

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 191 Chemainus General Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2020

Meeting called to order @ 2:00 pm

Roll Call of Officers: Len Lavender – 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, Dave Munro – Director and Norah Fisher – Youth & Sports.

Absent: Diane Murphy – Sick & Visiting, Colin Murphy – 2nd Vice President and Mike Beggs 1st Vice President.

Guests: Arlene Robinson from Cowichan Neighbourhood House to accept \$2,000.00 donation from Bingo

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of Previous General Meeting January 26, 2020 circulated.

Motion to accept by Norah Fisher, Seconded by Dave Munroe.

CARRIED

The draft Previous Executive meeting February 20, 2020 circulated for your information.

Correspondence: Presented by Ellen Lavender - None

BC/Yukon Command Circulars:

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

BC Yukon Memo #12.20- Branch Operations Advisor Program Changes

BC Yukon Memo #13.20- In the Service of Canada: Military Service Recognition Book (MSRB) – 2020

BC Yukon Memo #14.20- Legion Lager – Launch Party and Contest

BC Yukon Memo #15.20- Resolutions for Dominion Convention – August 22-26 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

BC Yukon Memo #16.20- On-Line membership Information

BC Yukon Memo #17.20- Changes to Gala - Update on the Lokomat Campaign

BC Yukon Memo #18.20- 2019 Youth Remembrance Contest Winners

BC Yukon Memo #19.20- 2019 Audited Financial Statements – Deadline April 30, 2020

BC Yukon Memo #20.20- Membership Update - Renew your Membership Contest

BC Yukon Memo # 21.20- Socan & Re: Sound Music Licensing is now “Entandem”

These are posted in the Legion Lounge.

Motion to accept correspondence: moved by Ellen Lavender, seconded by Frank Fisher.

CARRIED

President’s Report: Presented by Len Lavender

Thanks to all the members and volunteers who have put in numerous hours during the last couple of months. The hall has been very busy, especially with a very successful Dart Tournament for two full days. You have all pitched in and put in many hours; as well as, making sure the dinners in the lounge are available weekly. Thanks also, to Peter, Dan, Judy and Kathy for the successful dinner last night. February has been a very busy month; March already has 18 Bookings for the Hall. We also have 12 bookings for April. Note: Bookings include Bingo.

Janet continues to ensure the office keeps up to date, thank you very much I know this has been a daily job for you. This branch is very lucky to have so many committed Volunteers.
The cash register in the lounge crashed a week ago and we were able to get it replaced Friday.

Branch Financials: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Motion to accept financial report in draft form by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Frans Vandenbrink.
CARRIED

Bingo and Meat Draw Statements: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Reconciled bank balances as of January 31, 2020 are: for Bingo \$4,151.05 and Meat Draw \$8,120.

Motion to accept the Bingo & Meat Draw statements by: Janet Mitchell, seconded by Gil Newton.
CARRIED Complete statements are available upon request.

Donations: Presented by Janet Mitchell

Neighborhood House – Youth Program - \$700.00 from Meat Draw
Child Find BC - \$500.00 from Meat Draw

Motion to approve the donations by; Janet Mitchell, seconded by Terri Hegarty.
CARRIED

House: Presented by Gil Newton – The lights in the Office have been a problem; looking into new fixtures for there and the lobby upstairs. Will be contacting Daryl Beggs regarding replacing the voltage reducer on the lounge door.

Bar: Presented by Howard Ballard –It has been a couple busy months because of holidays, etc.; thanks to those who stepped in to help. We have one new volunteer bartender in Terry Geddes and are looking for more.

Poppy: Presented by Janet Mitchell – Poster and Literary winners were announced. We had four winners at Zone from our area and of those two at Provincials.

Honours and Awards: Presented by Wes Everitt – Thanks to members who submitted names for awards.

Membership: Presented by Terri Hegarty

Randall Stasiuk	New Member	Associate
Janice Dexter	New Member	Associate
Angela Nielsen	Transfer	Associate
Basil McAneeley	Transfer	Ordinary

Motion to accept new members by: Terri Hegarty, seconded by Dave Munroe.
CARRIED

Public Relations: Presented by Colin Murphy – No report.

