

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 191 Chemainus General Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2020

Meeting called to order @ 2:00 pm

Roll Call of Officers: Wes Everitt, Past President; Janet Mitchell, Treasurer; Gil Newton; Terri Hegarty; Norah Fisher; David Nielsen; Dave Munro

Absent: Len Lavender, President; Mike Beggs, 1st Vice; Colin Murphy, 2nd Vice; Ellen Lavender, Recording Secretary; Diane Murphy

Guests: None

Draping of the Charter: George Saywell

Approval of Minutes:

The draft General Meeting minutes of November 24, 2019 as distributed

Motion made to accept the minutes as circulated by Dan Remery, **Seconded** by Guy Zimmerman

CARRIED

The Executive meeting Minutes of December 19th, 2019 and January 23rd, 2020 were circulated for your information.

Correspondence:

BC/Yukon Command Circulars:

BC Yukon Memo #01.20 – Poppy Funds-Not to be used for payment for Emergency Devices (Lifeline)

BC Yukon Memo #01.20 – Retraction-Memo #01.20 Poppy Funds

BC Yukon Memo #03.20 – Poppy Fund Assessment Submission Reminder DEADLINE January 31, 2020

BC Yukon Memo #04.20 - Convention 2019 Minutes

BC Yukon Memo #05.20 – UBC Veteran Friendly Campus Initiative

BC Yukon Memo #06.20 – Retain and Attract Members for free using Face book + BellLetsTalk Mental Health

BC Yukon Memo #07.20 – Call to Host 2021 BC/Yukon Sports Play downs (deadline Feb. 28th, 2020) and Sports funding information.

BC Yukon Memo #08.20 – Lottery Incentive Contest

BC Yukon Memo #11.20- National Canadian Film Day – April 22, 2020.

Cards and Thank you Letters

CVCAS – Hall rental for the Song Circle – thank you

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs – thank you

Tour de Rock – thank you from the BC Cancer Society

Chemainus Secondary PAC – thank you

Motion to accept correspondence: moved by Janet Mitchell, **Seconded** by Terri Hegarty

CARRIED

Branch Financials: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept financial report in draft form by Janet Mitchell, **Seconded** by Gil Newton

CARRIED

Bingo and Meat Draw Statements: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Reconciled bank balances as of December 31 are; for Bingo \$9,906.56 and Meat Draw \$10,757.16.

Motion to accept Bingo & Meat Draw statements by: Janet Mitchell, **Seconded** by Dan Remery **CARRIED**

Complete statements are available upon request.

Donations: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Legion Manor Victoria \$1,000 from Poppy

Motion to approve Legion Manor, Victoria by Norah Fisher, **Seconded** by Guy Zimmerman

CARRIED

UBC Veteran Friendly Initiative - \$1,000 from Poppy

Motion to approve UBC donation by Peter Brady, Seconded by Frans Vandenbrink

CARRIED

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs - \$500 from Meat Draw

Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association - \$2,000 from Bingo

Chemainus Secondary PAC – Dry Grad 2020 - \$1,000 from Meat Draw

Motion to approve the donations by Janet Mitchell, **Seconded** by Dan Remery

CARRIED

House: Presented by Gil Newton –

The roof had a leak and was fixed for \$50. The roof needs some repairs, but will have to wait until spring. The heat pumps were serviced and the gutters need to be cleaned. After discussion, the freezer will be kept until the branch acquires a permanent cook for the Friday dinners. Peter Brady asked about the chimney renovation and when it will be started up again as well as asking about the dumb waiter. The renovations should start up again when the hall is not so busy.

Bar: Presented by Howard Ballard –

Everything is going well, more volunteer bartenders are needed.

Poppy: Presented by Janet Mitchell –

The Poppy Campaign raised \$19,105.83. The Poster and Literary Presentations were held on January 19th. Even though there were very few entries for 2019 contest, everyone enjoyed the ceremony. Thanks to all the members who assisted. I have since been advised that we have 4 placements at the Zone Level. The presentations for Zone are at Prince Edward #91 on Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 pm. There was a very good article in the Courier.

