



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31 Mar 19

Meeting called to order @ 1400 hrs

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

In attendance: 21 Members and 3 guests

Guests: Richard Steele – Vancouver Island Zone Commander – for annual inspection accompanied by his spouse Erin Ormond – Chemainus Secondary School PAC – to receive donation cheque

Minutes of Previous General Meeting were present and a motion to accept was presented by Ellen Lavender and seconded by Ron Thistlethwaite. **CARRIED**

Minutes of previous Executive Meeting were circulated available for information.

Correspondence presented by: Colin Murphy

BC Yukon Memo #15.19 - 2018 Youth Remembrance Contest Winners – Revised

BC Yukon Memo #16.19 - 2019 Provincial Golf Tournament

BC Yukon Memo #17.19 - Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs Increases Veteran Support, Expands into Lower Mainland

BC Yukon Memo #18.19 - Legion Week 2019 – BC Gaming Grant Available to Branches

**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Other Correspondence:

Thank you letter from Scott Agur from Strathcona Rotary Club for Exchange Student Luncheon

Thank you card from Linda Bullock for the Celebration of Life for her Dad, Ray Bullock

Thank you letter from WWRBC 2019

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Wes Everitt. **CARRIED**

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting 26 Mar 19 – for information

Branch Financials presented by: Janet Mitchell

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

Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by: Janet Mitchell

Reconciled Bingo Bank balance as of 28 Feb 19 was **4,832.07**. The branch has given out **3,035.50** in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of 28 Feb 19 was **5,694.20**. The branch has given **1,500.00** 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:

The Ride to Conquer Cancer - \$1000.00 Bingo

Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society - \$1000.00 Meat Draw

Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association - \$1000.00 Bingo
Vancouver Island Compassionate Dogs - \$1000.00 Meat Draw

A motion was made by Janet Mitchell, seconded by Dan Remery to approve these donations.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by Darlene Beggs

The following new applications are transfers are presented for approval:

David Olund	Ordinary
Bev Knight	Associate
Lenny Hanke	Affiliate
James Buckner	Associate
Barrie Bissonnette	Associate

A motion made by Darlene Beggs to accept these applicants to the Branch seconded by Dave Nielsen. **CARRIED**

PRO presented by: Colin Murphy – Nil

Sick & Visiting presented from Exec Meeting: Diane has sent cards out for recent COL for Ray Bullock and plans to send card to family of Dan Jamieson. Has also sent card and comfort basket for Wayne Allen who is recovering at home.

Youth & Sports presented by Rob Graham: Nil

Service Officer presented by Wes Everitt: Assisted on Veteran this month.

Poppy presented by Janet Mitchell: Nil

Bar presented by Peter Brady: Peter reported that the steak dinner night went well for St Paddy's, netting the Branch \$324.00. Thanks again to all the volunteers who made it possible.

House presented by Gil Newton: No smoking/vaping signs on order. Concrete chimney is now gone thanks to Doug and Keith. Thanks to Howard for looking after weeding. Bar doors have been adjusted to close easier. Bathroom towel holders to be replaced in near future.

Zone Report presented by Wes Everitt: Wes reported the Resolutions must be in by **July 6** for the Convention. Next Zone meeting 12 May 19 – Lake Cowichan Branch.

Honours and Awards presented by Wes Everitt: – Reminder that the **deadline** for submissions to the Military Service Recognition Book is **June 30, 2019**.

Sgt-at-Arms presented by Wes Everitt: Colour Party attended the COL for Comrade Ray Bullock.

Ways and Means presented by Ellen Lavender: Ellen submitted the following report:

- March 2, 2019 – Wounded Warriors stop – They had a short stop, only just over ½ hour. We served appetizers; approximately 50 – 60 people total.
- March 9, 2019 – Celebration of life (M. Thorpe-Double – over 130 people served
- March 16, 2019 – St. Patrick's dinner for Cowichan Pipe & Drums fundraiser– It was a great success with over 130 participants served. The band was very pleased with our offering and helped with serving and clearing tables; they did their own clean-up of the hall after.

- March 23, 2019 – Celebration of life for Ray Bullock – approximately 50 people served, including the color guard and piper. Left over foods were donated to Neighborhood House.
- March 30, 2019 – 75 Birthday tea – Expected 68 people.
- It was a busy month and the volunteers did a superb job!!
- Upcoming events:
- April 6, 2019 – Dry Grad Fundraiser – Beer and Burger
- April 28, 2019 – Dart Tournament

A motion was made to accept committee reports by Mike Beggs seconded by Gil Newton.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Internal Audit – Changes since last month’s approval of Internal Audit Committee, have necessitated the following changes. Nora Fisher and Brittany Pickard not available. James McGhee has accepted to chair the committee comprised of himself, Dave Nielsen and Janet and Len to assist. A motion was made by Janet to approve this amended committee for our internal audit, seconded by Frans Vandenbrink.

CARRIED

Special Designation Charities – John Pimlott asked if anything had been done about Zone Command going to special designations for charities ie: Service dogs, etc – As there was no answer from the Branch, Richard has accepted to investigate this and get back to the Branch with a response. **(AI)**

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Year End report – Janet Mitchel reviewed the FY report.

2019 Budget – Janet Mitchell presented the annual budget for approval. These were presented to the membership and a motion by Janet and seconded by Ellen Lavender for approval.

CARRIED

Kitchen – Carol has given her notice to terminate in the kitchen effective end Apr. We will be putting in an add in the community, but if anyone knows of anyone who would be interested have them contact the Branch. **(AI)**

Election Committee Chair – Mike Beggs nominated Greg Chisholm(accepted) for to chair the nomination committee seconded by Wes Everitt.

CARRIED

Legion Week – Len will be submitting the application for grant to assist with Legion week. We have a few weeks to come up with a plan. We will be looking for assistance. **(AI)**

Media Centre – The system in the hall has been there for quite a while and is starting to show signs of age. Colin Murphy presented a motion to update the entertainment system in the hall not to exceed \$1500, seconded by Dave Nielsen.

CARRIED

Convention – Janet explained that she wouldn’t be going to Convention in Penticton this year. There was some discussion among the membership and the consensus was that it would be ideal to have someone at convention and if someone wants to go and is available the Branch should assist.

To this end Wes Everitt made a motion that the Branch provide \$1000.00 from general funds to assist anyone going to Convention and seconded by Peter Brady. This was followed by a discussion of what the current costs would be including food and lodging. It was decided that Mike Beggs would check into it and get back with an appropriate figure closer to September, providing someone is available and wants to go. **(AI)**

TABLED

Jake’s Gift – Wes passed on that the presentation Jake’s Gift would once again be in the area show at Nanaimo VIU campus Malaspina Theatre 25 and 26 Apr @ 7:30 and Saturday 27 Apr @ 2:00 pm. Tickets 30.00/Students 15.00. Parking available. To be sent out to members.

75th Anniversary D-Day – Peter Brady brought up the fact that this year celebrates D-Day 75th year and suggested something be done by the Legion. Peter will ask around and check to see potential events we could host. **(AI)**

Wegner Point Tribute – Dave brought up the fact that there would be another memorial service on May 11 for the 51st year after this airborne training accident which killed 7 paratroopers. The would be incorporating a remembrance to the spouses and the orphans that incident created that day. More details to follow from the Branch.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 1505 hrs.

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Colin Murphy, Recording Secretary

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Len Lavender, President