

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 191 Chemainus Executive Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2019

Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm

**Roll Call of Officers:** Len Lavender – President, Mike Beggs – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Janet Mitchell - Treasurer, Ellen Lavender – Recording Secretary, Wes Everitt – Past President, David Nielsen – Sgt-at-Arms, Howard Ballard – Bar Manager, Terri Hegarty - Membership, Gil Newton – House and Dave Munro - Director.

**Absent:** Diane Murphy – Sick & Visiting, Colin Murphy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Norah Fisher – Youth & Sports.

**Guests:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft minutes from the Executive meeting of November 21, 2019 were circulated for your approval. Motion made by Wes Everitt to accept the minutes as circulated, seconded by Gil Newton. **CARRIED**

The draft General Meeting minutes of November 24, 2019 were sent out for your information.

**Correspondence:** Presented by Ellen Lavender - None

### **BC/Yukon Command Circulars:**

BC Yukon Memo #84.19 - Branch Elections

BC Yukon Memo #85.19 - Nijmegen 2020 - Call for Legion Nominees

BC Yukon Memo #86.19 - MSM/MSA Award changes

BC Yukon Memo #87.19 -“Enduring Tulip Gala”

BC Yukon Memo #88.19 - New Executive Information - Important Information Required

BC Yukon Memo #89.19 - Office Christmas hours 2019 - BC Yukon Command

BC Yukon Memo #90.19 - Poster and Literary Contest Branch Statistical Reports Due - Deadline Nov.30<sup>th</sup>

BC Yukon Memo #91.19 - Give the gift of Belonging - New Membership &Renewal Resources

These are posted in the Legion Lounge.

Motion to accept correspondence: moved by David Nielsen, seconded by Terri Hegarty. **CARRIED**

**Branch Financials:** Presented by Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept financial report in draft form by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Howard Ballard. **CARRIED**

**Bingo and Meat Draw Statements:** Presented by Janet Mitchell

Reconciled bank balances as of November 30 are; for Bingo \$7,725.23 and Meat Draw \$8,774.29.

Motion to accept the Bingo & Meat Draw statements by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Wes Everitt. **CARRIED**

Complete statements are available upon request.

**Donations:** Presented by Janet Mitchell – None

**House:** Presented by Gil Newton – We have the turkeys and hams, along with the Christmas cakes and Poinsettias for the Meat draws.

**Bar:** Presented by Howard Ballard – Draft Wise from Victoria was up and checked the draft taps; advised they were working well and as they should, possibly the problem was the keg itself.

**Poppy:** Presented by Janet Mitchell – Poppy Campaign this year was \$45 short of \$19,000.00, it came to \$18,955.00.

**Honours and Awards:** Presented by Wes Everitt – No report.

**Membership:** Presented by Terri Hegarty

Robert Vanderbeck      New Member      Ordinary

Jacci Piechnik            New Member      Associate

Kevin Dillabough        New Member      Associate

James Sckooratoff       New Member      Associate

Vicki Miller                New Member      Associate

Motion to Accept new members by: Terri Hegarty, seconded by Janet Mitchell **CARRIED**

**Public Relations:** Presented by Colin Murphy - Christmas greeting and Thanks to Poppy Campaign in Courier.

**Service Officer:** Presented by Mike Beggs - No report.

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Presented by David Nielsen – No report.

**Sick & Visiting:** Presented by Diane Murphy - No report.

**Youth & Sports:** Presented by Norah Fisher – No report

**Ways and Means:** Presented by Ellen Lavender:

1. December 7, 2019 – Celebration of Life Diane Thistlethwaite – over 140 attendees, food cost 189.55.

**Zone Report:** Presented by Wes Everitt – Legions #10 and #171 have joined the Central Zone in the New Year; we also have a new Zone secretary. Some Branches are behind in their per-capita payments; therefore, there is a shortage of \$400.00 for Poster & Literary which will be split by the remaining Branches. Zone requested each branch use the same formatted form to report minutes of meetings, making all reports similar.

Motion made by Mike Beggs to accept committee reports, seconded by Gil Newton.

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Little Town Christmas:** Mike Beggs reported it was not as well attended this year, he had lots of help but only sold half the amount ordered. The party wrapped up earlier also, at 3:30 pm.

**Flagpole (front of Building):** Mike Beggs repaired the flagpole.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**John Pimlott Bursary:** Len Lavender reported John's son wishes to offer a bursary to the High School in John's name. Len spoke to Frans Vandenbrink who is familiar with the processes required; the family still plans on a Celebration of Life for John in April.

**Hours for Christmas and New Years:** Confirming the Legion will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

**Date for January initiation for New Members:** Terri Hegarty advised the date is Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**Chase the Jack:** Len Lavender will do more research needs to be done on this game; we could look at a licence for a 50/50 draw as an option. It was suggested contacting the Legion's Lawyers as a resource.

**Christmas Bonus for Staff:** It was decided to give Amanda, Georgina, Jackie and Theresa \$50.00 each.

**Marianne Palou:** There has been no update on her condition, her doctor's letter was up to December 21, 2019. The Legion will send a registered letter the Monday or Tuesday following that date, provided there has not been an update before then.

**Robbie Burns Day:** Wes Everitt reported he has had no luck booking an MC, a piper, or entertainment other than the dancers. At this junction, it was voted to cancel the dinner this year.

**Darts Tournament February 8 & 9, 2020:** Len Lavender spoke to a representative of Lanford Legion, who hosted before; He has a meeting set up with her to get information. The Zone Sports Chair is to look after the registrations, we are to run the tournament. More to come, ongoing.

**Early Bird draw for Membership:** The winner of the draw is Jimmy McGhee.

**Next Meeting:**

Executive Meeting – January 23, 2020 – 5:00 pm

General Meeting – January 26, 2020 – 2:00 pm

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

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm**

Signed by: