

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING****May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - Meeting chaired by Peter Epp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**EXECUTIVE PRESENT** – Peter Epp, Mark Powell, Karen Warwick, Evelyn Mandley, Isabelle Nisbet, Liz Brandstrom, Bob Sutherland, Gregor Aitken.

**EXECUTIVE ABSENT** – Wayne Melymick, Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Gerry Cain, Frank Friesen.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Bruce Ballantyne.

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

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by J. Ackerman and seconded by M. Mandley to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

**SECRETARY – Correspondence** - Karen Warwick

**BC/Yukon Command** -

Memos #32.16 to #44.16 posted on Bulletin Board

**Requests for Donations –**

**Lord Baden Powell Elementary School** – *Recommended by W. Melymick and seconded by F. Friesen at the May Executive meeting that this be denied based on information provided from BC/Yukon Command as to what is or is not eligible. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Metro-Ford Renegades** – *Recommended by B. Sutherland and seconded by G. Cain at the May Executive meeting that this be tabled until the June Executive meeting. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Metro-Ford U12 Bayern** – *Recommended by B. Sutherland and seconded by G. Cain at the May Executive meeting that this be tabled until the June Executive meeting. **Carried.***

**Battle of Britain Memorial** – *Moved by J. Smith and seconded by R. Pollock that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**Other correspondence –**

Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band

Sylvia Thomson – China Painters' Guild

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

Tri Cities Female Ice Classic Tournament

Nothin' Dragon Dogwood Master Dragonboat Team

Coquitlam Metro-Ford U11 Barcelona

Rainforest Pre-School

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Peter Epp for Wayne Melymick

We had a slight improvement in April – which is encouraging – Thanks to our Members and our guests for their support to the Branch.

The new bar prices came into effect on May 15<sup>th</sup> – Our hope is that this will assist in moving us along financially to continue with improvements in the Branch.

I would like to thank Comrade Chappie for ensuring Battle of Atlantic Sunday was as successful as it was.

I would also like to thank Comrades Bob Sutherland, Gregor Aiken, Peter Epp and Frank Friesen for ensuring that the VE Day ceremony was a success.

Special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary “Catering Commandos” for another wonderful luncheon they put on for VE Day.

A final note – Legion Week is from June 24 – June 30 – however we have been given the okay to include July 1<sup>st</sup> as most of you are aware we have a very small Volunteer Corps – so I am asking that any & all Members with any ideas, suggestions, and an inclination to help our Branch with this week-long event to STEP UP!! and get involved – we would like to work towards encouraging our younger Vets to attend our Branch, be welcomed, and enjoy our hospitality. So again let's get involved! Thank you.

It was suggested that we ask Port Moody Legion members to join us in the colour party and any other activities that we include in Legion Week. Also the Dogwood Vets.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Mark Powell**

The general bank account was negative by about \$1,800 at the end of April but has since recovered to about \$16,000. The overdraft of April 30 was caused by the payment of sales taxes and payroll taxes of about \$14,000 which are remitted quarterly.

The operating profit for April was a small loss of \$1,600. April would have been a break-even month if it wasn't for the repair of our van which cost about \$2,000.

On a year-to-date basis, we have earned operating profit of just over \$2,000 versus just over \$16,000 last year. The decline of about \$14,000 is caused by the increased costs of beer, payroll and the decline in income from our meat draw due to the increased cost of meat.

Part way through May we initiated price increases at the bar. These increases are essential in meeting the negative impact of raising costs.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Peter Epp**

No report.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Peter Epp**

No report.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Sergeant-At-Arms – Bruce Ballantyne**

The colour party participated in Anzac Days and the PoCo parade and both events were well attended.

The Hyack parade is next Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Torchlight parade on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the celebrations for Coquitlam's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday and hosting the B.C. Games.

Preparations are under way for Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day.

##### **Ways & Means – Liz Brandstrom**

Everything is going well. The total raised as a donation for the Red Cross Fort McMurray fund was \$1,853.00.

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

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> is David James and Big River "A Tribute to Johnny Cash". Tickets are available at the Bar.

##### **Membership – Peter Epp - No report.**

##### **Zone - Evelyn Mandley**

The Zone Meeting was held on May 22, 2016 at Branch 88 Maple Ridge with representatives from Branches 83, 88, 119, 133 and 263.

Both Branch 88 Maple Ridge and Branch 133 Port Coquitlam applied for and received a Grant of \$500.00 from BC/Yukon Command to help defray the costs of Legion Week in June.

Branch 119 Port Moody reported their Building Committee is busy and June 27th is tentatively selected for the "Turning of the Sod Ceremony".

Branch 88 Maple Ridge expressed concerns regarding Memo 41.14 *Provincial Buying Plan*, which proposes a central purchasing policy. It was felt that since their branch raises money locally it is only fair that, as a matter of policy, significant effort should be made to spend money locally.

