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GENERAL MEETING

September 20th 2022

Present: Comrades Dianne Higgins, Jeanine Mader, Joyce Bisson, Lucie Lafontaine, Ken Green, Richard Guitar, Kim Levesque, Jim Grant, Blaine Kiley, Wendy Fortier, Lucie Goderre, Robert Elrick, Marty Keates, Rae Green, Mike Adams, Sandy McQuarrie

Excused: Melanie Delorme, André Fournier, Wyn Fournier, Wayne Edwards, Marta Nuijten

Absent: Bill Reggler, Daunette Tucker, Tim Parsons, Robert Patchett.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL

Chairman:

The meeting will come to order

Comrades, please stand

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.

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)

The Silence (Moment of Silence)

The Act of Remembrance

Chairman:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor do 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.

Comrade Dianne Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Comrade Lucie Lafontaine called the roll. **15** of 28 Branch Officers and elected Standing Committee Members were present.

This **DID** constitute a quorum.

3. DEVIATION

Comrade Dianne Higgins announced that Sandy McQuarrie had accepted the position of Treasurer, no member opposed. Comrade Sandy McQuarrie was installed by Frank Stacey. The installation took place immediately.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING - Comrade Lucie Lafontaine

The minutes of the September 13th meeting were sent out to the executive before final signatures and all applicable changes were approved. However that meeting did not have a quorum.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from the last Executive meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE– Comrade

All items received have been forwarded to Senior Executive and updates sent to members via a branch email broadcast. All items have been stored on the off-site thumb drive.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Comrade Dianne Higgins

Memorial Ceremony for Queen Elizabeth

I was very pleased with the turnout for this ceremony. We had approximately 50 people from young people to senior citizens as part of our mixed parade. The attendees included a RCMP piper and bugler, a Padre, various local government representatives, a 4-member colour party, members of the Branch, and several members of the Orleans Choir.

A special wreath in honour of Her Majesty was placed on the Cenotaph by the Legion President and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Attendees were encouraged to place their Poppies at the Cenotaph after the ceremony. Thanks to Daunette for the beautiful wreath.

Although the region was under a severe storm warning, we were able to hold the ceremony outdoors.

I wish to thank all of you for braving the cold and damp day. Also, the Orleans Legion wants to recognize the efforts of the members who worked behind the scenes to prepare the wreath display and parade grounds for the ceremony.

A special thanks goes to our Branch Secretary for donating the food for the small post ceremony reception.

Poppies were provided to all attendees without cost.

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Summer events

This summer has been the Legion's break away from COVID. Canada day was again a resounding success. Many local and Legion members attended the BBQ and the dance. A Horseshoe tournament, a Golf tournament and a 50s dance netted approximately \$3,000.00 for our Veterans programs.

Let's everyone give a resounding applause for the organizers and the attendees of these events. Well done!!!!

8. TREASURER/FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS – by Comrade Dianne Higgins

Sandy thanked Rita for a great job:

There was no report to vote on.

9. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE PRESIDENT - Comrade Dianne Higgins

a. BRANCH ADMINISTRATOR – Comrade Melanie Delorme (Presented by Dianne Higgins)

Dianne and Melanie are working on the Remembrance parade.

b. SERGEANT-at-ARMS – Comrade Andre Fournier - Excused

No report.

c. REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES – Comrade Dianne Higgins

The activities have started more to come.

d. SERVICE OFFICER – Comrade Robert Patchett

No report

e. LADIES AUXILIARY – Comrade Wendy Fortier Ladies Auxiliary Branch 632

At our meeting last week, we had 8 members – as I have said members. Two of our ladies have been working on a pamphlet to had out and to post in order to attract new members. Joyce Bisson met with them yesterday to provide some help and she will post the final to the Website. Thank you, Joyce.

Even as a small group we continue to wish to support our Branch

when we are able. Much of these efforts involve fund raising and so starting October 2nd we will be taking orders for Fruitcakes – we did this 2 years ago and even in Covid circumstances we were able to make \$1300.

All money raised this way goes back to the Branch. We will have information on this posted as well. As always, thanks for Branch support.

f. HONOURS AND AWARDS – Comrade Marty Keates

a. Comrade Marty distributed various awards to members present.

g. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Comrade Marty Keates

b. There will be a briefing October 1st for the Senior Executives.

h. WEBSITE – Comrade Marty Keates

At this time, the website is very busy with activities. Please use the buttons for suggestions.

i. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND TRAINING – Comrade Blaine Kiley

No report

Moved by Comrade Ray Plourde and seconded by Comrade Jacques Levesque that the reports under the President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS UNDER THE PAST PRESIDENT – Comrade Ken Green

