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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2018

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Derk Duermeyer, Rob Mantle, J.A. Grady, Victor Dowie, Rob Barrie, Ron Oakley, Harold Pretty, Janet Waitman, Katherine Winters, Georges Winters, Ken Bonell, Robert Buss, Adele Law, Dennis Sirman, Toula Pouris, Rick Johnston, and James Simpson

EXCUSED: Comrades Shirley Lajolie, Bruce Brown and Wanda Riddell

1. **OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:**

Meeting called to order and opened with the President conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 7:00 pm.

The President conducted the meeting.

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on April 24th, 2018 were distributed.

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Ken Bonell and seconded by Comrade Ron Barrie to accept the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Comrade Jim Simpson discussed in detail the proposed changes to our Branch Regulations that had previously been circulated to the membership for review prior to this meeting on 21 Jun 18. During a short discussion, Comrade Barrie inquired about the formatting presented to the membership for these changes, to which Comrade Jim informed that these were modified to be acceptable to Command. A vote was called for to accept these changes as submitted. The proposal is attached for review.

CARRIED

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT: Comrade Simpson**

Comrade Simpson provided the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2018. The financial statements are attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies of the minutes. With no concerns regarding the financials, Comrade Sirman did state that he is still waiting on the required Tax amount from Zone. Comrade Simpson also stated if we can keep our losses to no more than current level, we will be on track to make it to the end of lease.

5. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President, Comrade Brian Madden welcomed everyone to the first General Meeting with the new Executive by introducing the members of the Executive; 1st Vice is Derk Duermeyer who will also be working with the bar, 2nd Vice Wanda Riddell & 3rd Vice Rob Mantle who will also serve as Branch Secretary. Our past President Jim Simpson will also be treasurer working with Dennis Sirman. He also stated that we will be looking for someone to take over as treasurer. He then introduced the rest of your executive: Toulia Pouris who will be hall rentals, Stephen Young is Membership working with Helen Fraser, Bob Buss will be working with the President on Poppy, Ray Moloughney will be house, Connie Bennett & Shirley Lajolie will be kitchen, Bruce Brown will be youth Ed, Vic Dowey will be the Sgt at Arms and our Service Officer, Dom Baldwin will be our PRO & Cadet Liaison working with Bot Kelly, Janet Waitman as our communications person & Greg Devine entertainment.

"As everybody knows attendance to our events has not been very good, we have to try to find a way to get out members to come out. Without our members' support our survival as a branch is in doubt."

On June 10th, along with Comrades Rob Mantle & Georges Winters I attended the 2784 GGFG's ACR and presented the top cadet with the Legion Medal of Excellence.

At our June 12th executive meeting we had a special guest from the GGFG's Michael Asboth who is also with the Army Cadet League of Ontario who bestowed upon our branch the title of Platinum Sponsor. This is the highest honour a branch can have with a Cadet Corp.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING THEREFROM:

(a) Brief the membership of 2 e-mails recently received from Legion Magazine with regard to pictures received for our recent donations to both the Perley Rideau & the MFRC. Both photos will be published in the September issue of the magazine.

(b) Received an email from the Property Owner regarding upcoming paving to be done in the plaza. More details to follow.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

(a) **Legion Seniors – Comrade Toulia Pouris**
No report.

(b) **Membership - Comrades Steven Young with Helen Fraser**
No report.

(c) **Poppy – Comrade Brian Madden**
No report.

- (d) **Public Relations and Publicity – Comrades Grant Yusak & Dom Baldwin**
No report.
- (e) **Sports and Track and Field – Comrade Greg Devine**
No report.
- (f) **Training and Organizational Development - Comrade**
No report.
- (g) **Veterans’ Services - Comrade Vic Dowie**
Anyone requiring assistance should contact Comrade Dowie. All assistance is considered Confidential.
- (h) **Bar - Comrade Derk Duermeyer**
Comrade Duermeyer reported that he and Comrade Sirman will be installing a security camera behind the bar and if successful, possible other areas as well.
- (i) **Bylaws and Branch Regulations - Comrade Wanda Riddell**
No report.
- (j) **Cadet Liaison – Comrades Dom Baldwin and Bot Kelly**
No report.
- (k) **Event Planning – Comrades Greg Devine**
No report.
- (l) **Hall Rentals – Comrade Toula Pouris**
No report.
- (m) **House – Comrade Ray Moloughney**
No report.
- (n) **Honours and Awards - Comrade Derk Duermeyer**
Comrade Duermeyer has noticed certain members who have been on the Executive and are due to have medals yet are not in receipt; he will be endeavouring to acquire these in time for the upcoming Honours and Awards Ceremony.
- (o) **Legion Retail – Comrade**
Comrade Duermeyer reported that he will be making one trip per month to Legion Supply and if anyone needs something outside of this timeframe, they must go on their own
- (p) **Member Communications – Comrade Janet Waitman**
All is going well. However, I would like to remind everyone to send me information on upcoming events, or updates on events that have already taken place. I need everyone’s help to ensure that volunteers, donors and sponsors get thanked, and that the information about

upcoming events gets circulated. We also have room in the newsletter for information on some relevant community events.

(q) **Supplies and Services – Vacant**

No report.

(r) **Youth Education & Bursary - Comrade Bruce Brown**

Comrade Madden wanted to remind everyone that if someone is looking to apply for a Bursary, the application must be in before end of August for the upcoming school year. Also, the application process for the Branch Level is not quite as cumbersome as Command level.

(s) **Ways & Means - All**

Comrade Madden explained to the membership that although we do not have anyone heading up this portfolio, it is the responsibility of all members to come up with ways of increasing funds for the Branch.

(t) **Catch the Ace – Comrade Dennis Sirman**

Comrade Sirman reported information disseminated by Comrade Simpson regarding the process to re-apply for Catch the Ace is confirmed, but now that we have been through it once, it should be easier 2nd time around.

8. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Ron Oakley and seconded by Comrade Barrie that all reports be accepted. **Motion carried.**

9. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) Comrade Grady inquired if a date has yet to be set for the Veteran's Dinner. He was informed that, as usual, this will be held weekend before Remembrance Day.

(b) Comrade Derk wished to thank everyone involved with Catch the Ace as this turned out to be a great fundraiser for the Branch.

(c) Comrade Georges wanted to remind everyone that he will once again be heading up our Remembrance Ceremony on Bank Street 1 week prior to Remembrance Day. He will ask our newly appointed Cadet Liaison to make arrangements with our Corps for participation.

10. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

11. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:45pm the President, declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

12. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Comrade Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual".

Next General Meeting: September 25, 2018

Brian Madden
President

Robert Mantle
Secretary

January, April, June, September, October, November