



## The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Sep 30, 2018

Meeting called to order @ 1400 hrs

**EXECUTIVE PRESENT:** Len Lavender, Gil Newton, Janet Mitchell, Wes Everitt, Colin Murphy, Ellen Lavender, Peter Brady, Darlene Beggs, Rob Graham. (Absent: Mike Beggs, Diane Murphy)

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 18

**Draping of the Charter:** Comrade Jean Johnson, Comrade Ron MacLean

Minutes of Previous General Meeting reviewed. Being there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Dan Remery and seconded by Darlene Beggs to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. **CARRIED**

Minutes of previous Executive Meetings were circulated.

**Correspondence presented by:** Colin Murphy

BC Yukon Memo #33.18 – Legion Dispatch – Canada Remembers DVD

BC Yukon Memo #34.18 – Branch Inspections held by Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB)

BC Yukon Memo #35.18 – Items For Sale or Give Away

BC Yukon Memo #36.18 – 2018 Motorcycle Ride to Support Veterans

BC Yukon Memo #37.18 – Changes to the Special Use Expenditure Applications, plus an updated Poppy Manual

BC Yukon Memo #38.18 – Deadline for Poppy Promotional Materials and Wreaths

BC Yukon Memo #39.18 – 2019 Youth Leaders' Pilgrimage of Remembrance, July 6 – 20, 2019

BC Yukon Memo #40.18 – New Command Service Officer, Mainland BC

BC Yukon Memo #41.18 – B.C. Wildfires

BC Yukon Memo #42.18 – Commemorative Poster

BC Yukon Memo #43.18 – Legion Marchers Needed for "Salute to Veterans & Military Valour"

BC Yukon Memo #44.18 – Remembrance Day Calendar 2018

BC Yukon Memo #45.18 – Elections – Nominating Committee Requirements

BC Yukon Memo #46.18 – Membership update

\*\*These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

#### **Thank you cards and letters**

A thank you letter from the Royal Canadian Air Cadet 744 Squadron for the donation

A thank you letter from The Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 257 Ladysmith for the donation

Thank you card from Sue Youn Kim for bursary

Thank you card from Makenna Stobbe for bursary

Chemainus Secondary Class of 2018 - thank you card for all the support of the grads

Thank-you card from Joanne Bootsman for card and flowers on the passing of beloved

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Ellen Lavender. **CARRIED**

**Branch Financials presented by:** Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept Branch financials was moved by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink. **CARRIED**

**Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by:** Janet Mitchell

Reconciled Bingo Bank balance as of 31 Aug 18 was **7,537.80**. The branch has given out **6,842.00** in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of 31 Aug 18 was **7,688.92**. The branch has given **5,679.10** in donations from here. Complete statements are available.

A motion was made by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Wes Everitt to accept this report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Donations** presented by Janet Mitchell: No donations at present.

Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society- \$1000 from Bingo

North Cowichan Outreach Breakfast Program - \$ 1500 from Meat Draw

BC Wildfires - SUE - \$1500 from Poppy

~~Cockrell House - \$1500 from Bingo~~—rescinded since executive meeting

Motion to accept donations (x3) made by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Dan Remery

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** presented by Darlene Beggs

The following new and transferring applicants are presented for membership to the Branch:

Janie Dyson	–	Associate Member
Geoff Dyson	–	Associate Member
Greg Myers	–	Affiliate Voting
Carol Coles	–	Affiliate Voting
Debra Callagan	–	Associate Member
Trevor Avey	–	Ordinary Member – transfer
Muriel Stoddard	–	Associate Member
Diana Dugan	–	Associate Member
David Olund	–	Ordinary Member –transfer
Gerald Paige	–	Ordinary Member
Guy Hogg	–	Ordinary Member
Maxine Lowick	–	Associate Member
Gordon Lowick	–	Ordinary Member
David Nielsen	–	Ordinary Member

A motion was made by Darlene Beggs to accept these applications for membership in the Branch, seconded by Wes Everitt.

**CARRIED**

A motion was put forward by Peter Brady that the Branch pays two years dues for a member with special circumstances for a total of 104.00 dollars to come from General Revenue seconded by Gil Newton.

**CARRIED**

**PRO** presented by: Colin Murphy – Newsletter to be out by Thanksgiving.

**Ways and Means** presented by Ellen Lavender: Ellen reported there was a celebration on the weekend that netted the Legion approximately \$400.00 profit; as well they also donated their \$200.00 damage deposit back to the Branch.

