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EXECUTIVE MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

PRESENT: Comrades Ken Green, Steve Sauve, Marta Nuijten, Jim Ferguson, Susan Ierfino, Bob Butt, Jeanine Mader, Manon Pilote, Frank Stacey, Bob MacDonald, Garth Mader, Jean Beck,

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Comrades Vern Venoit, Betty Ringrose, Ray Plourde Doc Hopper, Myles Gallant, Jacques Levesques, Marty Keates, Barb Johns, Paul Laroque, Len Marks, Jim Grant, David Ballman, Bud Dion, Wendy Fortier, Tom Peel.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL:

Comrade Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

2. ROLL CALL:

Comrade Marta Nuijten called the roll: 12 of 19 Branch Officers and elected Standing Committee Members were present. This constituted a quorum.

DEVIATION – If Required

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 13th, 2015 have been sent out. All requested corrections and/or amendments as identified have been made. A copy will be placed in the Executive Meeting Minutes Binder.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and seconded by Comrade Frank Stacey that the approval of the minutes be accepted

CARRIED

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and Seconded by Comrade Bob MacDonald that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented – subject to audit.

CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE PRESIDENT:

a. Memorial Walk. (Comrade Frank Stacey)

I have received one request for a stone

Towards the end of April or in early May there will be a dedication service for the current stones waiting.

b. Service Officer. (Comrades Frank Stacey and Doc Hopper)

I looked after 2 families over Christmas and am working on 2 other requests for assistance.

The Zone Service Officer is scheduled to visit in the first week of March and a sign-up sheet for appointments is located at the bar.

c. Ladies Auxiliary: (Comrade Wendy Fortier)

We will be hosting a Valentine's Bake Sale on February 14th which will include toys and crafts.

We are looking forward to an information session in April about Service Dogs.

e. Branch Manager (Tom Peel)

Comrade Ken Green stated that Tom would be back ½ days starting February 17th and then full days the following week.

f. Housing (Comrade Garth Mader)

Basically I am doing the same stuff...changing lights and have repaired the steam table again.

g. Entertainment: (Comrade Ken Green)

We have had a few new entertainers in the last several weeks...some good...some not.

h. Poppy Chair (Comrade Susan Ierfino)

The budget for the 2014/2015 Poppy Campaign was approved at the General

Meeting in January.

i. **Poppy Trust Fund** (Comrade Barb Johns)

An additional deposit of \$85.00 (for a wreath) was deposited in February, 2015. To date, \$112,246.78 has been received and deposited in the Poppy Trust Fund Account.

As at February 10, 2015 all Poppy Invoices received and confirmed have been paid for a total of \$27,474.37. The bulk of the expenses incurred were for Poppy Supplies at \$12,083.53 and Veterans Comforts at \$7,079.08, and the repair and maintenance of the handicap elevator at \$2,414.09.

The remainder of expenses incurred were for items like the Veterans' Dinner, Assistance to vets through the Service Officers and for Youth Education costs for the Literary and Poster contests awards.

The Independent Financial Review of last year's Poppy Trust Account ending September 30, 2014 is now underway.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and seconded by Comrade Bob Butt that the reports of the committees under the President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9. **REPORTS UNDER THE PAST PRESIDENT:** (Comrade Jim Ferguson)

a. **Future Planning**

Nothing to report at this time.

b. **Election Committee**

Nothing to report at this time.

Moved by Comrade Jim Ferguson seconded by Comrade Garth Mader that the reports of the committees under the Past President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. **CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** (Comrade Marty Keates)

a. **By-laws, Regulations and Rules:** (Comrade Bud Dion)

Nothing to report at this time.

b. **Training and Organizational Development:** (Comrade Bud Dion)

Nothing to report at this time.

c. **Inventory:** (Comrade Paul Larocque)

Nothing to report at this time.

d. **Scrapbook:** (Comrade Betty Ringrose)

The scrapbook is being worked on.

e. **Hospital Visiting:** (Comrade Bob Butt)

Nothing to report at this time.

f. **Banner:** (Comrades Marta Nuijten & Sandy Dewar)

Next deadline is February 15/15. Please get us your reports, information and pictures as soon as possible so as to not delay printing.

g. **Veterans and Aging:** (Comrade Marty Keates)

I am still in the process of organizing visits to Blackburn and Madonna Nursing Homes

h. **Legion Seniors:** (Comrade Marty Keates)

I have passed on the information about tax clinics to the Seniors.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and seconded by Comrade Susan Ierfino that the reports under the First Vice-President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

11. **CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Comrade (Ray Plourde)

a. **Cadet Liaison:** (Comrade Vern Veinot)

632 Air Cadet Squadron will be doing a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Canada Flag on Wednesday, January 11th starting at 2030. We have invited MP Royal Galipeau to take part in the celebration and the unveiling of a ceremonial national flag (gold fringe and tassels). Legion members are invited to attend.

b. Sergeant-at-Arms. (Comrade David Ballman)

Nothing to report at this time.

c. Membership: (Comrade Jacques Levesque)

Comrade Ken Green mentioned that he has been receiving training on the Membership software package and that things are getting rectified especially the outstanding files.

d. Honours and Awards: (Comrade Bob MacDonald)

As of today all applications have been submitted to Zone. District and Provincial for approval. All have passed Zone and District approval and are now at provincial level.

