



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

October 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Len Lavender, Janet Mitchell, Wes Everitt, Mike Beggs, Colin Murphy, Ellen Lavender, Terri Hegarty, Norah Fisher, Gil Newton, Howard Ballard, David Nielsen; absent Diane Murphy.

Number in Attendance (including Executive): 26 members and 5 guests

Draping of the Charter: John Pimlott

Guests: Donations presented by Janet Mitchell

Chrissy Kempfi from Cowichan Neighbour House Association to accept \$1000.00 donation from Bingo

Laura McIntyre from North Cowichan Breakfast Club to accept \$2000.00 donation from Meat Draw

Kathleen Hepburn from Chemainus Health Care Foundation to accept \$2000.00 donation from Poppy

Christina Godbolt from Little Town Christmas Society to accept \$1000.00 donation from Bingo

Barbara Swanson from Chemainus Harvest House Food Bank to accept \$1000.00 donation from Meat Draw

Minutes of previous General Meeting Circulated:

Motion to accept: Wes Everitt

Seconded by: David Nielsen

CARRIED

The minutes of the previous Executive Meeting – Circulated - FYI.

Correspondence presented by: Ellen Lavender

BC Yukon Memo #65.19- Introducing your new Provincial Executive Council

BC Yukon Memo #66.19- Branch Expenditures over \$10,000 – Change to By-Law Requirements and Approval

BC Yukon Memo #67.19- Poppy Tagging and Corporate Sponsorships

BC Yukon Memo #68.19 – Poppy Phone Scam

BC Yukon Memo #69.19- Poppy Fund Assessment Reminder

BC Yukon Memo #70.19- Poster and Literary Contest Reporting Forms and Deadlines

BC Yukon Memo #71.19- Elections – Nominating Committee Requirements

BC Yukon Memo #72.19- Presentation of First Poppy

BC Yukon Memo #73.19- Free One-Year Membership to all graduating Cadets

BC Yukon Memo #74.19 - Policy for Request for Funding

**These are all posted in the Legion Lounge

Thank You cards and Letters: None

Motion to accept correspondence by: Ellen Lavender

Seconded by: Frank Fisher

CARRIED

Branch Financials presented by: Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept Branch financials by: Janet Mitchell Seconded by: Frans Vandenbrink **CARRIED**

Bingo and Meat Draw report presented by: Janet Mitchell

Reconciled Bingo Bank balance as of September 30 was \$8,263.12. The branch has given out \$14,809.75 in donations from Bingo. Meat Draw Bank balance as of September 30 was \$7,704.05. The branch has given \$11,501.49 in donations from Meat Draw. Complete statements are available on request.

Motion to accept by: Janet Mitchell Seconded by: Dan Remery **CARRIED**

Donations presented by: Janet Mitchell

Chemainus Legion Community Costume Party - \$600.00 from Meat Draw
Vancouver Island Compassion Dogs - \$1000.00 from Meat Draw
Chemainus Secondary School PAC - \$2000.00 from Bingo
Cowichan Neighbourhood House Christmas Program \$2000.00 from Meat Draw
Chemainus Harvest House Christmas Program - \$2000.00 from Bingo

Motion to accept by: Janet Mitchell Seconded by: Wes Everitt **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership presented by: Terri Hegarty

New Members: Fredrick Demchuk	Ordinary	Transfer
Ron French	Ordinary	New Member
Natalie French	Ordinary	New Member
Julia Barton	Associate	New Member
Doug Chadwick	Associate	New Member
Teresa Erickson	Associate	New Member
Peter Colyn	Affiliate	New Member

Motion to accept for membership by: Terri Hegarty Seconded by: Darlene Beggs **CARRIED**

PRO presented by: Colin Murphy – No report

Ways and Means presented by: Ellen Lavender

We had several very successful events at end last month and this, where our many Volunteers did their usual superb job.

