



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #191 Chemainus

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

October 24, 2019

Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm

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

Guests: None

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting: A motion was made by Wes Everitt to accept the minutes as circulated, seconded by Janet Mitchell. **CARRIED**

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 posted in the Legion lounge.

Other Correspondence: none

Cards and Thank you Letters: None

Motion to accept correspondence: moved by Ellen Lavender, seconded by Norah Fisher. **CARRIED**

Minutes of the Finance Meeting – October 22, 2019 - FYI

Branch Financials: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept financial report by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Gil Newton. **CARRIED**

Bingo and Meat Draw Statements: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Reconciled bank balances as of September 2019 are; for Bingo \$8,263.12 and Meat Draw \$7,704.05.

Motion to accept the Bingo and Meat Draw statements by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Dave Munro. **CARRIED**

Complete statements are available upon request.

Donations: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Chemainus Community Halloween 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 approve the donations by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Wes Everitt.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Presented by Terri Hegarty – An initiation Ceremony was held October 22, 2019 for 8 new members.

Presenting for Membership:

Frederick Demchuk	Ordinary	Transfer
Ron French	Ordinary	New Member
Natalie French	Ordinary	New Member
Julia Barton	Associate	New Member
Douglas Chadwick	Associate	New Member
Teresa Erickson	Associate	New Member

Motion to Accept new members by: Terri Hegarty, seconded by David Nielsen

CARRIED

PRO: Presented by Colin Murphy – Inquired about the Remembrance Day poster - underway. Christmas Craft Sale poster made and 20 copies will be produced for distribution.

Sick & Visiting: Presented by Diane Murphy – Sent an email regarding the passing of Diane Thistlewaite and John Pimlot, will contact and send flowers and cards.

Youth & Sports: Presented by Norah Fisher – The Zone Dart Tournament is booked for February 8 & 9, 2020; she spoke to Fran Raglione and Marilyn Butler who advised they will help her with the tournament, as contact persons. Need food, bartender and other refreshments etc. The Halloween party is being co-ordinated by Gil and Dorothy Newton and is under control; Gil mentioned needs help decorating the Wednesday before.

Service Officer: Presented by Mike Beggs – no report.

Poppy: Presented by Janet Mitchell – Canvassing has been done and will be delivering trays to businesses tomorrow, October 25, 2019. The Cadets will be tagging Saturday November 2 & 9, 2019, we need more volunteers this weekend and the following two Fridays.

Bar: Presented by Howard Ballard – Thanks to Len Lavender for his work redoing the beer taps. The craft beer has been going well. Will be looking at a tap for white wine as well.

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.

Zone Report: Presented by Wes Everitt – The next Zone meeting is 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 found a second application was not possible.

Sgt-at-Arms: Presented by David Nielsen – The invitations are sent out for the Vet's Dinner; thanks to Janet Mitchell, Terri Hegarty, Colin Murphy and Wes Everitt for their help. The Senior's Center Group has cancelled performing due to Health concerns, David will look for replacements. The Remembrance Day Visits to Schools, The Health Centre and Steeples have been arranged; and he spoke to Dominion Command regarding replacing our banner – Ongoing. Gil Newton, Wes Everitt and David will be laying 110 crosses in the Cemetery October 25, 2019 at 5 pm; additional help would be appreciated.

Ways and Means: Presented by Ellen Lavender –

1. September 22, 2019 – Celebration of Life – approx. 150 attendees. The Volunteers did their usual superb job.
2. September 28, 2019 – Wedding Reception – approx. 100 attendees. Two meat entrees served, the event went well and was appreciated.
3. October 1, 2019 – Tour de Rock Breakfast – approx. 100 attendees which was more than last year. Our stop is one of their favorites.
4. October 6, 2019 – Dart Tournament – approx. 40 players. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs were made to order and was well received.
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 and outside caterer.

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

A motion was made by Wes Everitt to accept committee reports, seconded by Ellen Lavender.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Peter Brady believes there is a discrepancy with his and the Manual and Bylaws that the Branch is using; tabled until he documents the differences.

A motion was tabled last meeting regarding the Office Manager’s workdays. This will be dealt with by the executive.
Friday Night Kitchen – request made for all to look for ideas/cooks to alleviate this problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zone Dart Tournament – February 8 & 9, 2019 – see **Youth and Sports** report above.

Other – Len Lavender reported Chrissy Kemppi? (Neighborhood House) is interested in hosting an open Mic night on Thursdays in the lounge from 4 – 6 pm; the executive agreed to give it a try. She will be again offering Yoga 3 Monday evenings a month in the Hall.

Wes Everitt will look after hiring entertainment from 4 – 6 pm in the lounge, Remembrance Day.

Colin Murphy will power wash the Cenotaph before Remembrance Day.

A Volunteer Appreciation night was proposed for Thursday night possibly the first week in December – Len Lavender and Howard Ballard - ongoing.

Dave Munro raised changing the peacekeeping plaque on the Memorial with one he has in his possession in the future because of date considerations and mistakes.

Janet Mitchell advised a business in Victoria was refurbishing and unloading equipment, we were placed first on a list for the donation of coolers to replace ours.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Beggs, seconded by Gil Newton.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned @ 6:05 pm

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Ellen Lavender, Recording Secretary

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Len Lavender, President