



**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Jim Simpson, Ken Parker, Greg Devine, Bruce Brown, Helen Fraser, Dennis Sirman, Grant Yusak, Bill Bradley, Ethel Benson, Kim Richardson, Shelly Robinson, Martin Maltais, V. Dowie, Catherine Winters, Ron Barrie, Wanda Riddell, Keith Derouin, Ron Allaire
Coreen Allaire, Joanne McNeil, Larry Doshen, Cliff Turpin, Georges Winters, Bothtawee Kelly, Ron Oakley, Gord Neilson, Robin Brown, Pat Chamberlain, G. Chamberlain, Tom Feeley, Archie McQueen, John Prokaska, Stephen Knight, Harold Pretty, Stu Cameron, Gary Lacoursiere, Michel Gauthier, David Bruce Scott, Don Skemer, T. Scott

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:

Meeting called to order and opened with the President, Comrade Brian Madden, conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 7:00 pm. He then turned over the meeting to the Branch Chairman, Jim Simpson.

2. CEREMONY OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Membership Chair Helen Fraser moved to approve the following members and the motion was seconded by Comrade Maltais. **Motion carried.**

Raymond Denis Ethier -Ordinary	John Prokaska - Ordinary
Peter Albert - Affiliate	Raymond Cecile - Transfer Eastview
Glenn Bell - Affiliate	Guy Pilon - Transfer Eastview
John Allaire - Associate	Butler Thomas Boone - Transfer Arnprior
Gordon Graham - Ordinary	Angus Dalley - Transfer NB

President Brian Madden announced the following new members were present for initiation:

Peter Albert	Stephen Knight
John Allaire	Gary Lacoursiere
Glenn Bell	John Prokaska

The President conducted the swearing in ceremony of the above new members after which they were welcomed by the Members.

MOTION FOR DEVIATION FROM AGENDA- Comrade George Winters, seconded by Comrade C. Allaire. **Motion Carried.**

ELECTIONS - RESULTS

President - Comrade Ken Parker

1st VP - Comrade Dennis Sirman

2nd VP - Comrade Greg Devine

3rd VP - Comrade Grant Yusak

Executive Committee

Appointed:

Comrade Bill Bradley

Comrade Martin Maltais

Comrade Helen Fraser

Comrade Kim Bradley

Comrade Bruce Brown

Comrade Jim Simpson

Comrade Tom Feeley

Comrade Larry Doshen

Comrade Michel Gauthier

Comrade Shelley Robinson

Comrade Georges Winters

Comrade Ethel

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 28, 2014 were distributed.

Moved by Comrade Riddell and seconded by Comrade Oakley to accept the minutes as circulated. **Motion carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Comrade Brian Madden reported that the Branch has been very busy since our Last meeting. We hosted the Zone Convention on March 1, and thanks to all who helped organize. Our Branch was represented by Comrades Doshen, Winters, Moreau, Simpson, and President Madden. A \$10,000 check was Presented to the GGFG's Cadet Corp. on behalf of the Ottawa Poppy Fund. Last Weekend Comrades Sirman, Winters, Moreau, and Madden attended the District Convention, in Brockville. There, on behalf of the Ottawa Poppy Fund they donated \$50,000 to the Ottawa Service Bureau & \$50,000 to Leave the Street, a program designed to help our veterans leave the streets and get Proper care.

Since the last Meeting, Eastview Legion has voted to leave the Ottawa Poppy Fund. With Westboro and ourselves we will be working together over the next few months to finalize everything. After speaking with Zone Commander Blaine Kiley, District Commander Gary Pond, and Westboro, it has been decided that with the approval of the general bodies, that we continue as we have been.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comrade James Simpson

The financial statements for period ending March 31, 2014 were presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING THEREFROM:

None

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

(a) Bar and Entertainment - Comrade Ken Parker

Comrade Ken Parker gave update on bar and entertainment. We have a new, cohesive bar staff, and all are working well. Meals have been doing very well.

