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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, Oct 23rd, 2018

PRESENT: Comrades Rob Mantle, Brian Madden, Ron Oakley, Vic Dowie, J.A. Grady, Dennis Sirman, Harold Pretty, Bruce Brown, Judith Scollon, Gary Ambrose, Linda Ambrose, Hillard G. Francis, Jim Simpson, Christine McIlvenna-Maciejewski, and Lise Brodeur

ABSENT: Comrades Dom Baldwin, Steven Young

EXCUSED: Comrades Janet Waitman, Bot Kelly, Toulia Pouris, Derk Duermeyer, and Martin Maltais

- 1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:**
Meeting called to order and opened with the President conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 7:20 pm.

The President, Comrade Brian Madden conducted the meeting.
- 2. CEREMONY OF ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS: (if required)**
N/A
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING:**
The minutes of the last meeting held on 25/09/2018 were distributed and reviewed, however, no Quorum was present to accept as written.
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
N/A
- 5. FINANCIAL REPORT: Comrade Simpson**
Comrade Simpson provided the financial statements for the period ending 31/09/2018. Financial statements attached to Branch Secretary's copy.
- 6. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Comrade Madden**
The President thanked Comrades Jim Simpson, Derk Duermeyer and Rob Mantle for participating in the recent Branch Inspection. The week prior, Comrade Brian and Comrade Wanda also attended the first Poppy presentation of 2018 at the Perley Rideau. Recently Comrade Brian has been busy getting invitations out for the upcoming Veteran's Dinner which is taking place on November 10th. He has been receiving RSVPs from many members who have not attended in the past.

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

- a. Received from City of Ottawa a letter informing that the Branch will be reimbursed up to 1000 for members who are providing food for Remembrance Day.
- b. Received from Zone Command an updated Policy on Cannabis to all Branches.
- c. Received from Zone Command invitation for Veteran's to tour the War Museum with Remembrance Day Sentries. The date is November 7th, however this is a limited invitation and Comrade Jim has sent out via e-mail to our current Veterans.
- d. The President has received an invitation from the Mayor's Office to attend the Candlelight tribute on November 5th at the War Museum.

8. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(a) **Legion Seniors – Comrade Toula Pouris**

Comrade Toula reported that she is researching what this Portfolio entails. To that end, she has made inquiries to a couple previous Legion Senior Portfolio holders but has not heard back yet.

(b) **Membership - Comrades Steven Young with Helen Fraser**

Comrade Helen reports that our current membership totals 327, of which 246 paid up for 2018 and 81 have lapsed.

(c) **Poppy & Bursary– Comrade Brian Madden**

Comrade Brian reports that a separate Bank Account has been set-up for the Branch Poppy Fund. Also, with the break-up of Ottawa Poppy, we will be receiving 10000 dollars to get us up and running from Westboro for 2018 Campaign. Our Poppy supplies have arrived and the Committee is busy getting everything ready for this year's campaign. It was pointed out to the General Membership that the sign-up boards are now out and people can begin electing where they would like to volunteer.

(d) **Public Relations and Publicity – Comrades Grant Yusak**

Nil to report.

(e) **Sports and Track and Field – Comrade Greg Devine**

Comrade Devine reported sign-up sheets for Legion Events in November and December are up. Anyone interested in participating should contact Comrade Greg.

(f) **Training and Organizational Development - Vacant**

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(g) **Veterans' Services - Comrade Vic Dowie**

Anyone who wishes to have Medals mounted, Comrade Vic will post contact information on the board. Veteran's ID which was previously discontinued will be re-issued, time unknown. Comrade Vic has stated that he has received numerous requests for rides, which is not his prevue as Veteran's Service Officer. Received a request from a gentleman who had fallen and was injured and the Hospital would not release him unless he had somewhere to go where he is taken care of. The current waitlist at the Perley is two years. Comrade Vic also mentioned that if

there is someone in the Hospital needing help, it is suggested to check with their Social Programs as some are very good.

- (h) **Bar - Comrade Derk Duermeyer**
Nil report.
- (i) **Bylaws and Regulations - Comrade Wanda Riddell**
Nil report.
- (j) **Cadet Liaison – Comrades Dom Baldwin and Bot Kelly**
Comrade Bot reported that the GGFG Leadership were wondering if we would require the entire Corps on parade Nov 4th or the usual Contingent provided.
- (k) **Hall Rentals – Comrade Toula Pouris**
Comrade Toula reports 2 more rentals coming in this week with payment. The Rental Portfolio is under control.
- (l) **House – Comrade Dennis Sirman (Temp)**
Davidson Fire Extinguishers checked Emergency Lighting at the Branch after the last power outage and the Emergency Lighting is working correctly. The lights will stay on for approximately 3 minutes to allow all personnel to safely exit the building.
- (m) **Honours and Awards - Comrade Derk Duermeyer**
Nil report.
- (n) **Legion Retail – Comrade Derk Duermeyer**
Nil report.
- (o) **Member Communications – Comrade Janet Waitman**
Comrade Waitman is away, but wanted to thank Comrade Simpson for continuing to propagate the Newsletter in her absence.
- (p) **Supplies and Services – Vacant**
No report.
- (q) **Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown**
Comrade Bruce reports the deadline for Remembrance Day Contest for schools in our area is Nov 16th. Judging will take place on the 20th and Volunteers are encouraged to step forward, especially bilingual or French speaking judges since there are a number of French Students participating. The Awards Ceremony will also be taking place on the 20th of January 2019. Also on November 5th from 10am to noon, there is an initial called No Stone Left Unturned where Poppies will be placed on all Veteran headstones.
- (r) **Bursary – Comrade Brian Madden**
Comrade Madden

(s) **Ways** & **Means** – **All**
No report.

(t) **Catch the Ace – Comrade Wanda Riddell & Derk Duermeyer**
We are currently in our 4th week, and still looking for the Ace of Spades. Thanks to Comrade Dennis for teaching Comrade Derk and myself the process, still learning. Tickets are available at the Bar for 5 dollars/each and the next draw will take place on Friday Oct 26th at 7pm.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

No Quorum available, no motion to accept reports at this time.

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) The Ottawa Air Service (OAS) has offered to provide a 1 hour flight over Ottawa in the New Year for 2 people. Comrade Dennis has brought this forward and has also made up raffle tickets for Exec Members to sell at \$25/each. All monies raised will go directly to the Branch.

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION** **FOR** **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:15 pm the President declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting be adjourned.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Comrade Brian Madden conducted the “Closing Ritual”.

Brian Madden
President

Robert Mantle
Secretary

January, April, June, September, October, November