Branch Service Medals were approved by the committee and will be ordered upon financial approval for funding.

Branch Officer Bars and Medals will be ordered this week again after financial approval.

The date for Honours and Awards has been booked for 3 May 2015 in the upstairs hall. The schedule for the awards is as follows.

1200hrs Bursary presentations.
1300hrs LA awards
1400hrs Branch awards

e. Youth Education: (Comrade Jeanine Mader)

I have booked the Legion for the Awards Celebration on January 17th, 2016

f. Bursaries: (Comrade Jean Beck)

2 Applications have been received to date with the deadline being March 27, 2015.

g. Bar Officer: (Comrade Len Marks)

Nothing to report at this time.

Moved by Comrade Marta Nuijten and seconded by Comrade Jeanine Mader that the reports under the Second Vice-President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

12. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT: (Comrade Steve Sauve)

a. Public Relations: (Comrades Myles Gallant and Jean Beck)

Nothing to report at this time.

Jean Beck mentioned that any items needing advertisement have been put into the local papers etc. Myles did attend the Public Relations Seminar and received the branch awards for the Banner and Scrapbook

c. Special Events: (Comrade Manon Pilote)

Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 14th will be catered by Peter and there will be entertainment.

Watch for info about St. Patrick's Day event

d. LA Liaison: (Comrade Jim Ferguson)

Guest speaker for April meeting will be Frank Allard who will be speaking on Service Dogs

d. Sports: (Comrade Steve Sauve)

There was no team for Shuffleboard, 2 teams for Euchre and our 8 ball billiards won Zone but declined due to previous commitments to attend Provincials

Moved by Comrade Steve Sauve and seconded by Comrade Jeanine Mader that the reports under the Third Vice-President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Comrade Jim Ferguson that a sum from the General Funds not to exceed \$400 be approved for the purchase of Branch Service Medals/Past President Medal and Pin and Past President Bar for second term. Seconded by Comrade Jeanine Mader

CARRIED

Moved by Comrade Jim Ferguson that a sum from the General Funds not to exceed \$300 be approved to purchase past Executive members Medals and Bars. Seconded by Comrade Ken Green

CARRIED

The concerns of many Legion members by Comrade Susan Ierfino, that the result of the new smoking bylaw has lots of people upset. There is concern as to who is going to police the no smoking ban? Why has this closure taken place – what about all the unlicensed fundraising that is going on inside the branch? There has already been an indication that one of our golf tournament sponsors is pulling its support of this legion event as a result of the closure of the smoking area.

There was a request as to the definition of our smoking area...we call it a patio which the city says must be closed yet in actual fact this area is a balcony and as such perhaps should not have been closed. It was reported that we are still looking into this and that more information will be forthcoming.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Comrade Frank Stacey and seconded by Comrade Garth Mader that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

15. CLOSING CEREMONY:

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony at 8:30 pm.

**Marta Nuijten
Secretary**

**K. Green
President**

Voting Members:

Member	
President/Entertainment/Kitchen - Ken Green	X
1st Vice/Veterans & Aging/Legion Seniors - Marty Keates	E
2nd Vice (Sgt.-at-arms) - Ray Plourde	E
3rd Vice/Sports - Steve Sauve	X

Treasurer/Public Relations - Myles Gallant	E
Secretary - Marta Nuijten	X
Past President/LA Liaison - Jim Ferguson	X
Poppy Chair - Susan Ierfino	X
Hospital & Visiting - Bob Butt	X
Youth Education - Jeanine Mader	X
Bar Officer – Len Marks	E
Membership - Jacques Levesque	E
Nevada - Jim Grant	E
Cadets - Vern Veniot	E
Inventory - Paul Larocque	E
Sgt.-at-arms – David Ballman	E
Special Events - Manon Pilote	X
Service Officer/Honours & Awards/Memorial Walk - Frank Stacey	X
Honours & Awards – Bob MacDonald	X
Housing – Garth Mader	X

Non-Voting Members

Member	
Constitution & Bylaws/Training & Org Dev/ Banner - Bud Dion	E
Scrapbook - Betty Ringrose	E
Bursaries - Jean Beck	X
Poppy Trust – Barb Johns	E
Ladies Auxiliary - Wendy Fortier	E
Legion Manager - Tom Peel	E
Service Officer – Doc Hopper	E