



## The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**May 26, 2019**

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

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

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 29 members

**Draping of the Charter:** N/A

**Minutes of previous General Meeting** circulated for perusal. Motion to accept the minutes made by Linda Ross and seconded by Ellen Lavender. **CARRIED**

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

**Correspondence** presented by: Colin Murphy

BC Yukon Memo #26.19- BC/Yukon Command Participation in 2020 Events for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dutch Liberation of Holland

BC Yukon Memo #27.19- Resolutions for BC/Yukon Command Convention – Penticton, BC – September 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

BC Yukon Memo #28.19- Foundation Gala 2020

BC Yukon Memo #29.19- The Forge Program

BC Yukon Memo #30.19- Grande Prairie Branch - Soldiers of Odin

BC Yukon Memo #31.19- Legion Lager

BC Yukon Memo #32.19 - Stolen Valour

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

#### **Letters:**

Congratulatory letter from Alistair MacGregor for the Horizon's Grant

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Linda Ross. **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 30 Apr 19 was **7,154.55**. The branch has given out **5,571.00** in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of 30 Apr 19 was **7,042.45**. The branch has given **3,601.49** 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:

RCSCC Admiral Mainguy - \$500.00 from Meat Draw

Vancouver Island Crisis Society - \$500.00 from Bingo

Chemainus Harvest House Food Bank- \$1000.00 from Meat Draw

257 Parallel Squadron - \$1000.00 from Bingo

205 Collishaw Canadian Air Cadets Squadron - \$1000.00 from Meat Draw

Chemainus Secondary (PAC) – requesting need for PA system - \$1700.00 from Meat Draw

Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs - \$500.00 from Bingo

Motioned by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Wes Everitt.

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** presented by Darlene Beggs

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

- Jan Donaldson - Associate

Motioned by Darlene Beggs and seconded by Thistlethwaite to accept these new member.

**CARRIED**

**PRO** presented by Colin Murphy – Nil Report

**Ways and Means** presented by Ellen Lavender: – Nil Report

**Bar** presented by Peter Brady – Janet reported that the prices at the bar were being reviewed and there would be raise in some prices coming this summer.

**House** presented by Gil Newton - The filters on the heat pumps were serviced. Thanks to Don Gatward and Peter Brady for assistance with the flag pole. Windows are supposed to be started on 29 May.

**Service Officer** presented by Mike Beggs – Nil Report

**Poppy** presented by Janet Mitchell – Will be starting up orders in Jun once the form arrive.

**Sick & Visiting** presented by Diane Murphy – Nil Report

**Youth & Sports** – Ron Thistlethwaite reported that the wind-up for the darts was held last night. We should put a bid in next year to host the wind-up banquet at the Branch.

**Sgt-at-Arms** presented by Wes Everitt – Entry form for Summer Parade submitted as well as invitations to other Legion Colour Party members

**Zone Report** presented by Wes Everitt - Wes reported on several items from Zone Meeting: New 12 week program for rehabilitation of medically released Veterans. Information Card left on lounge notice board. 2019 Branch Manual officially out. Some discussion about applying taxes to membership dues in the future, nothing official yet. Branch 7 is

closing in Jun and Pemberton Homes is housing information regarding assets. Potential changes in meeting dates for Zone could be forthcoming.

**Honours and Awards** presented by Wes Everitt - New Military Service Recognition Book deadline is the end of June.

Motion to accept Committee reports was moved by Marianne Palou and seconded by Gil Newton. **CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Canteen Price Increases** – Canteen prices will be going up probably for 1 Jul, currently under review.

**Lounge Heat Pump** - 2 Estimates have been obtained, one more required to submit to Zone. Motion was presented by Gil Newton and seconded by Ron Thistlethwaite to purchase heat pump for the lounge once the lowest bidder has been determined. **CARRIED**

**Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 4400 - \$10,000.00 donation in bank** – Janet Mitchell explained how this came to be. To be used for capital expenses for Branch. Looking for ideas from the membership. **(AI)**

**Increase Bursary amounts from \$700.00 to \$1000.00** – Current bursary amounts have been stagnant for some time and it seems time to raise them. Janet tabled a motion to raise our three bursary amounts from \$700.00 to \$1000.00 seconded by Marianne Palou. **CARRIED**

**New Horizon's Grant in bank account** – Will be used for new windows starting in May

**Legion Week Grant** - \$700.00 received for assistance with Legion Week Jun 25. Will start arranging this. Looking for volunteers to lend a hand.

**June Meetings** – Some discussion about moving the Jun meeting because of the Canada Day weekend. Status quo prevails.

**Bylaws** – Greg Chisholm explained Notice of Motion (in Lounge) regarding the changes in bylaws and will be presenting recommendations at the next meeting for approval. See notice board for details. **(AI)**

**Chemainus Legion Dart Teams** – Two teams are once again looking for our support for 125.00 each and this will be done. Motion by Ron Thistlethwaite and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink that the Branch sponsors both teams at a cost of 125.00 per. **CARRIED**

## **ELECTIONS**

The chair was turned over to Greg Chisholm (Nominating Chair) and committee members Ron Thistlethwaite and Dave Munro. The following was the result of these elections:

President Nominees – Len Lavender	-	Len Lavender by acclamation
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Nominees – Mike Beggs	-	Mike Beggs by acclamation
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nominees – Colin Murphy	-	Colin Murphy by acclamation
Recording Secretary Nominees – Ellen Lavender		Ellen Lavender by acclamation
Treasurer Nominees – Janet Mitchell		Janet Mitchell by acclamation

Directors at Large: Dave Munro, Gil Newton, Howard Ballard, Nora Fisher and Terri Hegarty all elected by acclamation.

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.**

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C. Murphy Rec Secretary

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Len Lavender, President