

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING****September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - Meeting chaired by Wayne Melymick, President

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

**EXECUTIVE ABSENT** – Bob Chapman, Barry MacDonald, Pam Brown, Evelyn Mandley.

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

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.****MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Errors or omissions: None.

Business arising: None.

*Moved by G. Friesen and seconded by G. Howard to accept the minutes as printed. **Carried.***

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

Memos #57.16 to #76.16 posted on Bulletin Board

**Requests for Donations –**

**Lord Baden Powell Elementary School PAC** – *Moved by G. Howard and seconded by H. Smith that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**SHARE Family & Community Services** – *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by S. Proulx that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**BC & Alberta Guide Dogs** – *Moved by G. Howard and seconded by S. Davidson that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**Tri Cities Female Ice Hockey** – *Moved by S. Davidson and seconded by G. Friesen that we donate \$250.00. **Carried.***

**Other correspondence –**

Canadian Council of the Blind – BC/Yukon Division

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

Air Cadet League of Canada – BC Provincial Committee

Coquitlam Search and Rescue

754 Phoenix Squadron

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

None.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Wayne Melymick**

Welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> fall meeting. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer! Well, we made it through another slow summer, much in part, to the generous donation from our Ladies Auxiliary. Many thanks Ladies, we couldn't do it without you!

We are now moving into the last part of 2016 and I have concerns as to our Branch continuance in a successful manner.

Firstly, our LACK of volunteers to assist with ongoing projects, specifically our Meat Draws, 50/50 days and House assistance. Liz Brandstrom and a very small number of our own Members have done a fantastic job with a lot of help from Members from our sister Branch #119. This I find very troubling, and quite honestly, embarrassing to our Branch. My hope is more of our Members will STEP UP! As well, Bob Sutherland and

Frank Friesen have done the lion's share of the House maintenance and repair. I have heard the expression "Just ask". Please do not wait to be asked – again I say STEP UP.

OK – enough negative vibes – we have again remained in the good column relative to our Operating budget and are good with our Gaming account also. Thank you all for that! We are putting in Music Bingo in October which should bring in our Members and others – it's easy to play and much fun. Darts (an ongoing issue) will be in place soon as well. Our Early Bird Membership has been changed so that on the draws there will be Thrifty Gift Certificates for our Members. A further explanation will be given from our Membership Committee.

We also have our elections coming up on November 15<sup>th</sup> so if you are thinking of getting more involved this would be the time.

Again, welcome back – let's make the last quarter of 2016 a real dandy for 263!!

Thanks to you all.

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

Our operating cash account was overdrawn by about \$3,000 at the end of August but has subsequently recovered to about \$18,000.

August had a loss in operating income of approximately \$5,700. This is caused by 3 factors.

First, the bar sales of \$32,500 in August were about \$5,500 less than the monthly average for January to June of this year. As a result gross profit was down \$3,300 because of this.

Second, the profit from Keno and Pull Tabs was down by about \$1,000 when compared to the average of the first 6 months.

Third, reported maintenance and repair for August was \$2,700.

The loss of \$5,700 for the month was actually worse than reported by about \$4,500 since that portion of the Aerovac Systems bill was deferred and is being written off from September to December at the rate of about \$1,100 per month.

On a positive note, we earned a \$4,000 profit from gaming. I understand that this was the result of the reorganization of number of draws and we should all thank Liz for this achievement.

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

*Music Bingo* – Proposed start date is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. I am going to learn how to call the games. Having the company in to call the games costs us \$250.00 per night. If we do the games it costs us substantially less. Music Bingo is quite popular in the Coquitlam area. A void was left when Rhinos Pub closed. It is an opportunity for the Legion to generate more revenue on one of our quietest nights. Music Bingo is designed to sell food and liquor. Special cards and tabs are given to people who buy the dinner and drink specials. These cards and tables make it easier for the patron to win.

Prizes are usually in the area of \$20.00 to the winner, \$15.00 to second and \$10.00 to third. We are looking at having a roll over round that if not won one week the prize grows the next week etc. We discussed having a max prize of \$500.00. There is also an option of joining other Legions in a computer stream and a possible prize of \$10,000.00.

