



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Jun 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

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

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 43 members and 5 guests

Guests: Joanne Hogan to receive donation cheque \$500.00 for Vancouver Island Crisis Society, Zone Commander Richard Steele accompanied by spouse for installation of new executive, Don Hall from Chemainus Secondary School to thank Branch for donation for PA system.

Draping of the Charter: Jeannine Ohman, Gordon Hughes

Minutes of previous General Meeting circulated for perusal. Motion to accept the minutes made by Diane Murphy and seconded by Norah Fisher. **CARRIED**

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

Correspondence presented by: Colin Murphy

- BC Yukon Memo #34.19 – UPDATE: 2020 75th Anniversary of the Dutch Liberation of Holland Commemoration Events
- BC Yukon Memo #35.19 – Veterans Affairs Mental Health First Aid Course
- BC Yukon Memo #36.19 – 2019 Convention – Delegate Credential Certificate Forms & Hotel Bookings
- BC Yukon Memo #37.19 – 2019 Convention Booklet Advertising Fundraising
- BC Yukon Memo #38.19 – SENIORS PROGRAM NEW HORIZONS GRANT: NOTICE OF REVISED APPLICATION FORM 2019
- BC Yukon Memo #39.19 – RE ISSUE - 2019 Poppy/Wreath and Promotional Material Price Lists
- BC Yukon Memo #40.19 – New Legion Policy: Hate Groups
- BC Yukon Memo #41.19 – REMINDER: Dominion Playdowns – Application to Host Deadline August 23, 2019
- BC Yukon Memo #42.19 – Choose to Move – A free 6-month activity Coaching for Seniors 65+
- BC Yukon Memo #43.19 – Apply to Host 2021/2022 Legion National Track and Field Championships

**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Letters:

Thank you letter from Ladysmith Air Cadets for the donation

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Colin Murphy and seconded by Darlene Beggs.

CARRIED

Branch Financials presented by: Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept Branch financials was moved by Janet Mitchell and seconded Ellen Lavender.

CARRIED

Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by: Janet Mitchell

Reconciled Bingo Bank balance as of 31 May 19 was **7,554.38**. The branch has given out **7,838.75** in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of 31 May 19 was **4,130.65**. The branch has given **7,801.49** 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 Diane Murphy.

CARRIED

Donations presented by Janet Mitchell:

SUE: Cockrell House – \$2000.00 from Poppy motioned to accept by Janet Mitchell seconded by Wes Everitt.

CARRIED

SUE: Afghanistan Memorial Plaque – \$600.00 from Poppy motion to accept by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Dave Nielsen.

CARRIED

Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society – \$1000.00 from Bingo

VI Compassion Dogs – \$500.00 from Bingo

Motion to approve the remainder of donations by: Janet Mitchell seconded by Frank Fisher.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by Darlene Beggs

Darlene presented the following applications for membership:

New Members	Doug Sales	Ordinary
	Kirsten Waller	Associate
	Paul McGregor	Associate
	Julie MacQuarrie	Associate
	Mark Hartley	Associate
	Clare Jane Bezjack	Associate
Transfer	Terry Biggar	Ordinary

A motion was made by Darlene Beggs to accept these applications for membership into the Branch, seconded by Dave Nielsen

CARRIED

PRO presented by Colin Murphy – Nil Report

Ways and Means presented by Ellen Lavender:

June Report – Hall

1. June 8, 2019 – Wedding Reception for 102 people – The bride was very happy with our food and service.
2. June 25, 2019 – Open House – Good participation, approx. 115 hamburgers & Hot Dogs served, Mike will have exact numbers.
3. June 27, 2019 – Polowy Celebration of Life for 40 people – The client was very pleased with the food and presentation.
4. June 29, 2019 – Celebration of Life – Gordon Hughes. There were over 100 present and we received many compliments for the food and service.

Upcoming Events – Bar-B-Qs July 1, 2019 Waterwheel Square & July 6, 2019 Giant Willow Street Market

Bar presented by Peter Brady: On the recommendations of the Audit Committee to increase some canteen prices on some products the following were submitted and approved by the executive to come into effect 2 Jul 19.

Bottle beer(domestic) 5.00 Other beer (Tennants, Corona) 5.50

Wine 6oz 5.00, 9oz 7.15

Cider 4.75, Coolers 5.80 and Liquor 5.00

These prices have been checked around town and are still below competitors normal pricing. It was also my recommendation to increase the hall prices upstairs as follows.

Bottle beer (domestic) 5.50, other beer 5.75

Wine 6oz 5.50, 9oz 7.85

Cider 5.50, Coolers 6.10 and Liquor 5.00

House presented by Len Lavender in Gil's absence – New windows in the hall, compressor in bar fridge had to be repaired when time clock needed replacing, heat pump to be installed in Jul starting on the 15th of Jul. We have changed paper supplier for paper towel dispenser so will be exchanging dispensers as they empty. Soap dispensers are being exchanged also.