Deputy Zone Commander, Dan Coyle will add to the Zone Minutes the names and phone numbers of all Branch Poppy Chairs in the Zone and the appropriate BC/Yukon Command contact numbers to help those involved with the Poppy Campaign.

Zone Commander, Peter Dunford reported that there will be 4 delegates from Branch 88 attending the Dominion Convention in St. Johns, NFLD and they will deal with all the Zone proxies.

It was suggested that we hold zone meetings every 2 months instead of every month, he wants everyone to think about it over the summer recess. He wishes everyone a safe and successful summer recess.

**Poppy** – Evelyn Mandley

Plans for the Annual Veterans Lunch are under control and running smoothly.

I move the following motions:

1. I move that the Poppy Fund donate \$1,000.00 to the Fort McMurray Relief Fund.

*Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by J. Ackerman. **Carried.***

2. I move that the Poppy Fund donate \$2,500.00 to the Eagleridge Hospital Foundation for medical appliances or equipment to assist with the care and comfort of Veterans.

*Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by R. Pollock. **Carried.***

3. I move that the Poppy Fund donate \$2,500.00 to the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation for medical appliances or equipment to assist with the care and comfort of Veterans.

*Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by J. Smith. **Carried.***

4. I move that the Poppy Fund donate \$5,000.00 to the George Derby Care Centre for medical appliances or equipment to assist with the care and comfort of Veterans.

*Moved by E. Mandley and seconded by S. Davidson. **Carried.***

**Service Officer** – Peter Epp - No report.

**Honours & Awards** – Peter Epp - No report.

**Youth & Sports** – Bob Sutherland

Both the 201 RCSCC GRILSE Sea Cadets and the 754 Phoenix Air Cadets will be having their annual parade and Bob will be attending.

**By-Laws** – Brian Brister - No report.

**House** – Bob Sutherland

Will need some help in cleaning and painting in the cooler as items will have to be moved around to accommodate this. Fire safety inspection – deficiency list – anything stored in the electrical room must be removed. This has been done.

Usual maintenance has been done in the last month, plumbing, lights, etc.

Both kitchen vents will be cleaned this month and the heating vents will be addressed shortly.

Thanks to Laurie Chapman & crew for cleaning the flower beds and Jim Smith who has been cutting the lawns.

**Sick & Visiting** – Peter Epp - No report.

**Earl Haig** – Peter Epp - No report.

**Website** – Gregor Aitken, Karen Warwick

Gregor reported that the Navy has formed a Boarding Party and that the picture he posted has literally been re-tweeted around the world.

Karen reported the calendar of events is being brought up to date and that the “Tribute to Johnny Cash” event and post are both up on the Website now with the ticket information.

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

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** – Fran McDiarmid

The LA has chosen three students from Centennial High School to receive \$750.00 bursaries. None of the other Coquitlam schools applied for some reason.

Regular activities of making pies, serving luncheons and teas keep the Ladies busy.

We are planning the Canada Day BBQ and are looking for donations to help out, e.g. buns, burgers, wieners, onions and condiments. The plan is to offer a combo of burger, bag of chips and a pop, or hot dog, bag of chips and a pop. It should be easier to keep track of things.

We will be having our pot luck dinner at our next meeting, the last until September.

We were turned down for a grant from the City as we were too late in applying.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – Peter Epp**

Gregor Aitken reported that the Kandahar flag project is coming along and he is at the point of pricing out everything that will be needed.

The petition for the CVSM received 3,500 signatures and was sent to Parliament. They have 45 days to respond.

Liz Brandstrom reported that we will have the raffle of the children's picnic table on July 1<sup>st</sup>, posters are done and the tickets will be made available for sale as soon as we have the license number.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – Peter Epp**

This item was addressed at the Executive meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and is being brought forward at tonight's general meeting - "The annual membership fees have to be addressed as there have been no increases in the past three years but our per capita fees have been raised by Dominion Command. *Moved by F. Friesen and seconded by P. Epp that we raise our membership fees by \$5.00 effective September 1<sup>st</sup>. Carried.* This will be brought to the membership at the May meeting giving the appropriate amount of time required to have this vote at the June meeting."

B. Chapman is still trying to deal with BC/Yukon and Dominion Commands to get answers regarding the break-down of the per capita fees. There was no response to the letter sent by G. Aitken.

Several questions from the floor regarding the increase in the liquor prices and the general comment was they were too high. All the prices will be reviewed again. It was also noted that we are one of the few Legions remaining that still has waitresses on the floor providing table service. Many Legions require all their patrons to attend at the bar themselves.

A request was received from a family in Port Coquitlam to have a Legion member attend a memorial service for a Veteran as they were advised no one from PoCo Legion was available. B. Sutherland will ask Zone.

The suggestion was made that we have a dedicated liaison with the liquor distributors for items available for raffles, prizes etc.

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

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Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

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Peter Epp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President