Victoria is our staff rep and is quite excited at the prospects of this night. She is looking for sponsors within the area and will approach our liquor reps for other prizes.

*Advertising* – We are going to take out a monthly ad in the Tri-Cities News. They have provided us with a mock ad. For our first month of advertising we are also purchasing a piece called "Standout". This is an ad that looks like an interview. It will feature what we want the ad to say, such as what the Legion is now as opposed to what it used to be, what we do now and the community we serve, etc. We are open to suggestions. Also with Standout we get two articles that go on their online paper. We can submit what we want there and are allowed to change those articles up to two years. We must put our Legion out there.

*Yoga* – We are still exploring the possibility of using the hall during the day as a Yoga studio. I have been in contact with one Yoga instructor who is interested. She has submitted a possible usage schedule. We have to look into the costing scheme, payment collection, money division between the instructors and the Legion as well as insurance and some equipment.

*Legion Golf Shirts* – The golf shirts that we ordered are really poor quality. The sizing appears to be made to the specs of little people. The quality of the material is really shabby. I have contacted the Legion supplier and they have offered to take them back and look at them. But, in discussion with Wayne, we have no alternative to the shirts. We are going to keep the shirts so at least we have something other than our formal uniform. The shirts were bought so that we would be readily recognized as a Legion executive member. With that in mind I want to start having two executive members at the door on our busier nights. It is membership renewal season and it is an opportunity to sign up new members.

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

No report.

*Moved by H. Smith and seconded by S. Proulx that these reports be accepted. Carried.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Thank you to the Legion Colour Party for their participation at the ceremonies for the B.C. Over 50 Games. We were recognized by the Mayor and others.

The 150 Year Legion Medals have now become available. They can be purchased for a cost of \$30.00 but cannot be worn until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. See Bruce if you would like one.

**Ways & Means** – Liz Brandstrom

We are now actually covering the cost of the meat since reducing the number of items by one per draw. There is a new meat manager for Thrifty Foods.

**Entertainment** – Isabelle Nisbet

Bonnie Kilroe and her “Best of Broadway” show has been cancelled until Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> (now Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>)

The Blues Band will be performing on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5:30 P.M. Ticket price to be determined. Will be checking with the kitchen regarding the food.

New Year’s Eve – “Revolving Doors” will be playing. Their cost is \$1,500.00. Will be checking on the meal type and the cost of the tickets.

The jam session and surprise birthday party for Frank McCormick was a success. Thanks to Ed Wahl for helping with the organization.

**Membership** – Paul Howard

The membership total to date for 2016 is 836 and our early bird renewals are 39 for September so far. The early bird total for 2015 for the 3 months of Sept/Oct. and Nov. was 400 (133 average/month).

The total membership for year end 2015 (Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016) was 852 so overall to date we have lost 16 members from our total.

The Early Bird Draw – if you renew before the end of Sept. you have 4 chances to win a gift certificate. In October you will have 3 chances and in November you will have 2 chances. Each month on \$25.00 Thrifty’s gift card will be drawn and your name stays in unless you win and everyone has a chance for the \$50.00 final draw at the end of November. So renew now and have a better chance to win.

The names of 24 new applications for membership were read out and it was *moved by P. Howard and seconded by P. Epp that these applicants be accepted for membership. Carried.*

The names of 4 transfers were read out and it was *moved by P. Howard and seconded by F. McDiarmid that these transfers be accepted. Carried.*

## **Zone - Evelyn Mandley**

The Zone Meeting was held at Branch 133, Port Coquitlam on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by George Dixon, Branch 133, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. There were representatives from all six Branches in the Zone present.

The first order of business was the bi-election for the position of DZC, made available when DZC Dan Coyle stepped up to the position of the ZC, when ZC Peter Dunford resigned for health reasons.

Linda McEwan from Branch 88, Maple Ridge was elected as DZC to complete that term of office.

Peter Dunford's last official order of business was installing Linda McEwan as DZD and Dan Coyle as ZC. James Dawson, presented Peter Dunford with the Past Zone Commander Medal.

The new Zone Commander distributed a copy of our Zone Bylaws and Dates to Remember reminder sheet to each Branch representative.

The yearly Zone Sports Meeting will be held on Saturday November 19th, 2016 at Branch 83 South Burnaby.

