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EXECUTIVE MEETING

12th December 2017

Present: Comrades Gordon Kerluke, Don Johns, Pam Smith, Sherri McInnis, Dianne Higgins, Paul Larocque, Mac Casselman, Len MacPherson, Jean Beck, Robert Elrick, Lucie Goderre, Frank Stacey and Blaine Kiley.

Excused: Comrades Marty Keates, Kim Levesque, Jim Grant, Jeanine Mader, Doc Hopper, Barb Johns and Marta Nuijten.

Absent: Comrades June Smith, Steve Sauve, Wayne Edwards, Nicole Hebert, Valerie Cyr, Andrew Proulx and Raymond Plourde.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL

Comrade Gordon Kerluke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman:

- a. *The meeting will come to order*
- b. *Comrades, please stand*
- c. *Before we proceed to the consideration of the business that has brought us together, let us pause to think reverently of those of our comrades who by sea, by land and in the air, laid down their lives for their Sovereign and their country. Their sacrifice will ever inspire us to labour on, to the end that those who survive and need our aid may be assured of our assistance, and that the country in which we live, and for which they died may ever be worthy of the sacrifice they made.*
- d. *During The Silence, we will remember our fallen comrades and those who have passed on since we last gathered together. (The names of the persons are to be spoken)*
- e. *The Silence (Moment of Silence)*
- f. *The Act of Remembrance*

Chairman:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Members: *We will remember them.*

Chairman: *Please be seated, I now declare the meeting open.*

2. ROLL CALL

Comrade Sherri McInnis called the roll. 13 of 17 Branch Officers and elected Standing Committee Members were present. This **DID** constitute a quorum.

3. DEVIATION

No deviation.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING - Comrade Sherri McInnis

The minutes of the November meeting were sent out to the executive and all corrections and/or amendments as identified have been completed. They are now in the Correspondence Binder and have been posted on the Branch Web Site.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from the last Executive meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE– Comrade Sherri McInnis

All items received have been copied and placed in the correspondence binder and stored on the off-site thumb drive.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Comrade Gordon Kerluke

For purposes of completing the current fiscal year which ends May 31st, a realignment of the Senior Executive was done in accordance with the provisions of the Orleans Branch By-Laws with Branch Regulations. Although nominations and elections will follow their normal course in the New Year, now is the time to start thinking about stepping up to the Executive positions to help shape the future of the Orleans Branch. We do not want a repeat of last year where the election was suspended because there were no nominations accepted for President.

As you have probably noted, in accordance with the new organization chart resulting from the realignment, currently there is a vacancy for a 3rd Vice President and members of the Executive invite Branch members, particularly those not on any of the Committees to consider this vacant position. Any new appointments will become effective upon the approval of the Branch at our General Meeting in January.

To address declining Legion membership, the Membership Committee of Dominion Command recently commissioned an outside research firm to conduct a survey of members who had not renewed their membership. Results of the survey showed that one of the major reasons for non-renewal was that non-renewing members found the Branch experience un hospitable. Seven key guiding principles were suggested for creating a more welcoming and hospitable environment. I have a few extra hard copies of the survey for anyone interested.

8. TREASURER/FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS

a. NEVADA – Comrade James Grant

No report.

b. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Comrade June Smith

No report.

No Financial Statements.

9. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE PRESIDENT

a. SERGEANT-at-ARMS – Comrade Raymond Plourde

No report.

b. BRANCH MANAGER – Comrade Nicole Hebert

No report.

c. POPPY CHAIR – Comrade Barb Johns

Over the past month a few more donations have been received which will bring us to almost \$92,000 from the Poppy Campaign.

A drama teacher from Carine Wilson High School was in contact with me about the play Where Poppies Blow that his students performed for Remembrance Day wanting to encourage Legion members to attend and wanting to establish a relationship with the Legion. I advertised by e-mail and encouraged members to attend. Donald and I attended the play which was excellent. The teacher has advised that the students will be donating to the Legion from the proceeds of the play. This type of interaction with Youth are excellent types of initiatives to encourage to engage Youth in learning about the contributions of Veterans.

All supplies have been counted and stored away. Thank you to Lucie Goderre for organizing and counting the loose Poppies.

In December, a meeting of the Poppy Trust Committee will be held to develop a budget based on the final revenue numbers. The budget will be presented at AGM in January.

