



## **Strathcona Branch 595**

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### **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Comrades Helen Fraser, James Grady, Wanda Riddell, Sharon Brush, Ethel Benson, Ron Barrie, Robert MacLean, Adelaine Gadde, Dave Brush, Dennis Sirman, Toula Pouris, Ron Oakley, Brian Madden, Cliff Turpin, Malph Maltais, Katherine Winters, Howard Keck, Ray Moloughney, Georges Winters, Robin Brown, John Carter, Mary Smith, JP Paquette, Debra Lortie, James Simpson, Greg Devine, Connie Bennett, Janet Waitman, Bruce Brown, Serge Gauthier, Edward Dunn, John Gazeley, Martial Madore

**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 Martin Maltais assumed the responsibilities of the Chair for the meeting.

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

##### **MOTION**

Comrade Helen Fraser moved to approve the following members and the motion was seconded by Comrade Wanda Riddell.

Serge Gauthier

Affiliate

Wendy Wynne-Jones

Affiliate

Martial J. Madore

Ordinary

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 were distributed.

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Comrade John Carter and seconded by Comrade Ron Oakley to accept the minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Comrade Ron Barrie and seconded by Comrade Dave Brush that the term of the executive be extended from 1 to 2 years be approved.

**DEFEATED (13 for and 15 against)**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Comrade Dave Brush and seconded by Comrade John Carter that the membership fee be increased by \$10 to \$65 yearly effective December 1, 2015 be approved.

**CARRIED (3 against)**

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

#### **President, Comrade Dennis Sirman**

This past month we have been busy about the branch with renovations. There are many little details left however the bulk of the work is complete. Thank you Ray Moloughney, Eli Bennett, Wavey Bennett, JP Lortie, Tom Feeley, Gerry Chamberlain, Glenn Bell, Steve Anderson, John Granata, Mike Lord, Mike Charrier and Connie Bennett. Special thanks to the bar staff for their co-operation and patience during the process. The total cost is not been tallied, however, I suspect it will be approximately \$1,800.00, but **thanks to Comrade Wayne Bernard and his donation of \$800.00** we have kept to our original plan of \$1,000 in materials and succeeded in accomplishing a lot in a very short time. The lounge/hall separation was put to the test this past Saturday and both the patrons and the group that rented the hall appreciated and respected the separation. A grateful thank you was given by all present to Comrade Wayne Bernard for his generous donation of \$800 to the Branch.

Coming soon we will have the kitchen and bar area completed even though they are functional now.

Friday dinners are going well and we encourage you to attend. There is always room for people to step up to try their knowledge and skill. This past Friday Comrade Ken Harrison had approached the Bella Vista restaurant and made a deal for Lasagna, add a couple of support people such as Dave and Sherry Brush, throw in a salad and buns and we have a feast and a fund raiser. New ideas, new approaches ensure we have a varied and healthy dinner and a great time.

Dave and Sherry Brush are leading us off into a German cuisine with all the trimmings by walking across the street to the "Bank Street Sausage and Deli" for schnitzel, add some entertainment and we are off to the races for another great night.

Join us for a Mary Smith spectacular Halloween celebration on October 31st, the place will transform into, well come on out and see.

I expect to see and greet a lot of you as we progress through the poppy campaign, remember we all pledged to support and work. Comrade Maltais will be saying more on the matter.

Our parade is on November 8th and of course we will all be in attendance on November 11th. As in previous years we all contribute to a potluck type luncheon. I ask please to bring in your receipts as the City will match each dollar up to \$1,000.00 contribution to the Legion which is a nice way to see your tax dollars at work.

The President appointed Wanda Riddell to the executive as Chair of the Hall Rental portfolio and appointed Tom Feeley as Chair of Legion Seniors and Training and Organizational Development.

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

The financial statements for the period ending September 30th, 2015 were presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies. Comrade Carter reported the Branch's net income for September is in the black.

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

None

**8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (a) Bar - Comrade Helen Fraser**

All is running smoothly.

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

Comrade Devine reported all going well and spoke regarding upcoming entertainment.

