



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Sep 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Colin Murphy, Gil Newton, Janet Mitchell, Wes Everitt, Howard Ballard, Terri Hegarty, Norah Fisher, Dave Nielsen, Dave Munro (Absent: Len Lavender, Mike Beggs, Diane Murphy, Ellen Lavender)

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 21 members

Draping of the Charter: Charter draped for Veteran **Frank V. Fast**

Minutes of previous General Meeting circulated for perusal. Motion to accept the minutes made by Dave Munro and seconded by Dan Remery. **CARRIED**

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

Correspondence presented by: Wes Everitt

BC Yukon Memo #44.19 – Executive Director

BC Yukon Memo #45.19 – Valour Canada Donation Request

BC Yukon Memo #46.19 – Executive Director

BC Yukon Memo #47.19 – Nominations for 75th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign

BC Yukon Memo #48.19 – Watch the 2019 Legion National Track and Field Championships Live Online

BC Yukon Memo #49.19 – Convention Standing Committee Reports and Resolutions Booklet

BC Yukon Memo #50.19 – Deadline for Poppy Promotional Materials and Wreaths

BC Yukon Memo #51.19 – 2019 BC/Yukon Legion Convention Details

BC Yukon Memo #52.19 – 2019 Youth National Track and Field Results

BC Yukon Memo #53.19 – 2019 BC/Yukon Legion Convention Accommodations Revisions

BC Yukon Memo #54.19 – Online Membership Renewal

BC Yukon Memo #55.19 – Poppy Tagging 2019 with COSTCO

BC Yukon Memo #56.19 – Elections and Renting of Legion Facilities to Political Parties

BC Yukon Memo #57.19 – MissionVAV – New Health and Wellness Program For Veterans And Their Families

BC Yukon Memo #58.19 – Convention Dress Code, Parade & Branch Banner Info

BC Yukon Memo #59.19 – IQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

BC Yukon Memo #60.19 – Remembrance Day Calendar 2019

BC Yukon Memo #61.19 – Participation Surging Forward in BC: 2020 75th Anniversary of the Dutch Liberation of Holland Commemoration Events

BC Yukon Memo #62.19 – Branch Inspections held by Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB)

BC Yukon Memo #63.19 – BC Lions Salute to Veterans & Military Valour – Marchers, Tickets and WW2 Vets

**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Letters:

Thank you letter from Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs
Thank you letter from Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society

Motion to accept correspondence moved by Wes Everitt and seconded by Peter Brady. **CARRIED**

Peter Brady wanted to offer a verbal thank-you to Diane Murphy and other members who have shown kindness and concern for his wife.

Branch Financials presented by: Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept Branch financials was moved by Janet Mitchell and seconded Norah Fisher. **CARRIED**

Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by: Janet Mitchell

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:

Poppy SUE: Chemainus Heath Care Foundation - \$2000.00 – Janet presented a motion for a SUE to assist in obtaining equipment and service to enhance veterans and other seniors well-being and seconded by Frans Vandenbrink.

CARRIED

Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs – \$1000.00 from Bingo
North Cowichan Breakfast Program – \$2000.00 from Meat Draw
Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association – \$1000.00 from Bingo
Chemainus Harvest House Food Bank – \$1000.00 from Meat Draw
Little Town Christmas 2019 – \$1000 from Bingo

Motioned by Janet Mitchell and seconded by Frank Fisher. **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by Terri Hegarty

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

Jackie Allen	–	Associate	Frank Gibbons	–	Affiliate Voting
Trevor Lawless	–	Ordinary	Linda Olund	–	Associate
Amanda Blenderman	–	Associate	George Saywell	–	Affiliate Voting
Christina Goodbie	–	Associate	Denise Stanton	–	Associate
Steve Smith	–	Ordinary	Terry Geddes	–	Associate
Carl Wright	–	Associate	Brian AAberg	–	Affiliate Voting
Mary Robinson	–	Associate	Jennifer Lovick	–	Affiliate Voting
Michel Charron	–	Affiliate	Colin Stanhope	–	Affiliate Voting
Robert Todd Van Norman	–	Associate	Judy Whittet	–	Affiliate Voting

Motioned by Terri Hegarty and seconded by Gil Newton to accept these new members. **CARRIED**

PRO presented by Colin Murphy – Nil Report

Ways and Means presented by Janet Mitchel: – Janet reminded the membership of the upcoming breakfast on Tue for Tour de Rock, Dart Tournament on 6 Oct in the Hall and recent wedding in the hall last evening.