(b) House - Comrade Dennis Sirman

Comrade Dennis Sirman thanked the Work Party that assisted in fixing the chairs and other items that needed repair, on Good Friday.- 11 people took time to help, and it was appreciated. The compressor on the Beer pump broke, and was replaced. Fortunately, it was still covered under warranty.

(c) Communications - Comrade Grant Yusak

Comrade Yusak will be working on the Member lists that Comrade Pat Chamberlain has been working from to call members regarding Friday night meals. She has offered feedback that will be of assistance to the Communications Officer.

(d) Membership - Comrade Helen Fraser

Membership numbers - 326

Dues Lapsed

1 year - 43 or 13.2%

2 years - 17 or 5.2%

Paid up for 2014 -263 OR 78.5% In Good Standing

Comrade Fraser informed the Members that we have welcomed 23 new members and 16 transfers to the Branch since January 1, 2013.

(e) **Poppy – Comrade Martin Maltais**

Nil report

(f) **Training and Organizational Development - Comrade Georges Winters**

Nil report.

(g) **Sports and Track and Field - Comrade Greg Devine**

Comrade Devine reported the Highlands Golf Course tournament is sold out! Legion Darts has 4 members going to Kingston for District Finals. In March 2015, our Branch will be hosting!

(h) **Hall Rentals - Comrade Greg Devine**

Hall rentals we slow in April. The Hall has been booked for May 31, from 11am - 5pm. Ontario Hunters Testing was held the first weekend in April, and Comrade Devine would like to thank Comrade Sirman for helping to set up.

(i) **Honours and Awards - Nil report**

(j) **Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Grant Yusak**

Comrade Yusak informed the Members that there are 2 spaces left on the placemats that he has created. We have received our refund for the street sign. The City says the refund amount is \$224. Our Branch believes the amount to be approximately \$294. Further investigation is underway.

(k) **Veteran's Services - Comrade Larry Doshen**

Comrade Doshen stated that he did receive one inquiry.

(l) **Legion Seniors - Comrade Bill Bradley**

Nil Report

(m) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**

Nil report.

(n) **Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown**

Comrade Brown informed the Assembly that there will be a Provincial Speaking Contest at the Bells Corners Legion, on May 3, 2014 from 12-5.

(o) **Ways and Means - Comrade Bill Bradley**

Nil report

(p) **Kitchen Services - Comrade Shelly Robinson**

Comrade Robinson informed the membership that she has purchased some new pots to replace the old aluminium ones.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Oakley and seconded by Comrade Yusak that all reports be accepted.
Motion carried

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Zone Commander Blaine Kiley stated that there will be a proposal at the Dominion Convention to increase the Per Capita cost. They may also change the categories for membership. There is a Ski program in Calabogie that is asking for support. As of now, it cannot be supported by the Poppy Fund. Additionally, Service Dogs are allocated to Veterans. At the present time, Poppy Funds are not allowed to funds this, but this decision is under review.

B. A request has been made for a \$5,000 loan to the Bingo Committee. The Executive Committee voted to approve the motion, therefore, necessitating the General Membership cast a final vote. **Motion was voted and carried.**

C. Bingo Committee informed the General membership that during Bingo, there must be a partition erected to divide the Hall. No alcohol may be served to Bingo players, but the Hall has to be open on the non-Bingo side for non-players.

D. Comrade Fraser tabled a motion to change the meeting day for the General Meeting in June, as Bingo will be taking place on the Tuesday evening. A suggested day and time of Sunday afternoon at 2pm was proposed. Seconded by Comrade C. Allaire. **Motion Carried.**

E. A motion was proposed to remove the picture of Comrade Dan O'Leary, that hangs in the Legion. Comrade O'Leary has been convicted of extremely serious, heinous crimes, and many of the membership have requested that his picture be taken down. Zone Command has stated that a vote needs to be taken before any action may take place. After much heated discussion, a vote was taken. **Motion defeated.**

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:55pm the Branch Chair, declared that the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 8:55 pm.

Next General Meeting: June 24, , 2014

Kim Bradley
Secretary
November, January, April, June, September, October

Brian Madden
President