Service Officer presented by Mike Beggs – Mike reiterated the fact the he still has two electric scooters available for veterans or members in need.

Poppy presented by Janet Mitchell – Order has been submitting and the programming is getting underway.

Sick & Visiting presented by Diane Murphy – Nil Report

Youth & Sports – Nil report

Sgt-at-Arms presented by Wes Everitt – Colour Party attended Chemainus Summerfest Parade and ceremony for Gordon Hughes yesterday and Wes offered thanks to all who participated in making this event a success.

Zone Report presented by Wes Everitt – Next Zone meeting to be in Sep. Wes also announced that the Zone Commander was here to carry out the installations of the executive.

Honours and Awards presented by Wes Everitt – will be conducted following New Business, but Wes wanted to thank the people who helped with the awards and selection process.

Motion to accept committee reports was moved by Diane Murphy and seconded by Frank Fisher.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Heat Pump – Covered in committee reports. Work to commence 15 Jul.

Canteen Prices – Covered in Bar report. New prices will be in effect 2 Jul.

Deferral of By-Law amendment: The proposed amendment to drop 2nd Vice Pres, will be tabled until later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation from ILWU Local 508 – \$1000.00 donation was received by ILWU Local 508 to go towards new heat pump.

Convention Expenses – Proposed expenses of 1025.00 was submitted by Dave Munro for convention, within the approved funding allotted.

Poppy Audit – Bugler for Remembrance Day can not be paid from Poppy and television costs for veteran in hospital was considered entertainment and had to be returned to Poppy.

Bursaries – The following bursaries were awarded this past Friday 21 Jun at graduation ceremonies:

Branch Hannah Pachet 700.00 from Meat Draw

Fine Arts Daisy Wright 700.00 from Bingo

Lorna Nichols Sport Matthew Simpson 700.00 from Bingo

These bursaries will be 1000.00 next year

Presentation from Royal British Legion – While overseas Dave Nielsen visited the Legion exchanged and some ribbons and the President of the Branch presented Dave with a plaque and Dave in turn presented it to our Branch.

July General Meeting – A motion was made by Colin Murphy and seconded by Wes Everitt to cancel the meeting schedule for Jul. Next General Meeting will be in Sep. Motion carried unanimously (32). **CARRIED**

HONOURS AND AWARDS for 2019

Wes explained the importance of the honours and awards and made the following presentations:

Affiliate Pins

10-year Lynn Ann Hawkes, 15-year Robert Lorette and Robert Graham

Associate Pins

10-year Delaine Aird, Shannon Bellamy, Brenda Glover

15-year Richard E Lee, Clyde McEwan

20-year James Alton

35-year Mike Buckner

40-year EJ Worden

45-year John Davis, Lorne Walliser

Ordinary Pins

10-year James Lloyd, Arthur Thompson

15-year Frank Fisher, Brian Simpson

20-year David Olund, Douglas Jones

25-year Mike Beggs, Darlene Beggs, Joseph White

30-year Bob Mair

35-year David Thera, Peter Brady

40-year Esther Craig, William Rodway,

45-year Eric Dennis

Certificates of Appreciation as Volunteer for events

Ellen Lavender, Cathie Hamilton, Judy Sherwood, Diane Murphy, Keith Palou, Doug Simmonds, Harry Southern

Certificates of Merit for many years of service on the Executive and as Membership and bar chair respectively

Darlene Beggs, Peter Brady

Certificate of Merit for her outstanding work creating a community band and her ongoing assistance in ensuring Bingo kitchen is properly manned

Verla Blog

75 Anniversary D Day Commemorative coin set for multiple years of service running Friday night Bingo

Kathy Copley, Delaine Aird, Janet Mitchell, Theresa Hegarty

75 Anniversary D Day commemorative coin set Running Karaoke, Web Master, Trouble shooting for computers, cell phones, sound equipment and creating an excellent display screen to keep our members updated on all things Legion

Colin Murphy

Past Presidents Bar for two or more terms as President

Len Lavender

Completion of the awards the President thanked Wes for all his hard and dedicated work to the Legion above and beyond the norm, and the ensuing standing ovation echoed the membership's approval.

2019-2020 INSTALLATIONS

Sgt-at-Arms	David Nielsen
Recording Secretary	Ellen Lavender
Treasurer	Janet Mitchell
Service Officer	Mike Beggs
Chaplain	Rev Michael Wimmer
Executive Committee	Diane Murphy, Norah Fisher, Terry Hegarty, Howard Ballard
Past President	Wes Everitt
Vice Presidents	Mike Beggs 1 st , Colin Murphy 2 nd
President	Len Lavender

The above installations were carried out by SVI Zone Commander Richard Steele.

The President announce the following appointment as Zone Delegates, Wes Everitt and Dave Munro with Dave Nielsen as an alternate delegate.

There being no more business, proposal for adjournment by Diane Murphy and seconded by Dan Remery was presented and passed. **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned @ 1515 hrs.

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C. Murphy Rec Secretary

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Len Lavender, President