



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Feb 24, 2019

Meeting called to order @ 1400 hrs

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

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 18 + 1

Guests: Peter Leckie (Member) to receive donation cheque for Cowichan Pipers and Drummers - \$1500.00 from Bingo
Sheri Kinney to receive donation cheque for the Young Authors' Conference - \$500.00 from Meat Draw

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

Minutes of previous Executive Meetings were circulated for info purposes.

Correspondence presented by: Colin Murphy

BC Yukon Memo #07.19 - Membership update
BC Yukon Memo #08.19 - Mental Health First Aid course
BC Yukon Memo #09.19 - 2019 Convention Registration
BC Yukon Memo #10.19 - National Canadian Film Day – April 17th, 2019
BC Yukon Memo #11.19 - REMINDER: Deadline Feb.28 for Call to Host 2020 BC Yukon Sports Playdowns
BC Yukon Memo #12.19 - Poppy Funds for Public Service Projects
BC Yukon Memo #13.19 - 2018 Audited Financial Statements – Deadline April 30, 2019
BC Yukon Memo #14.19 - New Command Service Officer – Island
**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Thank you cards and letters - Thank you card from Georgina Lorette for Staff bonus

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Wes Everitt. **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 Jan 19 was **7,690.08**. The branch has given out **1,767.75** in donations from Bingo.
Meat Draw Bank balance as of 31 Jan 19 was **7,709.96**. The branch has given **500.00** in donations from here. Complete statements are available.

A motion was made by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Ellen Lavender to accept this report as presented. **CARRIED**

Donations presented by Janet Mitchell: Following donations presented:

Chemainus Community Band 1,000.00 from Bingo

Chemainus Secondary School Dry Grad 1,000.00 from Meat Draw
Motion to accept donations by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by Colin Murphy

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

- Allen Wood Ordinary
- George Robson Ordinary
- David McCormick Ordinary
- James Beaulieu Associate

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

CARRIED

PRO presented by: Colin Murphy – Nil Report

Ways and Means presented by Ellen Lavender: The following events have and will be taking place:

Feb 2, 2019 – Celebration of Life for Gerald Brooks – well over 120 served.

Feb. 20, 2019 – Rotary Exchange student lunch – food cost \$117.00, at \$10.00 a plate for 38 = \$400.00 with GST. Etc.

Feb. 23, 2019 – Zone Poster & Literary awards Zone donates \$100.00 for food. Our costs will be around \$40.00 as we have some supplies on hand already.

Upcoming Events:

March 2, 2019 – Wounded Warriors 1 half hour from 3 – 3:30

March 16, 2019 – St. Patrick's dinner for Cowichan Pipe & Drums

March 23, 2019 – Celebration of Life for Ray Bullock

Sick & Visiting presented by: Nil

Youth & Sports presented by Rob Graham: Nil

Service Officer presented by: Wes reported that one of our two scooters has found a home and we may have a line on a battery replacement for the other one.

Poppy presented by Janet Mitchell: The Zone Poster and Literary Presentation were held upstairs yesterday and went extremely well. Janet offered her thanks to all the volunteers.

Bar presented by Peter Brady: Peter reported that the steak dinner night netted us 391.00 after costs, in all we have approx. 659.00 raised for Wounded Warriors so far. This Friday is the first of the month, so we will try and raise a few more dollars for Wounded Warriors.

Will be having another steak and chicken night on 16 Mar, but we will be adhering to a **cut-off date** two days prior as it is too much of a headache trying to chase down supplies on the day of the event.

Peter also remarked that because of the local situation in town regarding local establishments we may want to re-evaluate what days our lounge is open.

House presented by Gil Newton: Gil commended Keith Palou for all his snow removal efforts during the recent snow storms. Also, Keith and Doug Simmonds have been helping to remove the chimney. Plans are to paint the kitchen in near future.

Zone Report presented by Wes Everitt: Wes reported the highlights of the last Zone Mtg with results of the Zone elections, new Zone Commander is Norm Scott with Ron Weeks as deputy ZC. Our own Janet Mitchell will continue as

Zone Treasurer. Wes also re-iterated the fact that no drinking by volunteers was re-emphasized at the meeting. Next quarterly meeting will be held 5 May 19 at Lake Cowichan Branch #210.

Honours and Awards presented by Wes Everitt: Nil Report

Sgt-at-Arms presented by Wes Everitt: Colour Party attended Zone Presentations for Poster and Literary yesterday and next schedule event for CP will be the COL for the late comrade Ray Bullock on 23 Mar @ 1300.

A motion was made by Ellen Lavender and seconded by David Nielsen to accept the committee reports. **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

Wounded Warriors Fundraiser – To date we have raised \$659 for the cause.

By-Law Submission – Len discussed the procedures which have taken place on the submission of by-law amendments. There was some discrepancy in how these procedures were carried out and there was confusion over the whereabouts of the submission. After some discussion it was decided the way ahead was to have a committee review all the by-laws and to come up with a submission hopefully by end March. To this end the President appointed Greg Chisholm (accepted) to head a committee of three to review out-dated by-laws and come up with a general submission.

Peter Brady presented a motion to re-submit the original amendment from last month seconded by Dan Remery.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Internal Audit Committee – Nora Fisher (Chair), Brittany Pickard and David Nielsen. These persons have volunteered to conduct our Internal Audit and have been approved by the Executive.

Submissions from the Floor

New Veteran's Charter – Dave Munro brought up the fact that there was a going to be a town hall meeting at Malahat Branch #134 14 Mar 19 @ 1730 hrs dealing with the NVC and pension for life and it doesn't seem to be promoted by the Legion to attend.

Lounge Chase the Jack – David Nielsen brought up the fact that Zone is re-iterating at their meeting that Chase the Jack type incentives are considered games of chance. Some members appear to think there is a grey area here. Consensus was to wait for the Zone minutes to come out and see exactly what was presented.

Meeting adjourned motion presented by Frans Vandenbrink, seconded by Gil Newton @ 1445 hrs.

//Original signed by//

Colin Murphy, Recording Secretary

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Len Lavender, President