Service Officer presented by Wes Everitt – Delivered a scooter this week but apparently having issues with it, so we look at replacing with the one we have left.

Poppy presented by Janet Mitchell – this year's campaign will start 1 Nov. Vet's dinner will be on the 2nd of Nov. Church Service and Cemetery Service will be on the 10th Nov. Poppy Meeting Fri Oct 11 at 2PM.

Sick & Visiting presented by Diane Murphy – Nil Report

Youth & Sports presented by Norah Fisher – Monday nights will have dart teams here. There will be a dart tournament on the 6 Oct upstairs and Norah is still trying to contact individuals' reference the Zone play downs in Jan. Norah also added that Gil and Dorothy will be handling the Halloween Party as she is committed elsewhere. Gil added that he would be looking for some volunteers to lend a hand.

Bar presented by Howard Ballard – Howard reported on recent meetings with bartenders, the updating of opening and closing procedures. Gas system at the bar is being and will be updated.

House presented by Gil Newton – Most of the towel and soap dispensers have been exchanged. Issue with the lights in the women's washroom to be corrected. Heat pumps still on cooling stage. Key cupboard has been updated.

Sgt-at-Arms presented by Dave Nielsen – Remembrance Day parade participants have been identified. Still looking for volunteers for the school visitations. Tentative date of 25 Oct for placing crosses on the veteran's sites in the cemetery. Dave would like to have our Branch Colours to be replaced as ours is quite faded. To this end Dave presented a motion to replace our banner at cost not to exceed \$600 and this was seconded by Peter Brady. **CARRIED**

Zone Report presented by Dave Munro – Dave reported that the Zone had dealt with a couple of the resolutions for Convention and that the next Zone Meeting would be at Malahat.

Honours and Awards presented by Wes Everitt - Wes was working on helping an individual with his bid to gain his Korean Ambassador for Peace medal.

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

OLD BUSINESS

75th Anniversary of the Dutch Liberation of Holland – Peter Brady brought up the fact that we should be registering for this. Request the office manager submit the application to Zone. **Office Manager**

Bylaws and Branch Manual – Peter Brady has requested the Branch President show the manual and Bylaws that the Branch is currently using as he believes there is a discrepancy in what the Branch is using. **AI**

NEW BUSINESS

Veteran's Dinner – Dinner will be 2 Nov this year. Details will be forthcoming soon.

Friday Night Kitchen – We no longer have a Friday evening cook, Georgina has looked after it this weekend and also next Friday. We are still actively looking for a replacement. If anyone knows of anyone let the Branch know and we shall approach them.

Possible Event in October – We will be sponsoring a Dinner and Dance 19 October, featuring turkey dinner by Len and Ellen and help, as well as entertainment by Jan Matthews.

Meat Draw – Ham and turkey's for the following two Fri and Sat nights.

Lest-We-Forget Pins – Dan Remery presented a motion that any member from the Chemainus Legion Branch 191 who is laying a wreath on Remembrance Day and who is being accompanied by two members of the scouting or other youth service organization or schools, present these children with a Lest-We-Forget pin. The cost of this shall be borne by the Legion and it is understood that permission to do so would have been sought from organization leaders. This motion was seconded by Dave Nielsen. **CARRIED**

Office Manager Work Days – Peter Brady made a motion that the Office Manager's work days be changed to best accommodate the needs of Branch 191, that the current Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday become Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This motion is seconded by Dan Remery. Discussion around this item gave varying opinions on why it was or wasn't necessary dealing mostly with the requirement for the bar on Fridays as this is usually where things seem to come off the rails. (See below) **TABLED (AI)**

After extensive discussion on both sides of the argument another motion was presented by Frans Vandenbrink to table the original motion until such a time as the Executive presents a proper report on the matter. This motion was seconded by Dave Nielsen. **CARRIED**

Adjournment – Frank Grandberg made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dave Munro.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned @ 1505 hrs.

//Original signed by//

Wes Everitt, Secretary

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Colin Murphy, Chairman