

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING****October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

**EXECUTIVE PRESENT** – Wayne Melymick, Bob Chapman, Peter Epp, Mark Powell, Karen Warwick, Gerry Cain, Frank Friesen, Isabelle Nisbet, Liz Brandstrom.

**EXECUTIVE ABSENT** – Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Evelyn Mandley, Bob Sutherland, Gregor Aitken.

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

**INITIATION:** P. Howard read the names of eight new applicants for membership. *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by B. Brister that these applicants be accepted for membership. **Carried.***

P. Howard read the names of five new transfers. *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by J. Smith that these transfers be accepted. **Carried.***

The initiation of two new members was conducted.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.****MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by G. Cain and seconded by F. McDiarmid to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #83.16 to #84.16 posted on Bulletin Board

**Requests for Donations –**

**Cenotaph Flyover** – *Moved by J. Smith and seconded by R. Chuter that we donate \$500.00. **Carried.***

**Coquitlam Metro-Ford U16 Boys Juventus** – *Moved by B. Brister and seconded by G. Howard that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**Other correspondence –**

808 Coquitlam Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets

Jennifer Urbaniak – City of Coquitlam – Park Spark Program with 12<sup>th</sup> Eagle Mountain Girl Guides and 10<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam Beaver and Cub Scouts.

Jerusha Hjelmeland – Tri City Moms Group – Christmas Shopping Event

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

Mundy Lake Girl Guides

Nothin Dragon Dogwood Masters Dragon Boat Racing Team

Centennial Secondary School – Dry After Grad Committee

**Information letters, flyers, newspapers, etc. –**

None.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Wayne Melymick**

Same as the Executive meeting. We had a reasonable September. Still working on some issues with the kitchen and we have a new cook named Lily.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Mark Powell**

Comrades I am delighted to report that the financial results for September were excellent. Our branch earned \$7,000 in Operating Cash Profit. This was a result of strong bar sales coupled with a very good profit margin. Net Banquet Hall rental was over \$3,000 for the month.

We also enjoyed a good month of Keno profit which was more than \$2,000.

Our cash on hand is strong and there is every reason to believe that our strong financial position will continue for the remainder of the year.

You can be proud that all of your hard work is paying off.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Bob Chapman**

*Music Bingo* – We originally picked Wednesday night for the event. But in discussions with the staff it was moved to Thursday evening. Thursday is usually a dead night for us and the staff felt that if they could hype the event we could get it going. It appears that it has been a limited success. Music Bingo has a non-member following in Coquitlam and we expect that they will come as the word gets out. The people who have been in attendance have had a good time. Lots of laughter.

*Yoga* – I met with Connie Meisner who is a senior Yoga instructor in the Tri-Cities area. She likes our hall and has made several suggestions on how we can start yoga. We have some equipment we would need to buy and pay for instructors. She suggests we start slowly and offer only a few types of yoga. Basic yoga, yoga nidra, and chair yoga. The yoga nidra is a type of yoga that benefits those suffering with PTSD. This could fulfill our commitment to assisting our veterans.

*Advertising* – We had our first ad placed in the Tri-Cities News. It outlines our events for the coming month. We also have an article coming out on the 18<sup>th</sup> called Stand Out. It is an article that outlines what the Legion is and where we are going. As part of this advertising we get two on line articles that we can change for the next two years.

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

Will be visiting five care homes on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for Remembrance Day. Leave from the Legion at 8:30 A.M.

*Moved by G. Friesen and seconded by H. Smith that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Remembrance Day preparations are well underway and we are expecting a large crowd. The mayor is unable to attend. Christina (Stewart) Bons is able to attend and sing.

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

Things are going well. Need volunteers. There will be no meat draws on November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas turkey and ham draws will be December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and there will be 10 turkeys and 10 hams per draw for 4 draws on Friday, 4 draws on Saturday and 3 draws on Sunday.

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

Finished booking the bands for 2017. Halloween dance is coming up and will need judges for the costumes. Barb Ash needs volunteers to help with the decorating. Bonnie Kilroe will do the tickets for her show on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Membership – Paul Howard**

Slow on early bird renewals. 834 members so far.

#### **Zone – Wayne Melymick**

No report.

#### **Poppy – Wayne Melymick**

We received the new Poppy Manual which became effective on October 1, 2016, there have been some significant changes, most of which are of the positive nature. We will be dealing only with the Current Poppy Account balance when making the various donations and not the balance of the previous year September 30<sup>th</sup> balance.

I increased the cost of the wreaths this year and so far, have not received any complainants about the increase.

Shirley Vilac is busy calling members to tag, so far the response has not been too good, and unfortunately Ben Spring, one of our busiest taggers, has had to retire this year.

I have had great response from all 5 Cadet Units and they will be tagging at the Coquitlam Centre entrances Fridays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The 808 Coquitlam Air Cadets will be tagging Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 7 all day at locations other than Coquitlam Centre along with their shift at Coquitlam Centre.

We will deliver the poppies to the schools on Tuesday, October 25th. The stores will be delivered on Friday, October 28th.

**Service Officer** – Peter Epp

BC/Yukon Command was able to locate the service number for a veteran needing some assistance.

**Honours & Awards** – Wayne Melymick

No report.

**Youth & Sports** – Bob Sutherland

No report.

**By-Laws** – Brian Brister

No report.

**House** – Frank Friesen

A homeless fellow staying in the underground parking lot is still a problem.

The glass washer has been installed and is working well. Thanks to George Stevenson for doing the electrical work.

The trees were cut back from the roof line and the foliage was hauled away.

As well several dump runs have occurred to reduce the clutter downstairs, with a few more to come.

The vent in the kitchen has been repaired.

A stall in the hall Ladies washroom still needs repair.

**Sick & Visiting** – Gerry Cain

No report.

**Earl Haig** – Jerome Ackerman

Fourteen on the waiting list. Everything is going well.

**Website, Twitter & Facebook** – Karen Warwick

A glitch on the Website regarding the advertising space has been fixed by Chris Chapman.

*Moved by P. Howard and seconded by R. Chuter that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** – Fran McDiarmid

We have applied for the Spirit of Coquitlam grant to help with our Canada Day barbecue.

Serving meatloaf and apple crisp on Remembrance Day.

Elections will be held at our next general meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pies are still flying out of the kitchen as fast as the Ladies can make them.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

No date yet for the flag presentation at City Hall.

George Derby cenotaph still needs to be moved.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick, B. Chapman

The nominating committee is compiling the list of eligible members and will be contacting them to ascertain who will be willing to let their names stand for the election.

Lily is our new cook in the kitchen. Riel will be assisting with carrying, etc.

B. Chapman advised they had a staff meeting and went over the code of conduct, etc.

M. Powell advised the membership that on the balance sheet we have still carrying a loan of \$200,000.00 from the Earl Haig Society. Suggested that at some point we would need to pay this loan and requested a motion to give approval to the Executive to apply for an application with the Westminster Credit Union to be pre-approved for a mortgage. This was moved by B. Brister and seconded by S. Proulx. After much discussion it was carried.

However it was also suggested by J. Ackerman that before doing anything at all, the Executive have a meeting with the Earl Haig Society.

It was suggested by S. Proulx that our bartenders could learn how to make a variety of mocktails.

J. Smith requested that we get some members out to help on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> with the clean-up of leaves etc. around the Legion in preparation for Remembrance Day.

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

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Karen Warwick, Recording Secretary

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Wayne Melymick, President