



**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2013**

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Ken Parker, Georges Winters, Greg Devine, Martin Maltais, Bruce Brown, Helen Fraser, Dennis Sirman, Ken Byars, Mike Gauthier, Wanda Riddell, Robin Brown, Katherine Winters, Michel Laverdure, Ron Barrie, Annie Moreland, Grant Yusak, M.H. Lewis, John Gazeley, Georgia Brais, William Keogh, Ron Oakley, Vic Dowie, Leslie Belair-Leslie, Bothtawee Kelly, Ed Boothe, James Harris, Rosslyn Harris, Shelley Robinson, Harold Pretty, Paul Francis, M.J. Francis, P. MacLeod, D. Keogh, Louise Chadwick, Ken Harrison, Janet Easton, Tracey McCormick, Sharon Brush, Linda Robar, Diane Muldoon, Ken Geall, C.R. Jean Geall, , Vivian Keck and D. Brush

EXCUSED: Jim Simpson, Corinne Allaire

ABSENT: Dan O'Leary

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:

Meeting called to order and opened with the President, Comrade Brian Madden, conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 7:15 pm. The Branch Chairman, Jim Simpton being excused from the meeting, he then turned over the meeting to the Secretary, Comrade Helen Fraser.

2. CEREMONY OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Membership Chair Ken Byars announced the following new members were present for initiation:

Errol Choo, AF
Mary Norris AS
Betty-Ann Despard AS
Vivian Keck AF
Jackie Sabourin AF
Edward Boothe OR
Nancy Martin AS
Kim Richardson AF

Leslie Belair-Leslie AS
William Lorne Keogh OR
Tracey McCormick AF
Linda June Robar AF
John Paul Francis AF
Patricia Chamberlain AS
Ruth Wright OR

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 22nd, 2013 were distributed.

Moved by Vic Dowie and seconded by Wanda Riddell to accept the minutes as circulated. **Motion carried.**

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

Comrade Helen Fraser advised that the property tax exemption for 2011 property tax recoveries have been calculated by the City. CLV is in the process of preparing a statement for the period August 17th to December 31, 2011.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President, Comrade Brian Madden

Another year has come and gone and I would like to thank our current executive for all their extreme hard work in the past year. Without these people we would not be what we are today.

We have made good strides in membership and participation in events such as our golf tournaments, Robbie Burns' night, St. Patrick's Day, Friday night meals, dart and card leagues. But as always we would like to see more members coming out to all our events.

Since our last general meeting our executive has been very busy running and making improvements to your branch as you can see. I would like to thank Comrade Dennis Sirman for his work on making our legion look nice.

This year for the first time we held the Zone public speaking contest at our branch and we had 44 youth take part. I would like to thank Comrades Helen Fraser, Georges Winters and Louise Chadwick who helped as judges; I would also like to thank Comrades Wanda Riddell, Ethel ! and Dennis Sirman who helped make sure all needs were taken care. I would also like to thank Comrade Martin Maltais who was here as our Sgt. at Arms. Comrade Helen also made a lovely chili to help feed all the volunteers.

Comrade Bruce Brown hosted this year's Youth Education Awards and was very well attended.

Due to a flu outbreak at the Rideau Perley Hospital we were unable to host our annual Casino night. I am hoping the Legion will be able to host it later this year.

Comrades Mike Gauthier, Martin Maltais and I attended this year's Zone convention held at Westboro's Legion.

Comrade Martin Maltais and I have been attending the monthly Poppy meetings held at Eastview Legion.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Comrade James Simpson

Excused. A draft copy of the financial statements for period ending March 31st, 2013 was presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies.

It is very preliminary but the indication is we are showing a March profit of around \$4,000. Believe me it is way too soon to celebrate as there are a lot of holes in the accounting that have to be looked at. Ken shouldn't buy the bottle of Scotch yet. He can do that when the March numbers are confirmed and if they are still good. I did not provide a separate statement for March but what I did is show the end of February results in a separate column.

So, even though the numbers are VERY preliminary this should help to show the members that we are on the right track.

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.

(b) **House - Comrade Dennis Sirman**

The PA system is still undergoing growing pains but is being addressed. It is hoped this matter will closed for good by next week.

CLV has completed all work requested to date, however, a new request has been initiated to address a small(?) leak in the roof over the kitchen and cars driving at excessive speeds in the parking lot.

Global Industries has replaced all backs and sliders at no cost to the legion. Most of the backs have been replaced and the sliders will be installed as required.

Two pantry units have been purchased from Habitat's Re-Store at a cost of \$200.00 and installed instead of the suggested custom cabinets.

The Dymon storage facility has been emptied and the account closed. Work continues to put up shelving and/or add additional storage to the Branch.

The requested bulletin boards are being addressed and a solution will be presented to the executive at the next meeting.

Curio/display cabinets have been purchased and/or modified to display Legion merchandise.

- (c) **Membership Communications - Comrade Dennis Sirman**
Newsletters are being sent out regularly to the membership, everything is running smoothly.
- (d) **Membership - Comrade Ken Byars**
Comrade Byars reported the Strathcona Legion is at 305 members.
- (e) **Poppy – Comrade Martin Maltais**
No report.
- (f) **Training and Organizational Development - Comrade Greg Devine**
No report.
- (g) **Sports and Track and Field - Comrade Greg Devine**
The golf tournament will be Tuesday, June 25 at 10 am at Casselview GC at a cost of \$65.00. The sign-up sheet is at the bar.
- (h) **Hall Rentals - Comrade Greg Devine**
Hall rentals are going well.
- (i) **Honours and Awards - Comrade Brian Madden**
A recognition award was presented to Kelly Funeral Homes for their support of the Strathcona Legion over the years which is now hung in the reception area of Kelly's on Walkley Road.
- (j) **Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Georges Winters**
The EMC ad is out this week announcing activities for the summer. The next ad will appear in the August edition of the EMC for September activities.
- (k) **Veteran's Services and Legion Seniors - Comrade Dan O'Leary**
Absent. No report.
- (l) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**
Branch regulations have been approved and a Certificate received from Ontario Command. A copy is posted the Legion's website for viewing.
- (m) **Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown**
No report.

(n) **Sick and Visiting - Comrade Corinne Allaire**

Excused. No report.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Martin Maltais and seconded by Bill Bradley that all reports be accepted. **Motion carried**

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Comrade Helen Fraser proposed that the Hall side of the Legion be painted a new colour and advised that the post only will be painted with the proposed colour for consideration by the membership.

Comrade Helen Fraser proposed that the lounge chairs be re-upholstered at a cost of \$6 per chair. One chair that has been done and was presented to the membership for approval. Approval was granted.

A motion was made by Ken Byars that the Annual General Meeting usually held on June 25th will be moved to June 18th due to the schedule conflict with the Legion golf tournament. Seconded by Geoges Winters. **Motion carried.**

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

All of the business of the meeting having been concluded, the Secretary declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 8:35 pm.

Next General Meeting: June 18, 2013

Helen Fraser
Secretary

Brian Madden
President