1. September 22, 2019 – Celebration of Life – approx. 150 attendees.
2. September 28, 2019 – Wedding Reception – approx. 100 attendees. Two meat entrees served and enjoyed.
3. October 1, 2019 – Tour de Rock Breakfast – approx. 100 attendees which was more than last year. This is one of their favorite stops.
4. October 6, 2019 – Dart Tournament – approx. 40 players. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs were made to order.
5. October 12, 2019 – Celebration of Life – approx. 120+ attendees. The Legion supplied Kitchen help, along with coffee & tea and plates & napkins. The food was done by an outside caterer.

In the Lounge - October 18 & 19, 2019 – Irish Stew was served Friday night and Turkey Dinner Saturday, those who participated were pleased. Thanks go to Dorothy Newton, Georgina & Bob Lorette, Darlene Beggs for stepping up to

help cooking Fridays.

Upcoming events – October 31, 2019 – Halloween party for the kids of the Community; November 2, 2019 – Vet's Dinner; November 11, 2019 – the soup lunch after the Ceremonies at the Cenotaph, again for the Community; November 23, 2019 – Christmas Craft Sale, where we will have a bake sale table.

Bar presented by: Howard Ballard

Thanks to Len Lavender for his work redoing the beer taps. The craft beer has been going well. The committee will be looking at a tap for white wine as well. Janet Mitchell will change the bar prices in the Legion hall upstairs.

House presented by: Gil Newton

The heat pumps have been switched to heat now and are working well. Arrangements are made for November 14, 2019, for the annual check of the fire extinguishers and alarm system. Volunteers are requested to decorate the hall for Halloween.

Service Officer presented by: Mike Beggs – No report

Poppy presented by: Janet Mitchell

The campaign is going well; we have approximately \$3,000.00 to deposit already. The sheets are up in the lounge for volunteers to do tagging. There are only the next two Fridays and lots of spots available; the Cadets will do the Saturdays.

Sick & Visiting presented by: Diane Murphy

Len Lavender reported Diane was following up on the passing of John Pimlott and Diane Thistlethwaite regarding flowers, cards or any help needed.

Youth & Sports presented by: Norah Fisher

Thank you to Gil and Dorothy Newton for organizing the Halloween Party for the Community on her absence. The Zone Dart Tournament is booked for February 8 & 9, 2020. She heard from Fran Raglione with a list of all tournaments for all sports – crib, 8-ball & darts, our Legion is hosting the darts. A request was made to have all trophies won, returned on the day of the Zone tournaments.

Sgt-at-Arms presented by: David Nielsen

Terri Hegarty and David Nielsen conducted a very successful Installation Ceremony October 25 for 8 of 10 new members, there will be another next month. On October 25th, David, Gil & Dorothy Newton, Howard Ballard, Wes Everitt, Bob Evans, 7 cadets and 2 students from the High School; erected 11 crosses for Vets in the Cemetery in 20 minutes.

Next year, more Legion members would be appreciated to attend.

Zone Report presented by: Wes Everitt

The next Zone meeting is at Malahat Legion, 1:30 PM November 17, 2019. Notice has been given that Branch 10 and 171 have left the South Vancouver Island Zone effective immediately.

Honours and Awards presented by: Wes Everitt

Wes made inquiry regarding the Ambassador to Peace Medal but because an application was made once he found a second application was not possible.

Motion to accept Committee Reports by: Ellen Lavender

Seconded by: Gil Newton

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Friday Night Kitchen: request made for all to look for ideas/cooks to alleviate this problem.

Two tabled Motions:

1. By Laws - There is a discrepancy with the Manual and Bylaws that the Branch is using; tabled until documents and differences have been specifically identified - ongoing
2. Office Manager's workdays - This will be dealt with by the executive and reported next General meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dan Remery volunteered to donate a gallon jar of pickled eggs in the lounge, for funds to be donated to Cockrell House.
2. There was a discussion in the use of credit cards for purchases for the Legion; because of the misuse encountered by other establishments, the decision was this is not a good option for our Legion.
3. A decision was made regarding buying a refreshment to welcome a new member. Hand in a receipt if/when done to the office, include the name of the new member.

Motion to adjourn by: Frans Vandenbrink

Seconded by: Gil Newton

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned @ 3:10 pm

Recording Secretary/Ellen Lavender

President/ Len Lavender
