



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

November 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

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

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 21 members

Draping of the Charter: N/A

Donation Presentation: Bob Smith received donation presented by Janet Mitchell on behalf of the Cowichan Pipes and Drum Society.

Minutes of previous General Meeting circulated for perusal. Motion to accept the minutes made by Mike Beggs and seconded by Gordon Hughes. **CARRIED**

The minutes of the latest Executive Meeting was also presented for perusal.

Correspondence presented by: Colin Murphy (for Len Lavender)

BC Yukon Memo #55.18 - Music for Commemorative Ceremonies - Remembrance Day 2018

BC Yukon Memo #56.18 - 2019 Sports

BC Yukon Memo #57.18 - Poppy Tagging at Corporate Partners REMINDER

BC Yukon Memo #58.18 -Media coverage of Poppy season

BC Yukon Memo #59.18 - Branch Elections

BC Yukon Memo #60.18 - Command Service Officer Cliff Rose

BC Yukon Memo #61.18 - Message from the Prime Minister

BC Yukon Memo #62.18 - Branch Expenditures over \$5,000 – By-Law Requirements

**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Letters:

Thank you card from Jimmy John Palou, giving thanks for the Veteran's basket

Thank you note from Joanne Bootsman for the kindness of Veteran's basket

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Henry Werther. **CARRIED**

Branch Financials presented by: Janet Mitchell

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

Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by: Janet Mitchell

Reconciled **Bingo** Bank balance as of **31 Oct 18** was **7,433.69**. The branch has given out 10,809.75 in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of **31 Oct 18** was **10,513.18**. The branch has given 6,279.10 in donations from here. Complete statements are available.

A motion was made by Janet Mitchell to accept the Bingo and Meat Draw reports seconded by Darlene Beggs.

CARRIED

Donations Presented by Janet Mitchell

Remembrance Day SUE- \$1625.00 from Poppy motioned by Janet and Seconded by Don Gatward.

CARRIED

Fuller Lake Skating Club - \$1000.00 from Bingo
Little Town Christmas - \$1000.00 from Bingo
Chemainus Crofton Community Schools' Association - \$2200.00 from Meat Draw
Neighbourhood House Christmas Hamper - \$1500.00 from Meat Draw
Harvest House Food Bank - \$1500.00 from Meat Draw
Harvest House Christmas Hamper - \$1000.00 from Bingo
Cowichan Valley Highland Dance Association - \$500.00 from Meat Draw
Cowichan Neighbourhood House Youth Program - \$1200.00 from Meat Draw

Motioned by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Gil Newton

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by Darlene Beggs

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

- Brian Simpson - Ordinary Transfer In
- Norman Thompson - Ordinary
- Robert Johns - Associate
- Douglas Campbell - Associate
- Michael Sherwood - Associate
- Heather Andrews - Associate
- Geoffery Backman - Ordinary
- Kelly Heslop - Ordinary
- Doris Hyde - Affiliate
- Robert Mair - Ordinary Transfer In

Motioned by Darlene Beggs and seconded by Wes Everitt to accept these new members.

CARRIED

PRO presented by Colin Murphy – Nil Report

Ways and Means presented by Ellen Lavender: Ellen reported the following events:

Nov 3 – Vets Dinner in hall 65 vets and spouse/caregivers as well as 12 guests and 9 volunteers,

Nov 11 – After the Celebration at Cenotaph the Hall was full for the soup and buns, as well as the camaraderie. The entertainment was enjoyed as much as the soup.

Nov 17 – We catered to a Celebration of Life for 70 people.

Nov 24 – The Hall is rented for a Birthday Party, no catering required.

Dec 1 – Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Dec 2 – Celebration of Life

The Hall is rented for Little Town Christmas Dec 8 and a company Christmas Party Dec 16, no catering required.

Bar presented by Peter Brady

Peter offered thanks to the volunteers who participated in last night's event. On 30 Nov we will start our "Chase the Jack" game in the lounge. Rules will be posted. Peter emphasized that Bar rules have to be followed to the letter when dealing with patrons when cut-off from drinking.

House presented by Gil Newton - Gil has started taking down the chimney with help from Keith Palou, Doug Simmonds and Howard Ballard. Fire suppression will be checked next week, and Darrell Beggs (electrician) will be installing new thermostats for us. Kathy Copely asked that the entranceway heater in the Hall be checked. **HOUSING**

Service Officer presented by Mike Beggs – 2 scooters still available for use in the bunker.