Tour de Rock will be on Tue 2 Oct 18 and then Vet’s Dinner 3 Nov 18.

Remembrance Day – Soup and bun after the cenotaph ceremonies.

Will be having a Christmas Craft Sale on 1 Dec – will be renting tables @ \$12.00 from 10 – 3.

Bake sale with a portion of proceeds from the day going to assist Esther with the Fyffe Memorial Christmas Dinner.

An email soliciting interest in participating in the bake sale will be sent out by the office.

**Sick & Visiting** presented by: Nil

**Youth & Sports** presented by Rob Graham: Rob reported that they only had the one dart team and presented a motion that the Legion pays the 125.00 half-fee from General Revenue. This was seconded by John Pimlott. **CARRIED**

**Service Officer** presented by: NIL

**Poppy** presented by Janet Mitchell: The Tag Day schedule is now up in the Lounge. We are looking for volunteers as we have three weekends of tagging this year. Canvassing the businesses will start soon. Last year's total of 17,157.66 is our benchmark.

This year the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, cenotaph ceremony will dedicate a portion to commemorate that War.

Poster and Literary contest this year will be held without participation of St Joseph's School as it is closed. Janet is looking for someone to volunteer to take over the contest. She is trying to mentor some of the jobs she has volunteered for and it would be nice to have someone else learn the ropes. It is fun working with the students along with the schools and their families.

Janet presented a motion to pay 865.10 for the purchase of Legion Regalia seconded by Dan Remery. **CARRIED**

**Bar** presented by Peter Brady: NIL

**House** presented by Gil Newton: Gil reported that Kathy Copely had donated 30 fluorescent lights to the legion and offered thanks to Keith Palou for having done the gutters for us and Howard Ballard for burning the weeds again. No Smoking signs to be placed, Gil to check with municipal by-laws.

Gil reported that the fridge compressor and thermostat were replaced for a cost of 3263.00 and made a motion that funds be allocated for this and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink. **CARRIED**

**Zone Report** presented by Wes Everitt: Zone to conduct Bell-Ringing Ceremony at Parliament Bldg

Next Zone Mtg will be at Britannia Legion #7 18 Nov 18

Zone Commander to be absent on Santa duties for next meeting and will not be putting his name forward at elections in Feb. Host is being sought for the Zone Darts.

**Honours and Awards** presented by Wes Everitt: Nil Report

There are still a number of pins to be picked up, as there is a cost to these it would be nice if people would come in and pick them up

Military Service Recognition Book 2018 will be issue prior to 11 Nov

**Sgt-at-Arms presented** by Wes Everitt: The entertainment has been arranged for Vet's Dinner

Colour Party assisted at two COL's over the summer

All school visitations have been scheduled and confirmed

Summer dress ends 30 Sep 18

A motion was made by John Pimlott and seconded by Darlene Beggs to accept the committee reports. **CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Appointments** – The President put forward the following names and appointments for approval: Rev Michael Wimmer as Padre, Wes Everitt as Sgt-at-Arms and Michael Beggs as Service Officer seconded by Peter Brady. **CARRIED**

**Food Contractor** – Concern was brought up by Peter Brady whether the kitchen staff were adequately covered by WCB and what the requirements were. Len was going to go check out the contracts.

**Veteran's Dinner** – Kathy Copely asked for clarification on who exactly are entitled to go to our Annual Veteran's Dinner as it appears last year it appeared to be treated more like an open dinner. After some discussion it was confirmed it was indeed for Veteran's and their spouses and care-givers. This year the Sgt-at-Arms will monitor the list on a regular basis.

**Sgt-at-Arms**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Compressor and Thermostat** – Replaced as per House Report above – see motion/action.

**Ladies Auxiliary** – donated \$4444.16 to RCL # 191 to the Branch on the retirement of their Charter

**Smoking Policy** – John Pimlott asked for some clarification of where the smoking area would be and after some discussion it was decided that the signage would be the first step once Gil checked with the municipality for guidelines.

**Gen Pitts Memorial** – Dave Munro provided an update on the Memorial for Gen Pitts and would keep the Branch up on the details.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Darlene Beggs and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink.

**Meeting adjourned @ 1515 hrs.**

//Original signed by//

Colin Murphy, Recording Secretary

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Len Lavender, President