The Legion National Youth Track & Field Championships was held in Ste. Therese, Quebec this past summer, and we had four winners from our Zone; Olivia Willett was the only one from Coquitlam, winning Silver in Women's 2,000 Metre Steeple Chase.

Next Zone Meeting will be held on November 27th at Branch 83, South Burnaby, at 11:00 a.m.

## **Poppy – Evelyn Mandley**

The Annual Poppy Campaign officially begins on Friday, October 28, 2016 and work is well underway organizing the campaign.

Russ Hellard of the Dogwood Veterans Group has volunteered to "man" the Coquitlam Kiosk again this year. For those who do not know who the Dogwood Veterans are: the group is mainly 2nd WW and Korean War Veterans with ages ranging from 80 plus to 96 years' young and are invaluable in the campaign every year. The Poppy Tagging Volunteer Schedule will be posted in the Lounge within the next week.

Please have your Annual Report for the Bulletin emailed to [evelynmandley72@gmail.com](mailto:evelynmandley72@gmail.com) before October 1st. I recommend that the Poppy Fund donate \$2,707.00, which is the maximum amount allowable, to the 808 Coquitlam Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. (See new business).

## **Service Officer – Peter Epp**

There were three requests for assistance from the Service Officer during the summer months:

- Eighty two year old Canadian Air Force veteran from the 1950's with a long list of physical and mental ailments requested help from VAC for housecleaning since spouse also has mobility issues. Forwarded paperwork to BC Yukon Command but was advised that assistance from VAC was unlikely since most if not all ailments of veteran could not be attributed to time spent in the Air Force. In addition the couple reported that they were financially comfortable.

- Ninety four year old WWII Airforce Veteran requested assistance in filling out some paperwork for the VAC and in addition some assistance in getting admitted to the George Derby Centre. Was informed that the Veteran was not disabled enough to qualify entry to the George Derby Centre. Apparently Fraser Health controls the purse strings to the centre and tries to reduce costs as much as possible even though they receive considerable funding from VAC. A call to the Centre from an ex director of the George Derby elicited a response from the Executive Director who confirmed Fraser Health's policy, but did facilitate some additional assistance from VAC. A follow up call to the Veteran produced the humorous response that he no longer was anxious to go to the George Derby since he still wanted to live for a while!

- Seventy seven year old Canadian Army veteran requested help in replacing worn out wheel chair. Poppy fund was able to provide a new wheel chair for the Veteran who is very pleased with the result.

## **Honours & Awards – Wayne Melymick**

No report.

## **Youth & Sports – Bob Sutherland**

No report.

**By-Laws** – Wayne Melymick

No report.

**House** – Bob Sutherland

A homeless person has been living in the underground parking and is making a big mess. Need to have some no trespassing signs posted.

The drains need cleaning, the trees need trimming especially those branches that are overhanging the roof.

Thank you to Jim Smith for cutting the grass, etc.

**Sick & Visiting** – Gerry Cain

No report.

**Earl Haig** – Wayne Melymick

No report.

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

Calendar on Website has been brought up to date for the weekend music and is ongoing as events are being organized. Our member Rob Chuter has emailed regarding the use of the advertising space on the Website but has not had any response. Will be checking with Chris Chapman regarding this.

Gregor is keeping up with regular posts on Twitter, but the Facebook page is not up to date.

*Moved by S. Davidson and seconded by G. Cain that these reports be accepted. **Carried.***

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** – Fran McDiarmid

We made it through the summer!! No other report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

The flag project is nearing completion and there is conversation with the City to pick an appropriate date for the presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Wayne Melymick

The Cenotaph at George Derby needs to be moved to a more appropriate location for the residents to be able to access it. Gregor Aitken will act as liaison for the Legion as he is aware of the other parties who will be involved in this task.

Doug is working on revamping a menu for the Legion kitchen.

There will be a special meeting for the purpose of the elections on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Henrietta expressed a thank you to Kerri Dick for her work at the celebration of life for Rosella.

Under Poppy Evelyn Mandley had recommended that a donation of \$2,707.00, the maximum allowable, be donated to the new 808 Coquitlam Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. *Moved by P. Howard and seconded by F. McDiarmid. **Carried.***

*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