Barbara Johns/Poppy Chair 2017, RCL 632

d. POPPY TRUST FUND – Comrade Lucie Goderre

No report.

e. MEMORIAL WALK – Comrade Frank Stacey

No report.

f. SERVICE OFFICER – Comrade Frank Stacey and Comrade Doc Hopper

We have been participating in this year's seasonal visits to vets in Retirement Homes and long-term care facilities to support "Veterans' and Aging." This will continue until 20 Dec. These visits are very well received and we get positive feed-back (and other work). Special mention to Comrades Gordon and Charlotte Kerluke (Vets & Aging) for extreme devotion in arranging the sessions and the 'comforts'. We have a total of 13 residences in Orleans to visit.

One continuing very complicated case is ongoing involving emergency dental, a scooter, CCAC, and medical condition, etc. One VRB submission is scheduled for January, but we are not involved. You are all aware that our "Community Newspapers" are under review. "Orleans News" was our means of advertising planned visits of the Ontario Command Svc Officer to set up appointments, but is now defunct. To date the Orleans Star is not affected.

I will discuss with Comrade Jean Beck about how to reach the non-Legion veterans for these visits. Most of those who attend these interviews are reached via the newspaper. (Many join the Branch after.) There are no visits scheduled right now, but we can be expected to be asked to have one shortly.

g. LADIES AUXILIARY – Comrade Valerie Cyr

No report.

h. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RULES – Comrade Blaine Kiley

No report.

i. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Comrade Blaine Kiley

No report.

Moved by Comrade Len MacPherson and seconded by Comrade Mac Casselman that the reports of the committees under the President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS UNDER THE PAST PRESIDENT – Comrade Marty Keates

a. HONOURS AND AWARDS – Comrade Keates

Comrade Marta Nuijten was presented with her Certificate of Appreciation and the plaque for the Provincial Award for the Banner.

The request for nominations for Legionnaire of the Year and other awards will be out before 1st January 2018.

The Honours and Awards have been scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2018.

b. FUTURE PLANNING AND ELECTIONS – Comrade Marty Keates

The Election Board and request for nominations will be out the first week in February.

11. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT – Comrade Don Johns

a. BAR OFFICER – Comrade Wayne Edwards

No report.

b. BURSARY – Comrade Jean Beck

No report.

c. CADET LIAISON – Comrade Don Johns

Comrade Don Johns will be going to see the Army Cadets this week.

d. INVENTORY – Comrade Paul Larocque

No report.

e. YOUTH EDUCATION – Comrade Jeanine Mader

The deadline for the posters and literacy contest was November 24th, 2017. I would like to say a big thank you to those that helped me on Saturday November 25th to judge the entries. We saw some beautiful works of art. Garth Mader helped me to set up. Judges were Marty Keates, Paul and Kerry Larocque along with Kim and Raymond Levesque. Marty took some pictures for the Banner.

This year we received a total of 99 entries, down from last year.

Primary	Color	4
	Black and white	1
Junior	Color	24
	Black and White	8
	Poem	46
	Essay	0
Intermediate	Color	8
	Black and White	1
	Poem	3
	Essay	1
Senior	Color	0
	Black and White	2
	Poem	1
	Essay	0

I am a bit disappointed at the amount of entries received but will not give up sending information to all the schools in our area.

The awards ceremony will be held on January 21st, 2018 in the downstairs hall. Start time is 1:00 PM. It would be nice if some of the members of the executive would attend to show their support.

I will be asking for funds to purchase 25 frames (\$113.00 approx.) and then more funds for refreshments for the ceremony, approx. \$100.00. This will be a motion for the General Meeting.

An email has been send to the winners via their teacher or their personnel emails.

Comrade Jeanine Mader/Youth Chair Education

Moved by Comrade Paul Levesque and seconded by Comrade Dianne Higgins that the reports under the 1ST Vice President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

12. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT – Comrade Pam Smith

No report.

a. BANNER – Comrade Marta Nuijten

The Banner is nearly ready for the printer. Our weekly stats for the website keep increasing. For the period 4-10 December there were 301 page loads, 244 visits, 151 first time visits and 93 return visits. There are now two photo albums of Remembrance Day pictures on the site.

Comrade Blaine Kiley presented to the Branch a binder that he and his wife Carole created from the Remembrance Day cards that the children attending filled out with comments. This will be passed to Comrade Keates for some of them to be included in the banner.

b. KITCHEN – Comrade Pam Smith

No report.

c. LA LIASON – Comrade Andrew Proulx

No report.

d. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Comrade Jean Beck

The Citizen will now let the branch have a free advertisement every 7 weeks. The New Year's advertisement has been submitted.

e. SPECIAL EVENTS – Comrade Mac Casselman

New Year's Eve Tickets are selling well, we are at 67 tickets sold, and hope to hit a one hundred. The entertainment will be The Classics.

f. ENTERTAINMENT – Comrade TBD

Dec 15	Nostalgia
Dec 22	Ron Prescott
Jan 1	Sherry Harding
Jan 5	Debbie McCann
Jan 12	Johnny Vegas
Jan 19	Nostalgia
Jan 26	Lauren Hall
Feb 2	Classics
Feb 9	Lauren Hall
Feb 16	Johnny Vegas
Feb 23	Sherry Harding

g. SPORTS – Comrade Steve Sauve

No report.

