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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, Sept 25TH, 2018

PRESENT: Comrades Brian Madden, Wanda Riddell, Shirley Lajolie, J.A. Grady, Martin Maltais, Rob Mantle, Katherine Winters, Georges Winters, N. Davie, Bruce Brown, Harold Pretty, Howard Keck, Janet Waitman, Jim Simpson, Linda Ambrose, Gary Ambrose, Lise Brodeur, Ken Bonell, Derk Duermeyer, Christine Mcllvenna Maciejewski and Bot Kelly

ABSENT: Comrades Grant Yusak, Steven Young, Ray Moloughney,

EXCUSED: Comrades Toula Pouris, Greg Devine, Dennis Sirman, Dom Baldwin

1. **OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:**
Meeting called to order and opened with the President conducting the "Opening Ritual" at 7:02 pm.

The Chairman, Comrade Martin Maltais conducted the meeting.

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

In the absence of the Membership Chair, Comrade Rob Mantle announced the following new members were present:

Peter		Hume	(Ordinary);
Christine		Mcllvenna-Maciejewski	(Affiliate);
Hilliard	Francis	(Approved	in July);
Gary		Ambrose	(Transfer);
Linda	Ambrose		and
Lise			Brodeur

The following members transferring in from Manotick Legion were absent and have not yet been welcomed:

Judith		Scollon	(Transfer)
Gerald		Lavigne	(Transfer)
Arthur		McKenzie	(Transfer)

The President conducted the Welcoming Ceremony of the above new members after which they were all welcomed by the General Membership present.

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on June 26th, 2018 were distributed.

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Katherine Winters and seconded by Comrade Shirley Lajolie to accept the minutes as read.

CARRIED

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

Comrades Wanda Riddell and Jim Simpson took a few moments to explain to those present the amendments made to our Updated Branch Regulations that were introduced and discussed earlier.

MOTION

Moved by Comrade Ken Bonell and seconded by Comrade Vic Dowie to accept the amendments as discussed.

CARRIED

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT: Comrade Simpson**

Comrade Simpson provided the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2018. The financial statements are attached to the Branch Secretary's copy of the minutes. He then stated that 1st Quarter results are not the best and improvement is needed. Our most pressing issue is the HST payment of 2300 dollars due by end of September.

6. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Comrade Madden**

A) The President welcomed everyone, especially all our new members. He then stressed the importance of our members coming out to support the Branch. It is especially important at this time of the year when our Poppy Campaign is about to get started. He would like to see as many volunteers as possible come out to help in any way.

B) Comrade Brian took a few moments then to introduce our newly selected "Legionnaire of the Year", Comrade Wanda Riddell.

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

(a) On Sept 19th all Branches received a memo from Zone Secretary, Steven Dieter. The intent of the memo was to ask that any cheques be clearly marked for its intent either on the payee line or the memo section of the cheque. This will help clarify where donations are to go when sending cheques to Ontario Command Charitable Fund.

(b) On Sep 20th we received the 2018 Zone G5 Branch Inspection Schedule. The inspection of BR #595 will take place Oct 2nd at 7pm.

(c) On Sep 16th received Instruction package for applications to 2019 Pilgrimage of Remembrance. Please note that the deadline this year is Nov 5th, 2018.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Nil to report.

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

As Comrade Young was absent for this meeting, the Secretary Comrade Mantle announced that currently the Branch has 324 total members, of which, 242 paid up for 2018. 28 members have lapsed 1 year and 54 lapsed two years. Those that have lapsed 2 years will fall off the database January 1st, 2019. These figures provided by Comrade Helen Fraser for presentation.

(c) **Poppy – Comrade Brian Madden**

During the opening address, Comrade Brian discussed the importance of the volunteers for the Poppy Campaign. With the help of Ron Oakley, Wanda Riddell, Georges and Katherine Winters who have been preparing the run schedules. We will be having a meeting to discuss details on Friday Sept 28th at 1pm. As this is our first year doing this on our own as a Branch, we are looking forward to having lots of help.

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

Nil to report.

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

Posters will soon be up for Legion Sports. Those wishing to play must contact Comrade Devine to register.

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

Comrade Madden announced that training for both Service Officer and Poppy will be taking place this weekend at the Smith's Falls Legion. Both he and Comrade Mantle will be attending the training on Sunday 30th for Poppy.

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

Comrade Dowie seeking assistance from the Branch Membership in going to schools in the area during upcoming Remembrance Ceremonies to discuss what it's like to be a Veteran.

