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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2012**

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Jim Simpson, Ken Parker, Georges Winters, Greg Devine, Ken Byars, Martin Maltais, Bruce Brown, Richard Brown, Paul Gauthier, James O'Leary, Victor Dowie, Joanne McNeil, Lucia Travassos, Denis Dubois, Ray Ayotte, Clifford Turpin, Donna Weary, Pat Philliban, Mary Auim, Georges Petetski, Gary Audette, Norm Sauve, Robert Buss, Peggy Bamber, Lorrne Neaves, Diane Muldoon, Ray Tamerit, William Wilkson, Peter Albert, Neil Blandford, Sheila Brownrigg, James Harris, Alex Moreland, Debbie ?, Katherine Winters, Ron Oakley, Sam Grady, Bothtawee Kelly, Wanda Riddell, Caroline Wallace, Rosslyn Harris, Ken Gaell, Jean Geall, Jean Seall, Moe, Baksh, Wayne Crabtree, Jeff, Campbell, Tracy McCormick, Faye McDonald, Shelly Robinson, Harold Pretty, RJ Walsh, Keith Deruin, Anita Deruin, Vaughn Cunningham, Louise Chadwick, Sherry Brush, MH Lewis, David Brush, Brian Sayle, John Gazeley, Maureen Crabtree, Stu Cameron, LD Barber, Shelagh Tromblay, Roland Collier, Ron Alliere, Corrine Allaire

I am sorry if I missed some names as I was unable to read them all.

EXCUSED: Helen Fraser, Dennis Sirman

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, Comrade 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 Brian Madden. **Motion carried.** Membership Chair Ken Byars then announced the following new members were present for initiation:

1st Motion

Donna Weary
Mary Quinn
Diane Muldoon
Lorraine Neaves
Bob Buss
Neil Blandford
Ray Tamarit
William Wilkinson
Jeffery Campbell
Clifford Turpin

2nd Motion

Catherine Geall
Ken Geall
Robert Sterkenburg
Wanda Riddell
Keith Deruin
Joanne McNeil
Grant Yusak
James Grady
Bothtawee Kelly
Annie Moreland
Georgia Brais
Gary Audette
Lucy Travassos
Normand Sauve
Moe Baksh

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 October 23rd, 2012 were distributed.

Moved by Victor Dowie and seconded by Richard Brown to accept the minutes as circulated. **Motion carried.**

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

The Members were reminded that a Notice of Motion had been given at the last General Meeting to the effect that a Motion would be presented at this meeting asking for their approval of changes to the Branch Regulations that had previously been submitted to Ontario Command and subsequently rejected. The proposed changes had been circulated to the Members. The Chairman then asked for a Motion to approve the changes. **MOVED** by Comrade Georges Winters and **SECONDED** by Comrade Victor Dowie. The Chair then reviewed the proposed changes and asked for discussion. There being none the question was called and the **Motion carried.**

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
President, Comrade Brian Madden

This November has been a very busy month for the branch.

On November 1st we were involved with the beginning of Veteran's week at Billings Bridge. I would like to thank Comrade Ron Allaire for all his work in setting up everything. I would also like to thank Comrade O'Leary for working the table to raise money by selling Legion items. I would also like to thank Comrade Winters for running the table with the Legion info and Poppies. I had the privilege of being a member of the Legion Flag Party. I would like to thank Comrade Sirman for coming out and taking pictures and would like all the members who showed to watch everything.

On November 5th we held our branch Remembrance Ceremony at our monument. I want to thank Comrade Winters & Comrade Oakley for put this on.

On November 11th a number of members & me took part in helping out on the Cenotaph with the National Ceremony. I would like to make a special thank you to Barry McNaulty for providing our branch with Limo to help with the transportation.

On November 11th we held our open house which was a major success. I would like to make a very special thank you to Comrade Peggy Bamber for putting together a special team of volunteers who with out would not be able to but on a special day. I would like to thank all the members of our branch for there no way we could do this without your help.

I want to thank all members who partook in this year's campaign I will let Comrade Martin Comment on this years' Poppy campaign.

Last Sunday we held our Grey Cup Party and would like to thank Billy Sunstrum, Comrade Parker and again all our other volunteers for their hard work to make this a smash hit.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT:
Comrade James Simpson**

Distributed open to Questions.

Comrade Stu Cameron questioned why we aren't amortizing the major purchases we have made. It was explained that both our previous and current Branch auditors strongly recommended the purchased be expensed.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING THEREFROM:
None**

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

(a) Bar and Entertainment - Comrade Ken Parker

Gave update on Bar and entertainment

(b) House - Comrade Dennis Sirman

No report. Excused.

(c) Membership Communications - Comrade Dennis Sirman

No report. Excused.

(d) Membership - Comrade Ken Byars

25 new members initiated

291 members

249 in good standing

Increase of 65 members

Dec. 14th will be early bird draw.

New software assistant, members may be contacted to verify or update some info

Sponsors must ensure applications completed and fees paid

Apology for misspelled membership card

Please inform Legion if you have change of phone number

(e) Poppy – Comrade Martin Maltais

Thanks to all volunteers

This year's total #49,859 Poppy boxes from Lorenzo's, they called for replacements.

Ron Oakley wrote letter to Lorenzo's thanking them for their effect after theft of Poppy box.

Motion to take 5 minute break

(f) Training and Organizational Development - Comrade Greg Devine

No report.

(g) Sports and Track and Field - Comrade Greg Devine

No report.

(h) Hall Rentals - Comrade Greg Devine

Hall rented every Sat, in December

(i) Honours and Awards - Comrade Brian Madden

No report

- (j) **Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Georges Winters**
Going well, EMC & Honour Guard will be starting to advertise for us.
In January Robby Burns Dinner, Highland Dancing sit down meal, Toast to the Haggis, 90 tickets printed
- (k) **Veteran's Services and Legion Seniors - Comrade Dan O'Leary**
No report
- (l) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**
See #4
- (m) **Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown**
Last Thursday judging was held for Literary Contest, thanks to all those who helped.
1st place winners were forwarded to Zone.
- (n) **Sick and Visiting - Comrade Corinne Allaire**
Phoning hospitals to see if there are any veterans needing visits.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Paul Gauthier and seconded by Rosslyn Harris that all reports be accepted.
Motion carried

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

From the floor

Richard Brown: Can we continue NAVADA here at the branch? A: we do not have a Nevada License due to paperwork not being submitted over the past several years.

Maureen Crabtree: request permission to price round tables to replace existing tables
Asked if bar prices are going up, A: No price increase has been discussed.

Ron Allaire: Runs adhoc committee for local branches in Zone G5, Special Events Com.
Looking to raise funds for smaller branched, This is run by volunteers. Looking at running a BINGO to help pay rent at 595.

Moved by Stu Cameron and seconded by Paul Gauthier. **Motion carried**

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

All of the business of the meeting having been concluded, the Branch Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 20:56 pm.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 2100 pm.

Next General Meeting: General Meeting on January 22, 2013

Helen Fraser
Secretary

Brian Madden
President