



**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
STRATHCONA BRANCH 595, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2012**

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Jim Simpson, Dan O'Leary, Ken Parker, Georges Winters, Helen Fraser, Ken Byars, Martin Maltais, Bruce Brown, Dennis Sirman, Katherine Winters, Ron Oakley, Roger Power, Michel Laverdure, Harold Pretty, Victor Dowie, Lois Lepage, Peter Gagne, Richard Patten, Don Skemer, John Gazeley, Janet Waitman and Barb Trudeau, Adele Law, Harold Wallace, Caroline Wallace

EXCUSED: None

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 announced the following 2 new members were present for initiation:

Howard Wallace
Caroline Wallace

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 June 26th, 2012 were distributed.

Moved by Dan O'Leary and seconded by Adele Law to accept the minutes as circulated.
Motion carried.

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

No need for new dishwasher, the current dishwasher has been repaired and is in proper working order.

Procurement and installation of a sound system still to be completed.

ATM has been installed.

Halloween and New Year's Eve party planning is underway.

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

It has been a very busy summer for us. Since our elections we have a full executive which has eased the number of positions that each of have to hold.

I have attended two Zone conventions, one held at Montgomery Legion and Comrade Georges Winters and myself attend the Zone convention held at the Bells Corner Legion.

On the first Monday in August we held a special annual BBQ at the Eater Seals Camp Merrywood. We had a number of members go up and BBQed for a large number of campers. They look forward every year, this year we presented them with 3 new BBQs which was well received.

This September has been very busy at the branch as we held our 50th Anniversary Party on September 15th. I want to thank all the people who helped out and thank everybody who turned out for the days activities.

On September 16th we held our Veterans dinner and were very well attended by 30 Vets.

Our golf tournament was postponed from September 18th until September 27th due to heavy rain.

On September 19th we held our Honours & Awards and wine & Cheese (provided by Peter Gagne and Lois Lapage, wine by Georges Winters). We handed out a number of service pins to our members. The main award our Legionnaire of the year was handed out to Comrade Georges Winters.

Now that summer is over it is time to prepare for our Poppy campaign.

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

The financial statements for period ended August 31st, 2012 were presented and a copy is attached to the Branch and Secretary's copies.

Comrade Jim Simpson requested members for ideas and that the members use the branch more, revenue must be increased by \$8,000 monthly to prevent the losses.

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

None

8. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(a) **Bar and Entertainment - Comrade Ken Parker**

Comrade Ken Parker advised that Comrade Wayne Crabtree will be assisting in the running of the bar and planning events at the Legion.

(b) **House - Comrade Dennis Sirman**

No report.

(c) **Membership Communications - Comrade Helen Fraser**

No report.

(d) **Membership - Comrade Ken Byars**

Comrade Ken Byars advised we have lost 3 members since we last met (Comrades J.A. Ladoucer, R.A. Barry & D. Simourd).

Life	6
Ordinary	101
Associate	100
Affiliate	<u>26</u>
Total	<u>233</u>

Motion to approve new applicants as listed below:

Ordinary

Bob Buss
William Keogh
David Brody
Jim Garner

Associate

Russell Williams
Neil Blandford
Ray Tamarit
William Wilkinson

Affiliate

Suanne Renaud
Jeffrey Campbell
Clifford Turpin

Transfer

Kenneth Porter from Command 13, Branch 13, H,Q
Jon Thorleifson from Command 2, Branch 28, Bowness, Calgary

Motion to accept new members moved by Ken Byars and seconded by Dan O`Leary.

Motion carried.

Discussed new Membership Procedure:

Membership Procedures - Strathcona Legion 595

1. Your completed Application is submitted with the appropriate funds.
2. Application is approved at an Executive Meeting, (2nd Tuesday of each month).
Registration paperwork is prepared for Dominion Command.
3. Application is approved at a Member's Meeting (see list of dates below).
4. Paperwork is submitted to Dominion Command. It can take 3 - 4 weeks to hear back.
5. The new Membership Card, or Transfer Card, is received by Strathcona legion.
6. The new member will be notified **their card has arrived and it will be presented during an Initiation Ceremony at a Members Meeting**. A member is considered an inactive member until they have completed the Initiation Ceremony. New cards will not be mailed out.
7. In the event that member does not attend a members meeting and pays for subsequent membership year, their new card will be held until they can be initiated.
Turn around time for a new member application should be between 30 & 45 days unless they have not completed their application correctly.
Applications for Ordinary & associate membership must have Proof of Service attached to the application to be processed.

(e) **Poppy – Comrade Martin Maltais**

As Poppy Chair aka Norman New Guy, I am making a plea for help for the upcoming Poppy Campaign. We are not asking for a huge amount of your time, but rather a minimum of three hours. If that is all you can give, I'll take it. If you can do more, I'll take that too. Remember your oath when you were initiated, "to actively participate in the Poppy Campaign." We need you and furthermore the veterans need you!! There are sheets on the table to your right for your to sign up.

Also, you will find other sign-up sheets on that same table, for colour party, kitchen volunteers and just plain volunteers.

(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**

No report

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

No report

(j) **Public Relations and Publicity - Comrade Georges Winters**

Comrade Georges Winters will be looking into getting prices to advertise the Legion in the Ottawa Sun and EMC newspapers as well as Guard of Honour. A budget for advertising has been requested from the executive.

(k) **Veteran's Services and Legion Seniors - Comrade Dan O'Leary**

Dan advised he is available to take requests for Veteran Services.

(l) **Branch Regulations - Comrade James Simpson**

Regulations which were re-submitted to Ontario Command May 28th, 2012 have been rejected. Comrade Simpson advised he will review and resubmit the regulations.

(m) **Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown**

The annual Literary and Poster Contest is coming up. The schools in Strathcona's boundary having been contacted and the information on the contest has been distributed. The deadline for receiving entries for the Contest at Strathcona is November 9, 2012. The judging of the entries will be about the middle of November. We will be looking for volunteers to help in judging the entries. The awards ceremony will be held in January 2013

The Zone G5 Public Speaking Contest will be held March 2, 2013 at Strathcona branch. Information on the contest has been sent to the schools. Again we will looking for volunteers to help out at the event. It will be an all day event.

Comrade Richard Brown has been of assistance in contacting all the schools.

(n) **Sick and Visiting - Comrade Corinne Allaire**

No report.

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Peter Gagne and seconded by Ron Oakley that all reports be accepted.
Motion carried

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Volunteers are requested to participate in the planning, serving and cleanup of Friday dinners. Please leave a message at the bar for Comrade Greg Devine.

Volunteers are requested for the Ottawa 67's School Day Game on October 29th, 2012 at 8:00 am Scotiabank Place.

There is a cribbage board and computer table being raffled, the draw will take place at 5 pm on November 11, 2012.

Canada Remembers at Billings Bridge on November 1, 2012. The Branch is considering putting a table in.

Comrade George Winters also discussed the Commemorative Parade to be held on November 4th, 2012 on Main Street.

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

A notice of motion was presented by Comrade Jim Simpson on behalf of the Executive that will change the Branch policy of allowing members to use the hall when the hall has been rented for a private function on Saturdays that extends into the evening hours.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

All of the business of the meeting having been concluded, the Branch Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

President Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual" at 8:30 pm.

Next General Meeting: General Meeting on October 23, 2012

Helen Fraser
Secretary

Brian Madden
President