Moved by Comrade Pam Smith and seconded by Comrade Dianne Higgins that the reports under the 3rd Vice-President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

13. CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS UNDER THE 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT – Comrade TBD

a. MEMBERSHIP – Comrade Kim Levesque

Membership Report for December 12, 2017

Early Bird Winner:
John Ramsey

Members Initiated (2):
Jacques Piché
Kathryn Piché

Applications for Membership (1):
Myriam Meagher

Requests for Transfer (3):
Anne Charron
Eric Coles
Kenneth Robertson

b. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Comrade Len MacPherson

I want to express my thanks to all those members who submitted the names of volunteers following my last email. Already, over 200 names have been submitted, thanks in great part to Comrade Don Johns. Please continue to submit names after each event, even if you think they may have already been submitted as, it is easy to remove a duplicate but it is a misstep to forget the name of someone who volunteered their time.

c. HOSPITAL VISITING – Comrade Dianne Higgins

Nothing to report.

d. VETERANS AND AGING – Comrade Gordon Kerluke (Interim)

The Over 79/80 Christmas Party for Branch Vets on Sunday, November 19th was a success and resulted in a significant increase in the number of Vets who attended the event. This will have to be considered when planning is initiated for the event next year. A big thank you is in order to the LA, Gord Atkinson and his group for the entertainment, Judy Rousson, Comrades Diane Higgins and Marty Keates and many others for all their hard work. Sobey's made a major donation of mini-sub's and sandwiches for the event.

Christmas visits and distribution of 'comforts' to the Veterans, spouses, widows/widowers have been completed to 9 of the 13 Orleans Retirement Facilities. The remainder will be completed by the end of next week. Comrade Doc Hopper is participating as the Service Officer at most of the Facilities. Charlotte Kerluke (my spouse) is providing volunteer services in French. The Veterans & Aging portfolio is receiving many compliments.

e. LEGION SENIORS – Comrade Robert (Bob) Elrick

Nothing to report.

Moved by Comrade Gordon Kerluke and seconded by Comrade Len MacPherson that the reports under the 3rd Vice President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Comrade Gordon Kerluke and seconded by Comrade Pam Smith that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

16. CLOSING CEREMONY

Chairman:

- a. *The meeting will stand at attention.*
- b. *The business of this meeting being concluded let us, as we part, remember our duty to our Branch, our comrades, our country and our Sovereign. May we ever strive to promote unity and the spirit of comradeship, never forgetting the solemn obligations we have assumed as members of The Royal Canadian Legion and remembering them, may we ever pray.*

Members:

- c. *Lord God of Hosts,
Be with us yet,
Lest we forget,
Lest we forget.*

Chairman:

- d. *I now declare this meeting closed.*

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony at 7:47 PM.



Sherri McInnis
Secretary



Gordon Kerluke
President

Voting Elected Members:

1	President – Gordon Kerluke	P
2	1st Vice/Veterans and Aging – Don Johns	P
3	2nd Vice/Cadets Liaison – Pam Smith	P
4	3rd Vice/Kitchen – TBD	
5	Treasurer – June Smith	A
6	Secretary – Sherri McInnis	P
7	Past President/ Future Planning and Elections/Honours and Awards - Marty Keates	EX
8	Entertainment – TBD	
9	Hospital Visiting – Dianne Higgins	P
10	Inventory - Paul Larocque	P
11	Membership - Kim Levesque	EX
12	Nevada - Jim Grant	EX
13	Poppy Chair – Barb Johns	A
14	Special Events– Mac Casselman	P
15	Volunteer Coordinator - Len MacPherson	P
16	Youth Education – Jeanine Mader	EX
17	Sports – Steve Sauve	A

Non-Voting Members

1	Banner – Marta Nuijten	EX
2	Bar Officer – Wayne Edwards	A
3	Branch Manager – Nicole Hebert	A
4	Bursaries - Jean Beck	P
5	Ladies Auxiliary – Valerie Cyr	A
6	LA Liaison - Andrew Proulx	A
7	Legion Seniors - Robert (Bob) Elrick	P
8	Poppy Trust – Lucie Goderre	P
9	Service Officer – Doc Hopper	EX
10	Sgt-at-Arms – Raymond Plourde	A
11	Service Officer/Memorial Walk - Frank Stacey	P
12	Constitution and By-Law – Blaine Kiley	P