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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014**

PRESENT: Comrades Ken Parker, Brian Madden, Jim Simpson, Greg Devine, Bruce Brown, Helen Fraser, Dennis Sirman, Bill Bradley, Kim Bradley, Shelley Robinson, Ethell, Nicole Frazier, Martin Maltais, Ron Oakley, Gail Drynan, Mary Smith, Tom Feeley, Ted Cunliffe, Howard Keck, Katherine Winters, Georges Winters, Larry Doshen, Jim Grady, Edward Dunn, Don Skemer, Ron Barrie, Ron Allaire, Corinne Allaire, Ray Moloughney

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: Michel Gauthier

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:

Meeting called to order and opened with the President, Comrade Ken Parker, conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 2:00 pm. He then turned over the meeting to the Branch Chairman, Martin Maltais.

2. CEREMONY OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:

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

Edward Dunn -Affiliate
Raymond Moloughney -Affiliate
Wayne Frazier -transfer from Rockland
Nicole Frazier -transfer from Rockland
Marlene Dalley - Ordinary (RCMP)

Membership Chair Helen Fraser announced the following new members were present for initiation:

Ray Moloughney

Edward Dunn

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 April 22, 2014 were distributed.

Moved by Georges Winters and seconded by Corinne Allaire to accept the minutes as circulated. **Motion carried.**

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

A. Branch Regulations Amendments -motion moved by Jim Simpson. Seconded by Ron Barrie. **Motion Carried.**

B. Motion to add word "or" to clause naming financial review committee/outside accounting firm. Seconded by Bill Bradley. **Motion Defeated.**

C. A motion was made by Comrade Allaire to add "Kitchen Services" to the list of approved Portfolios to be sent to Zone Command. Motion was seconded by Comrade Madden. **Motion Carried.**

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Comrade Ken Parker reported that he attended the poppy meeting with Comrades Winters and Oakley. Legions 595, Vanier and Westborough attended. Poppy supplies have been ordered and will be delivered to Vanier when they come in. Eastview has stated that they are withdrawing from the Poppy Fund. They will be holding elections in the next couple of weeks, at which time Kathy Johnston will cease her "overseeing" duties.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Comrade James Simpson

The financial statements for period ending May 31, 2014 were presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies. Comrade Simpson informed the membership that he has purchased a GIC, in the amount of \$100,000.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING THEREFROM:**

Nil Report

8. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(a) **Bar - Comrade Ken Parker**

Comrade Ken Parker reported that the new bar staff are working well. Everything else is going well.

(b) **Entertainment - Comrade Greg Devine**

Comrade Devine informed those present that entertainment will continue on a weekly basis- on Fridays- starting again in the Fall.

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

Nil Report

(d) **Membership Communications - Comrade Grant Yusak**

Comrade Simpson - who is handling the Communications until September- stated that emails are being sent to the Members informing them of Friday night dinners.

(d) **Membership - Comrade Helen Fraser**

Membership numbers - 328

Life - 6

Ordinary - 127

Associate -107

Affiliate -50

Dues Lapsed

1 year - 25 or 7.6%

2 years - 17 or 5.2%

Paid up for 2014 -286

(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 that we will be hosting a golf tournament at the Highlands on June 23.
- (h) **Hall Rentals - Comrade Dennis Sirman**
Comrade Sirman reported that there have been no new rentals since the last report.
- (i) **Honours and Awards - Comrade Larry Doshen**
No report.
- (j) **Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Grant Yusak**
Nil Report
- (k) **Veteran's Services - Comrade Larry Doshen**
Comrade Doshen informed the Membership present that the Service Officer for Ontario will be available the week of July 14, if needed.
- (l) **Legion Seniors - Comrade Bill Bradley**
Comrade Bradley informed those present that he has the Directory of Resources available from the Senior Citizen Council. Those interested may "sign out" a copy to read and be returned.
- (m) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**
Nil report.
- (n) **Youth Education/ Bursary - Comrade Bruce Brown /Comrade Brian Madden**
Comrade Madden stated that he needs any requests for a Bursary by the end of August. Up to \$500 may be granted and is paid to the school, not the recipient.
- (o) **Ways and Means - Comrade Ethel Benson**
Comrade Ethel informed the assembly that the Fall Craft Sale will be held on November 22, 2014. She is also suggesting that the Legion hold an indoor "garage sale", with the proceeds from the table rental to go to the legion. A provisional date of September 20 was suggested. She also informed the membership that a Xmas stocking will be filled, with the items going to the Purleigh residents.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Madden and seconded by Comrade Robinson that all

reports be accepted. **Motion carried**

**** At this time, President Parker presented a medal to Past President Madden****

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A motion was made by Comrade Tom Feeley to appoint a Financial Review Committee. The 3 members who have volunteered are: Howard Keck, John MacDonald, and Ron Barrie. The motion was seconded by Comrade Ron Oakley. **Motion Carried.**

B. A motion was made by President, Comrade Ken Parker to allow a Leave of Absence, until September, for the 3rd VP, Comrade Grant Yusak. Motion was seconded by Comrade Brian Madden. **Motion Carried.**

C. Comrade Dennis Sirman stated that since the Bingo began it has had a slower than expected profit margin. When it began, the approved rental fee was \$300 a week. As profit is slower to be seen, a motion was made by Comrade Sirman to lower the rental fee to \$150 per week, until profits improve. The motion was seconded by Comrade Ron Allaire. **Motion Carried.**

Comrades Sirman and Allaire stated that the Legion should have the repayment of \$5000 by the end of August. (as stated in the Repayment agreement of 90 days).

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

At 3:25pm the Branch Chair, declared that the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Ken Parker conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 3:35 pm.

Next General Meeting: September 23, 2014

Kim Bradley
Secretary

Ken Parker
President

November, January, April, June, September, October