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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2016

PRESENT: Comrades Martin Maltais, Helen Fraser, Toulia Pouris, Brian Madden, Robin Brown, John Carter, Dennis Sirman, Ray Moloughney, Audrey Burling, John Gazeley, Gloria Heinmaa, James Simpson, Wanda Riddell, Tom Feeley, Connie Bennett, Paul Louiseize, Victor Dowie, Derk Duermeyer, Wilfrid Cote, David Kidd, Denis Amyotte

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

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

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

Comrade James Simpson assumed the responsibilities of the Chair for the meeting.

2. **CEREMONY OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:
MOTION**

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

Denis Amyotte - Ordinary

Gloria Heinmaa - Ordinary

Audrey Burling - Ordinary

David Kidd – Affiliate

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

3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE**

As this is the first General meeting since the April elections Comrade Maltais introduced the members of the Executive along with their responsibilities. Many of the Executive are already known to you but some are new so when he called a name of an Executive member they stood to be recognized.

Comrade Martin Maltais is President, commonly known as Malph and also Chair of the Poppy Campaign.

Dennis Sirman is our Past-President is and he is responsible for Honours and Awards and Legion Seniors.

Wanda Riddell is our 1st Vice-President. Her main responsibility is Hall Rentals and she also helps organize and takes part in fund raising events.

John Carter is our 2nd Vice-President and he is the Branch Treasurer.

Jim Simpson is the 3rd Vice-President is and he is responsible for Veterans Services, Branch Regulations and is our Branch Chair.

Helen Fraser is the Branch Secretary. She is also Membership and Bar Chair.

Bruce Brown is responsible for the Youth Program and for Bursaries.

Mary Smith is responsible for Public Relations and for Member Communications.

Ton Feeley is responsible for Training and Organizational Development and Ways and Means.

Ray Moloughney is responsible for House.

Wavey Bennett is responsible for Kitchen Services.

Rob Mantle is our Cadet Liaison Officer.

Robin Brown has responsibility for Legion Retail and Dart Retail liaison.

Derk Duermeyer is currently a member of the executive without portfolio.

Three of our portfolios are currently vacant. They are Sgt-at-Arms; Sports/Youth Track and Field and Entertainment.

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on April 26th, 2016 were distributed.

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Derk Duermeyer and seconded by Comrade Gloria Heinmaa to accept the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Comrade Sirman made available recommended changes from the Financial Review Committee to the members located with the books of minutes of meetings in the lounge.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President, Comrade Martin Maltais

President Maltais reported on June 19th Comrade Mantle and I attended the 2784 GGFG ACR at Cartier Square Drill Hall.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Comrade John Carter**

The financial statements for the period ending May 31st 2016 were presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies. Comrade Carter reported the yearly loss is \$10,000 less than the previous year. Comrade Sirman requested clarification for some items in the financial statements which Comrade Carter advised he would look into and bring to the next general meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING THEREFROM:

None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

(a) Bar - Comrade Helen Fraser

Comrade Fraser reported that Kai has found new employment in his field and will be leaving the Branch at the end of June. The new draught tower is on order and will be installed upon delivery, hopefully within the next two weeks. Bartender dress will be a white top/blouse and black pants/skirt no shorter than 4" above knee or capri pants.

(b) Entertainment – Vacant

No report.

(c) Sports and Track and Field – Vacant

No report.

(d) Legion and Dart Retail – Comrade Robin Brown

No report.

(e) House - Comrade Ray Moloughney

Comrade Moloughney reported the shelves in pantry cupboards have been repaired and reinforced. Fix and change light bulbs in the ceiling; fix broken chairs. Comrade Dennis Sirman and myself have discussed building shelves in bar fridge to try and cut out some of the clutter and make more space.

(f) Hall Rentals – Wanda Riddell

Rentals going very well.

(g) Training and Organizational Development - Comrade Tom Feeley

No report.

(h) Communications, Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Mary Smith

No report.

(i) Membership - Comrade Helen Fraser

As at June 26th, 2016: Total Membership – 349

STATUS	# RECORDS
PAID UP	285
LAPSED 1&2	64
TOTALS	349

Per capita tax send to Dominion Command since last General Meeting \$129.48.

- (j) **Poppy – Comrades Martin Maltais/Brian Madden**
Comrade Maltais reported that supplies have been ordered for the fall campaign.
- (k) **Honours and Awards - Comrade Dennis Sirman**
Comrade Sirman reported the date for the Honours and Awards night will be on September 21, 2016. I hope that we can do a wine a cheese as a lead up to the awards night. More information to follow as things develop.
- (l) **Legion Seniors – Comrade Dennis Sirman**
Comrade Sirman reported I will be kicking off the fall season with Red Skeleton comedy night, coupled with a steak and chicken BBQ. I will be looking into re-establishing the "Lunch and Learn sessions this fall for seniors, I am also exploring adventure bus trips to sport events and possibly a wine tour. More information to follow on this as it comes about.
- (m) **Veterans' Services - Comrade James Simpson**
Comrade Simpson advised no requests for service have been received to date.
- (n) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**
Comrade Simpson reported that the Regulations are up to date.
- (o) **Youth Education and Bursary - Comrade Bruce Brown/Comrade Brian Madden**
Comrade Brown reported a Youth Education seminar was held at Bells Corners Legion on June 26. Preparations for the upcoming Remembrance Day contests will begin the beginning of September. Comrade Madden advised the completed bursary forms are required by the end of August for the coming school year.
- (p) **Ways & Means - Comrade Tom Feeley**
Comrade Feeley reported he the Big Burger night he organized in May was a roaring success. He is organizing a Pulled Pork night on July 22, 2016.
- (q) **Kitchen Services - Comrade Wavey Bennett**
No report.
- (r) **Cadet Liaison – Comrade Rob Mantle**
Comrade Mantle reported Branch President Martin Maltais and myself attended the Annual Cadet Review Parade for the 2784 GGFGs on Sunday 19th June. While there, we presented the medal of Cadet Excellence to Cadet Master Warrant Officer Pickles. The parade was great success and following the parade, the Cadets were to parade downtown to receive the "Freedom of the City" from his honour the Mayor in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. Photos to follow.

10. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Gloria Heinmaa and seconded by Comrade John Gazeley that all reports be accepted.

CARRIED

11. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Maltais and seconded by Comrade Victor Dowie that the Ottawa Poppy Fund Constitution as presented, with minor grammatical changes to be added, be approved.

CARRIED

The function of our Financial Review Committee is to carry out the same review of our finances as an outside auditor would do. The Royal Canadian Legion accepts this process as being the equivalent of an outside audit.

For the year just ended, our Committee consisted of Howard Keck as Chair and Bob Buss as Member. Those gentlemen have agreed to serve again and our past treasurer, James Simpson, has agreed to serve on that committee as well.

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Denis Amyotte and seconded by Comrade Paul Louiseize that Howard Keck, Bob Buss and James Simpson be appointed to the Financial Review Committee for the current fiscal year be approved.

CARRIED

12. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:40 pm Comrade James Simpson, Branch Chair, declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

14. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Comrade Martin Maltais conducted the "Closing Ritual".

Next General Meeting: September 27, 2016

Martin Maltais
President

Helen Fraser
Secretary

January, April, June, September, October, November