**(c) Sports and Track and Field - Comrade Grant Yusak**

Comrade Yusak reported there is a meeting he will attend on Sunday, November 1st at Bells Corners Branch. More news to follow.

**(d) Legion and Dart Retail - Comrade Grant Yusak**

Comrade Yusak reported he has reviewed the dart supplies and made a small order to fill the gaps. It is in and has been selling.

I successfully negotiated with Ray Desjardins of the Veterans' Committee. This is the group that opened our doors to bingo. They had purchased \$7,000 worth of merchandise in the past to sell on the Hill around Canada Day. They sold 70% of their inventory to various people, and made a great profit.

I made a final offer of \$1,000 for \$3,400 worth of sellable product, of this Walkley Bowl contributed \$250 purchasing some T-Shirts for a CFRE and I contributed \$250, and will recover this from proceeds.

Place mats- Soloway Wright (Helen) doubled down- thank you. New ad

**(e) House - Comrade Glenn Bell**

Comrade Sirman reported that the mirror in the women's washroom fell and broke the handicap sink. Both handicap mirrors will be replaced as well as the sink.

**(f) Hall Rentals – Wanda Riddell**

Due to new appointment, Comrade Riddell is not yet up to speed. Comrade Sirman reported hall rentals are going well and will meet with Comrade Riddell to pass on procedures in the near future.

**(g) Training and Organizational Development - Comrade Tom Feeley**

No report.

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

Comrade Smith reported weekly newsletters are going out and appear to be well received. Working on the advertising for events; working on new ways to reach people to get them into the Branch.

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

As at October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	# RECORDS
2015: Total	
Membership –	354
STATUS	
PAID UP	302
LAPSED 1	34
LAPSED 2	18
TOTALS	354

Comrade Maltais invited everyone to participate in the Poppy Campaign and he will have the boards in the Branch up by no later than October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**(k) Honours and Awards - Comrade Brian Madden**

No report.

**(l) Veterans' Services - Comrade Georges Winters**

Comrade Winters reported as duly appointed volunteered, BSO Chairman I am pleased to be able to report that I have recently attended District "G" SO seminar held Oct. 3, 2015 at Orleans Legion. As this was my first such seminar on this subject I found it very informative and have come away with a great deal of information which I plan to present in the very near future to Mary to put in her newsletter. I also passed on to Patricia Royal ( PSO) the name and info of a recent inquiry from one of our members (that contacted me at home) and I'm pleased to say that Patricia has contacted same and has been directed to the proper office.

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No report.

**(n) Branch Regulations - Comrade Dennis Sirman**

No report.

**(o) Youth Education and Bursary - Comrade Bruce Brown/Comrade Brian Madden**

Comrade Brown reported the deadline for Strathcona's school Remembrance Day Contests is November 13, 2015.

Judging of the entries will held on Tuesday 17 November at 1830. Volunteers to help with the judging are appreciated. Bilingual judges for judging the literary and poem entries are also needed. The awards ceremony for the contest will be held on 9 January from 1300 – 1500.

**(p) Ways & Means - Comrade Ethel Benson**

Comrade Benson reported the meat draw is ongoing and the craft sale is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>, looking for volunteers to help run it.

**(q) Kitchen Services - Comrade Wavey Bennett**

No report.

**(r) Cadet Liaison – Comrade Bot Kelly**

No report.

**9. MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Ron Oakley and seconded by Comrade Janet Waitman that all reports be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**10. GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Comrade James Simpson spoke regarding the Veterans' Appreciation Day at Billings Bridge Plaza on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Comrade Georges Winters spoke regarding the parade on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on Main Street and invited all to attend.

**11. TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

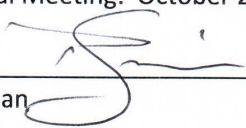
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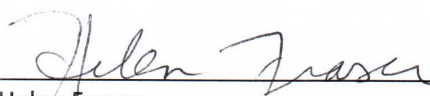
At 8:10 pm Comrade Martin Maltais, Branch Chair, declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

**13. CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Comrade Dennis Sirman conducted the "Closing Ritual".

Next General Meeting: October 27, 2015

  
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Dennis Sirman  
President

  
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Helen Fraser  
Secretary

January, April, June, September, October, November