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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, TUESDAY, JUNE 18th, 2013**

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Ken Parker, Greg Devine, Bruce Brown, Helen Fraser, Dennis Sirman, Ken Byars, Grant Yusak, James Harris, Bill Bradley, Wanda Riddell, Ron Barrie, Bothtawee Kelly, Ethel Benson, Howard Wallace, Gary Shannon, Paul Gauthier, Don Skemer, John Gazeley, David Coyle, Kim Richardson

EXCUSED: James Simpson

ABSENT: Martin Maltais, Georges Winters, Michel Gauthier, Annie Moreland, Dianne Muldoon

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 Ken Byars moved to approve the following members and the motion was seconded by Comrade Dennis Sirman. **Motion carried.**

Christopher Law	Affiliate
Harry Demers	Associate
Ken Born	Affiliate
D. Bruce Scott	Affiliate
Brad Scott Charles Johnson	Transfer
Ian Fileder Scott	Transfer
Daniel S. Currie	Transfer

Membership Chair Ken Byars announced Gary Shannon was present for initiation.

The President conducted the swearing in ceremony of the above new member after which he was welcomed by the Members.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 23rd, 2013 were distributed.

Moved by Kim Richardson and seconded by Paul Gauthier to accept the minutes as circulated. **Motion carried.**

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

The paint colour of the column was not accepted by the membership. It was decided that a lighter shade of yellow be used for the wall and dark blue for the window wall and opposite wall (office).

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President, Comrade Brian Madden

Since our last meeting in which we have elected a new Executive I have attended the monthly Poppy meeting held at Eastview Legion. We are in the process of relocating our Poppy fund to another bank.

We also held a special meeting with our Ad Hoc committee looking at how to make our branch more successful.

On June 1st Comrades Maltais, Bott and myself attended this year's GGFG's Cadet Corps final parade in which I handed out the Legion Medal of Excellence. On June 12th we held our first executive meeting with our new Executive and appointed our members to their portfolios.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Comrade James Simpson

The financial statements for period ending May 31st, 2013 and draft year end statements 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.

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

Comrade Dennis Sirman advised everything is running smoothly.

(c) **Membership Communications - Comrade Dennis Sirman**

Newsletters are being sent out regularly to the membership, everything is running smoothly.

(d) Membership - Comrade Ken Byars

Members to date: 317

Life: 7

Ordinary Members: 129

Associate Members 130

Affiliate Members 51

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING: 246

Dave Smith is now an ordinary member

(e) Poppy – Comrade Martin Maltais

No report.

Comrade Brian Madden requested a new recruit from the membership for the Poppy Committee as Dan O’Leary is no longer part of the Poppy Fund.

(f) Training and Organizational Development - Comrade James Harris

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 tournament is sold out at 88 golfers.

(h) Hall Rentals - Comrade Greg Devine

Hall rentals are going well.

(i) Honours and Awards - Comrade Annie Moreland

No report.

(j) Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Georges Winters/Grant Yusak

No report.

(k) Veteran’s Services and Legion Seniors - Comrade Michel Gauthier

No report.

(l) Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson

No report.

(m) Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown

The Poster and Literary Contests were held on November 22, 2012. Thank you to all who helped out.

The awards ceremony for the Poster and Literary Contests for Strathcona was held on Saturday January 26, 2013.

The 1st place winner of the Junior Essay Contest for Strathcona placed first at the Zone G5 level.

On March 2nd our branch hosted the Zone Public Speaking contest. We had 44 youth partake in this. A big thank you to our judges Helen Fraser, Louise Chadwick and Georges Winters, our SGT at Arms Martin Maltais and our volunteers Ethel, Wanda Riddell and Dennis Sirman.

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

No report.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Wanda Riddell and seconded by Kim Richardson that all reports be accepted. **Motion carried**

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Comrade Ken Parker distributed among the membership the new pricing for the bar which comes into effect on July 1, 2013. It was pointed out that the prices have been reduced although HST has been added.

Comrade Ken Byars announced the early bird draw begins September 1, 2013.

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:10 pm Comrade Bill Bradley, acting Branch Chair, declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 8:10 pm.

Next General Meeting: September 24, 2013

Helen Fraser
Secretary

Brian Madden
President