Service Officer: Presented by Mike Beggs - No report.

Sgt-at-Arms: Presented by David Nielsen – We should have a new branch flag in three weeks.

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

Youth & Sports: Presented by Norah Fisher

The Darts Tournament held Feb. 8-9, 2020 was quite successful. There were 59 registered players, consisting of singles, doubles and teams. Nine Legion branches were represented. Phil Fewer from our Branch placed second in singles and will be attending the Provincial Darts Tournament. Terri Hegarty and I were assisted and greatly helped by Marilyn Butler, Bert Davis, Keith Waters and Fran Raglione (Prince Edward #91). We were coached through the opening rounds by Ray Rovas (Malahat #143). He attended Friday for setting up, most of Saturday and Sunday morning even though his wife was going away! He made sure that we understood the order of play, how to announce and how to fill out the paperwork properly. We could not have managed without his expertise. The food was amazing! Everyone commented on it and the bar did a booming business.

As a result of our experience there will be a manual made up for the Branch if we host another Darts Tournament. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Tournament a success.

Ways and Means: Presented by Ellen Lavender

Celebration of Life – Liz Wallis – January 18, 2020 – approximately 75 attended, food cost 78.43. At \$6.00 per plate the profit was \$371.57 – 36 volunteer hours.

Dart Tournament – February 8th & 9th, 2020 – approximately 60 players and spectators. The kitchen was open from 8am – 7pm Saturday and 8am – 4pm Sunday. Food cost \$483.94 and profit \$324.91 with extra hotdogs that bingo can use and hamburgers for another event – 116 volunteer hours. Big Congratulations and Thanks to the crews who worked many hours, organizing and serving the players. Rotary Exchange Students luncheon – February 10, 2020 – approximately 20 students and 7 Rotarians. Food cost \$46.08 and profit about \$150.00 – 19 volunteer hours. The menu was changed to pizza by Rotary; the eggs bought were used for the dart tournament and the ham bought can be used for another event.

Zone Report: Presented by David Nielsen - Dave Munroe and I attended meeting February 9, 2020. Zone is looking for a new Sergeant at Arms, those interested apply to an executive member of the Zone. The Poster and Literary awards will be held March 1, 2020 at Prince Edward Branch 91. The Zone executive asks all branches to ask their Lottery reps. why the machine at the bar pays the Branch commission, but the stand-alone machine does not. The Zone Commander advised; providing all paperwork is ready, his or his representative's visits will be shorter. The next meeting is June 14, 2020 at Branch 92 Saltspring. The September meeting is at Branch 292 Trafalgar and will be co-hosted by BC/Yukon, it will be an all-day event with workshops for executive positions. More to follow.

Motion made by Frans Vandenbrink to accept committee reports, seconded by Wes Everitt.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Marianne Palou: She will be off until February 28, 2020; per a doctor's letter.

Wounded Warriors: Peter Brady thanked Janet Mitchell for sending a letter and the check for the fund raiser for the Australian animals. He reported the dinner last night took in \$432.00, food cost was \$110.00 , entertainment \$200.00 resulting in profit of \$122.00, the raffle held last week raised \$245.00 ; these with another raffle this Friday will be given to the Wounded Warriors. They will be at the Chemainus Legion Saturday, February 29, 2020; between 1 and 2 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Register: The lounge cash register crashed on Saturday the 15th, the power supply failed. A new is now in place and was purchased for \$1,495.00 which included the programming.

Internal Auditor: Janet Mitchell found a chairperson and needs two volunteers for the Internal Audit. It

needs to be completed and to BC Yukon by the end of April.

Initiation of New Members: Terri Hegarty reported 22 of 31 new members were initiated at a Ceremony in the Hall, Tuesday February 11, 2020. At future initiations she will include a Friday dinner coupon, in their packages, for new members.

Peter Brady reported the donation of a beautiful wooden half propeller to the Legion; he will arrange to display it somewhere in the lounge.

Next Meeting:

Executive Meeting – March 26, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Annual General Meeting – March 29, 2020 – 2:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Wes Everitt, seconded by Dan Remery.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:41 pm

Signed by:

Ellen Lavender, Recording Secretary

Len Lavender, President