Honours and Awards: Presented by Wes Everitt –

New committee members have agreed to help with the awards, they are Norah Fisher; Dave Munro and David Nielsen. If anyone has someone in mind for an award please contact one of the committee

Membership: Presented by Terri Hegarty -

Robert Vanderbeck	New Member	Ordinary	Thomas Yuille	New Member	Ordinary
Jacci Plechnik	New Member	Associate	Ken Jordan	New Member	Associate
Kevin Dillabough	New Member	Associate	Vern Brown	New Member	Associate
James Sckooratoff	New Member	Associate	Craig Peterson	New Member	Associate
Vicki Miller	New Member	Associate	William Finch	New Member	Associate
Wendy Finch	New Member	Associate	Stephen Reich	New Member	Associate
Wendy Patterson	Transfer	Associate	Ronald Hill	Transfer	Ordinary
Marjorie Copeland	Transfer	Associate	William Bateman	Transfer	Ordinary
Kris Parent	Transfer	Associate	Velma Bateman	Transfer	Ordinary

Motion to accept new members by: Terri Hegarty, **Seconded** by Frans Vandenbrink

CARRIED

Public Relations: Presented by

Colin is acquiring quotes for a new projector in the hall. All future special events are now posted on the web site.

Service Officer: Presented by

Comrade George Saywell passed away on January 4th. The scooter he had been using is now being used by another member.

Sgt-at-Arms: Presented by David Nielsen –

No report

Sick & Visiting: Presented by –

No report

Youth & Sports: Presented by Norah Fisher –

Zone Dart Play Downs are on February 8th and 9th. Registration will be overseen, by Terri and Norah, Dorothy will be supervising the food.

Ways and Means: Presented by -

The Rotary Student Luncheon will be held on Monday, February 10th.

Wounded Warriors will be stopping at the Branch on Saturday, February 29th at 12:30 – 14:30 hrs.

Zone Report: Presented by Wes Everitt –

Next Zone Meeting to be held at Public Service #127, February 9th, at 1:30. Lorraine Salkus, President of Trafalgar/ProPatria passed away this week. A Celebration of Life will be held at branch 292 on February 23rd, at 2:00 pm.

Motion made to accept committee reports by **Dave Munro, Seconded** by Frank Fisher

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Peter Brady to change the By-Laws to increase the repairs and maintenance amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 before needing BC Yukon approval, **Seconded** by Frank Fisher. **CARRIED**

Peter asked when Marianne Palou was returning to work. When our President returns, the matter will be handled.

Kathy Copley asked about the donation we received from the Eagles. The money is in a separate account and the executive is waiting to see if we are approved for a New Horizons grant for new tables and chairs for the lounge. At that time a decision will be made as what to do with the donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Initiation of new members will be held on Tuesday, February 11th in the hall.

Dan Remery brought forth new ideas about entertainment for the lounge and also complimented the music played at the dinner on Saturday. Peter Brady also thanked all the volunteers from the dinner on Saturday. Peter also gave a thank you to Howard Ballard and the band.

Peter Brady announced that a dinner will be held in the lounge on Saturday, February 22nd for donations to go to the Wounded Warriors when they attend the Branch.

Dave Munro spoke about the history of Cockrell House and how Peter Brady and Dan Remery have endeavored to make our branch a regular donor. On behalf of Cockrell House, Dave presented both Peter and Dan T shirts with the Cockrell House logo.

Next Meeting:

Executive Meeting – February 20, 2020 – 5:00 pm

General Meeting – February 23, 2020 – 2:00 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Don Gatward, **Seconded** by Gil Newton

CARRIED

A Minute of Silence was requested in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Auschwitz before the Closing Ritual.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:00 pm

Signed by:

Janet Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Wes Everitt, Past President