Poppy presented by Janet Mitchell - To-date have received 15,835.69 from the poppy campaign. Report attached to minutes. Janet reported that she is now working on the Poster and Literary Contest and judging will take place on 30 Nov.

Sick & Visiting presented by Diane Murphy – Diane reported that she had delivered or arranged delivery of 18 baskets for our shut-in veterans.

Youth & Sports presented by Rob Graham – (not present) – Gil mentioned that the Halloween Costume judging and party was a success. Report attached to these minutes.

Sgt-at-Arms presented by Wes Everitt - Colour Party has participated in 8 parades/ceremonies including the school where they received the rubbing from WW1 participant.

Zone Report presented by Wes Everitt - Next Zone Mtg – Feb and Zone Elections. Mike Beggs reported on the closure of Britannia Branch next year. Mike reported that it was strongly suggested we use guidelines from BC Yukon Circular 59.18 to adjust our bylaws to lift some of our restrictions on elections.

Honours and Awards presented by Wes Everitt -
New Service Recognition Book Vol 13 is here.

Motion to accept Committee reports was moved by Mike Beggs and seconded by Gil Newton.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Appreciation – December 13, 2018 at 1800 hrs (6:00 pm) – There will be an appreciation night for the volunteers. Len will be sending out letter to directors soliciting names.

Lounge hours over the holidays – Closed 24-25-26 Dec and Jan 1. The Lounge will be opened New Year's Eve (Monday 31 Dec from 4pm) for New Year's Eve Party, a nominal fee will apply.

Proposed BYLAW Amendments – Peter Brady presented a Notice of Motion – in order to propose two amendments to our bylaws. Notice will be posted in the lounge for our next elections. **(AI)**

December Meeting – A motion was presented by Colin Murphy and seconded Frans Vandenbrink to cancel the requirement for a December’s general meeting. **CARRIED**

Robbie Burns Dinner – Wes reported there will be a Robbie Burns celebration on Saturday 19 Jan 19 and entertainment has already been booked. Details will be forthcoming.

Legion Foundation Luncheon – Dave Munro mentioned there would be Legion Foundation Luncheon which is an annual event in Victoria on 29 Nov – a fundraiser for the foundation. Dave to leave info with the office manager. **OFFICE**

VAC – Dave mentioned that Veteran’s Affairs had changed their Emergency Funding Policy and he would be passing on the information to the Branch.

Gordon Hughes – Gordon wanted to thank the Branch for the Basket he received.

There being no more business, proposal for adjournment by Mike Beggs and seconded by Gil Newton was presented and passed. **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned @ 1450 hrs.

//Original signed by//

C. Murphy Rec Secretary

//Original signed by//

Len Lavender, President

Attachments: 2

2018 COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER. 31, 2018

DONATION FROM MEAT DRAW FUNDS **600.00**

CASH PRIZES AWARDED 375.00

EXPENSES

49th Parallel - hot dogs 49.49

Superstore - supplies 7.10

Walmart-gift bags 44.13

Dollar Store - gift bags 46.49

Dollarama - gift bags 40.14

Walmart -refreshments 19.26

206.60

CASH OVER 18.40

DONATIONS BY PEOPLE ATTENDING 53.50

71.90

POPPY REPORT Nov. 25 2018 CHEMAINUS BRANCH # 191

	2018	2017
REVENUE		
Donations	400.00	2,686.11
Canvassing	3,835.00	4,246.00
Catalyst tag	510.45	697.80
Tag Day trays	3,666.40	3,650.25
Special Orders	1,845.00	1,515.00
Business trays	5,578.84	4,362.50
Interest income		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,835.69</u>	<u>17,157.66</u>

EXPENSES		
Special Use - veterans dinner	-	
Colour Party - ferry / batteries	-	228.67
Canada Post - stamps	-	229.25
BC/Yukon - 4.5%	7.28	17.55
Advertising	198.36	21.40
Poppies and wreaths	2,441.69	2,205.50
Bugler	170.00	170.00
SMVIZ - Poster Literary Contest Per Capita	-	-
Veteran - service	1,286.90	358.40
Campaign expenses	829.40	506.77
Poppy and wreath storage	295.75	295.75
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,229.38</u>	<u>4,033.29</u>
	<u>10,606.31</u>	<u>13,124.37</u>

CASH ON HAND

2 X 20 40.00

1 X 10 10.00

3 X 5 15.00

2 X T 4.00

2 X L 2.00

3 X .25 0.75

1 X .10 0.10

1 X .05 0.05

71.90