He also wanted to mention for those seeking assistance, there are a number of Agencies in Ottawa such as the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) and Soldiers Helping Soldiers (SHS) available to offer assistance.

(h) **Bar - Comrade Derk Duermeyer**

Comrade Sirman reports after the recent power outage, he and Helen were into the Branch and it took about 3 hours to bring all systems online (POS System, Security & WIFI). Comrade Duermeyer reports the Bar is running fine except for a few things to be discussed at the next Executive.

(i) **Bylaws and Branch Regulations - Comrade Wanda Riddell**

Nil to report except for recent amendments to Branch Regulations as discussed earlier.

(j) Cadet Liaison – Comrades Dom Baldwin and Bot Kelly

Comrade Kelly reported that the Cadets are looking for a solid date on when the Veteran's Dinner will be held and all relevant info as well as the schedule for the poppy campaign and locations and would like it before the October meeting if possible.

The meeting with the support committee was primarily about ideas to spread awareness of the cadet program such as having a small corner in a newspaper dedicated to the activities of the cadets (more specifically the unit).

Comrade Baldwin reports that his request for a Police Background Check has been submitted as requested by the Cadet Corps.

(k) Hall Rentals – Comrade Toulia Pouris

Comrade Pouris will be following up with Rental Requests for November and December next month.

(l) House – Comrade Ray Moloughney

No report.

(m) Honours and Awards - Comrade Derk Duermeyer

The Honours and Awards Night was a great success, however, only just over half of eligible Recipients were present at the ceremony, very discouraging. Wine was flowing, Cheese, Crackers, and other Condiments were consumed with joy by the Participants present for the evening.

(n) Legion Retail – Comrade Derk Duermeyer

Comrade Duermeyer mentioned many items that can be purchased from our own Branch Kit shop and for those looking for something particular that is not available, he does to regular runs to the Legion Store for pickup.

(o) Member Communications – Comrade Janet Waitman

Comrade Waitman reports that all is going well. She also wanted to remind everyone when Events are happening to let her know and pass on any pictures available.

(p) Supplies and Services – Vacant

No report.

(q) Youth Education - Comrade Bruce Brown

The schools in Strathcona's boundary have been informed of the Remembrance Day Contests (Literary and Poster) being held this fall. The deadline for Strathcona's entries is 16 November. The judging of the entries will take place Tuesday 20 November at 6:30 pm. Volunteers (including bilingual volunteers) are needed for the judging.

The Awards ceremony for the winners of the contests will be held on Saturday 19 January at 1300.

(r) **Bursary – Comrade Brian Madden**
 Comrade Madden briefly described the Bursary program at the Legion and how funding for this program is provided through the Poppy Campaign. The process for our Branch includes reviewing and approving applications at the beginning of September each year. This year we gave out 6 Bursaries worth a total of 3000 dollars to help with the cost of education. Cheques have already been distributed to the appropriate schools.

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

(t) **Catch the Ace – Comrade Dennis Sirman/Derk Duermeyer**
 We were successful to obtain a new License for our next Catch The Ace from the City Bylaws Office. Our first draw will take place at 1900 hrs (7:00 PM) Friday 5 October. Tickets for the Draw are available at \$5 each at the Bar immediately.

As usual, Dennis Sirman made and printed the Tickets with our new license number, Reporting Forms and all necessary Advertisements. Kudos to Dennis, for another job well done!

9. **MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS**

Moved by Comrade Ken Bonnel and seconded by Comrade Linda Ambrose that all reports be accepted.
CARRIED

10. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) Comrade Georges Winters discusses upcoming Remembrance Parade Ceremony, including the history behind our Brantwood Gates Ceremony. This years Ceremony will be taking place on November 4th. Because this year is also the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I, Comrade Winters will arrange to have our own Comrade Stan Field lay a wreath for the Legion. Comrade Fields is also turning 100 years old at the end of November.
- (b) Comrade Grady inquired as to the possibility of contacting those whose memberships are about to lapse in order to remind them of renewing. Comrade Katherine stated this was done previously and many members had either moved away, were too old to come in or were deceased.
- (c) Comrade Peter Hume stated that he was a collector of Military Memorabilia and would be happy to provide some items for display during this period of Remembrance.

11. **TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

12. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:08 pm the Chairman declared the business of the meeting having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

13. **CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Comrade Brian Madden conducted the "Closing Ritual".

Brian Madden
President

Robert Mantle
Secretary

January, April, June, September, October, November