versus May of last year.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Bob Chapman

Wayne and I met with Sean Constable of Digital Impact Marketing and Communications. Constable is the owner of the Music Bingo franchise. After the meeting our Legion will be having a music Bingo night. The initial night will be on a Wednesday after the Meat Draw. Once a following of the event is established we hope to move it to Thursday night which is one of our slower nights. There is a following of people who enjoy music bingo and we hope that they will come to the Legion.

Publicity -

We are going to take out a half page advertisement in the local paper once a month. The purpose is to advertise what is going on at the Legion for the month. Included will be events like the Johnny Cash show, Music Bingo, Meat draws, featured bands and any special events. We have to sell ourselves better than we do now.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Peter Epp

No report.

*Moved by J. Smith and seconded by J. Ackerman that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sergeant-At-Arms – Bruce Ballantyne

Preparations are under way for Friday, July 1st Canada Day and everyone has been asked. 754 cannot attend. The Pipe band has to play earlier as they need to go to Vernon.

Ways & Means – Liz Brandstrom

We got all we asked for from Thrifty Foods for the BBQ on Friday, July 1st. Also, I got one canopy from Safeway to use. The ticket sales on the picnic table raffle have brought in \$272.00 so far.

Entertainment – Isabelle Nisbet

“The Tribute to Johnny Cash” went well. 61 tickets were sold.

The bands have been booked until July 1st, 2017.

The dancers have been confirmed for both Robbie Burns and St. Patrick's Days.

Working on a Jam session for Sunday September 25th at 2:00 P.M. with Ed Wahl and others. Will be arranging for the kitchen to be open.

Membership – Peter Epp

No report.

Zone - Evelyn Mandley

No report.

Poppy – Evelyn Mandley

The Veterans Lunch on Sunday was well attended, and by all accounts, enjoyed by all in attendance.

I will be ordering the poppies and wreaths within the next few weeks for delivery in September.

We did a cheque presentation of \$2,500.00 with the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation on June 15th and it is planned that the pictures will be published in both the Tri City News and the Snapd paper during Legion Week to promote our Branch. We were told that the donation will go towards the purchase of a Heart Monitor which is capable of doing an ECG, which is an improvement from the existing Holter Monitor.

The Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation would like us to do a cheque presentation and photo to promote our \$2,500.00 donation as well. We have been informed that they will designate the donation to the RCH Acute Care for the Elderly Unit. Arrangements will be made during July for the cheque presentation.

I would like to make the following motion: The Poppy Fund donate \$600.00 towards the Coquitlam Flag Afghanistan Monument Shadow Box with the names of Coquitlam residents who served in Afghanistan, each of the names will be engraved on a bronze plaque. The Flag flew in Kandahar and will be hung in the foyer at the City Hall in Coquitlam. *Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by M. Mandley. Carried.*

I would like to make the following motion: The Poppy Fund donate \$2,000.00 to the Coquitlam Search and Rescue Society to help with the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator. *Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by H. Smith. Carried.*

Service Officer – Peter Epp

No report.

Honours & Awards – Peter Epp

No report.

Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland

No report.

By-Laws – Wayne Melymick

No report.

House – Bob Sutherland

The ducts were cleaned, the leak was located and patched and the weeds were taken care of.

Sick & Visiting – Wayne Melymick- No report.

Earl Haig – Wayne Melymick

Earl Haig is in need of some new flags – Legion Branch, Canada and B.C.

Website – Gregor Aitken

Gregor explained Twitter as the “new age marketing”. Will work on the Facebook page with Chris Chapman. Some comments from members that the colour of the advertising on the TV in the lounge is hard to read.

Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by J. Ackerman that these reports be accepted. Carried.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – Fran McDiarmid

The L.A. awarded three bursaries to students Leane Lim, Kristina Gorobets and Jasmine Liu. We hope to make the value \$1,000.00 next year.

We are all set for the Canada Day BBQ, plus we will be raffling a lucky cactus that is surrounded by scratch tickets. The cost will be 3 tickets for \$5.00 to be raffled that day.

We will award our usual \$5,000.00 to the Branch on Canada Day. The ladies have been asking just exactly what does the Branch do with all the money we give?

Even though our meetings are over for the summer, our kitchen is still going strong.

The L.A. have a complaint regarding the Café kitchen staff using the L.A. kitchen and dishwasher AGAIN!

OLD BUSINESS – Wayne Melymick

After further discussion to the motion made at the May 24th general meeting that we raise our membership dues it was put to a vote. *Moved by F. McDiarmid and seconded by J. Ackerman that we raise our yearly dues by \$5.00. Carried.*

NEW BUSINESS – Wayne Melymick

Gregor explained about a private members Bill entitled “Honouring our Military Act” which was re-introduced in the BC Legislature to create a lapel pin to be worn on civilian clothing which would identify the wearer as either a serving or retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces. In order to qualify for this honour the recipient must be a Canadian citizen who was either a resident of B.C. during their military service or a resident of B.C. who served outside the Province or Country as a result of their service. Similar recognitions are already in place in Saskatchewan and Ontario. A letter has been written to Premier Christy Clark regarding this Legion’s support of this initiative.

Snapd - Gregor Aitken –

At the wise counsel of Evelyn Mandley I have created us a Snapd account for the Tri-Cities Snapd webpage www.tricitiesbc.snapd.com which means we can put up our upcoming events on there and get free advertising; Once there we can submit events such as Canada Day, Meat Draws etc. and they will appear on the main webpage under “upcoming events”. I have added our Canada Day event and requested a Snapd photographer. I intend to add all our Meat Draws on there as well as the music schedule under the “recurring events” however this will take me a bit to plug in to the website.

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

Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

Wayne Melymick, President