FUTURE PLANNING AND ELECTIONS – Comrade

No report

11. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE 1ST VICE-PRES. – Comrade Wyn Fournier

a. KITCHEN OPERATIONS – Comrade Wyn Fournier- Excused

b. POPPY CHAIR – Comrade Richard Guitor

Richard is short captains for 3 school routes and needs volunteers. A sign up board with locations and schedules will be set up.

c. POPPY TRUST FUND – Comrade Lucie Goderre

POPPY TRUST FUND – TREASURER REPORT – August 2022

BANK BALANCE – June 1st, 2022	\$ 102,200.92
INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES	125.00
BURSARIES	18,200.00
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES & OTHER EXPENSES	6,973.20
BANK BALANCE – AS OF AUGUST 31, 2022	\$ 77,152.72

d. BURSARY – Comrade Daunette Tucker

No report

e. MEMORIAL WALK – Comrade

No report

f. HOUSING – Comrade Mike Adams

Tractor Enclosure

After careful consideration, the open enclosure cannot be converted to a storage shed. The enclosure is simple fencing and is not structurally sound for converting it to a shed. A shed would have to be built from scratch with a cost of approximately \$2K to \$3K.

An enclosure was constructed under the bottle trailer using no cost pallets. This enclosure is as secure, if not more secure than constructing a storage shed. We still have some finishing touches to make on the enclosure which will be completed by the end of next week. The tractor will be chained to the trailer frame inside a locked enclosure, in a well-lit location and protected from the elements.

Door Project

Phase 1

- Exterior doors to main hall are completed.
- West side exterior door to patio has been installed. Needs final adjustments.
- East side exterior door will be installed in a few weeks (in lieu of a window as originally planned)

Phase 2

- Contract for interior doors to main hall including automatic door openers to be signed once Phase 1 is completed.

Moved by Comrade Lucie Goderre and seconded by Comrade Frank Stacey that the reports under the 1st Vice President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

12. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER THE 2ND VICE-PRES – Comrade Jeanine Mader

a. YOUTH EDUCATION – Comrade Jeanine Mader

All schools have been sent emails for the poster and literacy contest. I have also attached the bursary information. Now it's just to wait and see how many schools will actually participate. I am also putting the information on my social media for more coverage. Received 20 emails asking for information. All inquiries for Bursary are forwarded to Daunette.

b. LEGION SENIORS – Comrade Robert (Bob) Elrick

No report.

c. VETERANS AND AGING – Comrade Robert (Bob) Elrick

Looking for ideas of what to do to support our elders that no one else is doing:

d. MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER CO-ORD – Comrade Kim Levesque

Membership Report – September 2022

New Members (15):

Thomas Abernethy (OR)	Joseph Loignon (OR)
Denis Bellefeuille (AS)	Michael Roome (OR)
Patrick Bennett (AS)	Guy Pontugaise (AS)
Gregory Burt (OR)	Kevin Russell (OR)
James DeViller (OR)	Raymond Savoie (OR)
Joseph Duquette (OR)	Barry Stevens (OR)
Stepen Home (OR)	Gloria Winton (AS)
Gregory Juste (OR)	

Transfers (5):

Richard Duffield (OR)	William Pearcey (OR/LF)
Suzanne Nadon (AS)	Shelly Yerburgh (AS)
June Pearcey (AS)	

Deceased Members since the previous meeting:

Conroy, Jack P.J. (OR)	Donald Mumby (OR)
Carl Hustins (OR)	Elizabeth Sauv� (AS)
Raymond Lachance (OR)	

Volunteer Report:

2021-2022 Volunteer Plaque has been printed and hung in the stairwell.

e. NEVADA – Comrade James Grant

12 Sep 2022

Royal Canadian Legion BR 632 – Orleans Nevada Fund

Ref: Nevada Lic Number M820423

This report will cover the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 Aug 2022

Bank Balance as of 31 Mar 2022 \$ 180.68

Banking fees for this period \$ 40.00

Total Sales for this period \$ 1553.50

Total Redeemed for this period \$ 1236.00
Total profit for this period \$ 317.50
Bank Balance as of 31 Aug 2022 \$1140.68
Nevada Trust Fund as of 31 Aug 2022 \$ 519.50
Total Funds on hand as of 31 Aug 2022 \$ 1660.18
James R Grant/Nevada Chair

f. CADET LIAISON – Comrade Rae Green

Rae will be meeting the Air Cadets on Wednesday. Will inquire about Air Cadets helping with the Poppy Campaign. Mike inquired if Cadets can help with Saturday Breakfasts; Rae to inquire.

g. HOSPITAL VISITING – Comrade Jeanine Mader

No report.

Moved by Comrade Jeanine Mader and seconded by Comrade Mike Adams that the reports under the 2nd Vice President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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

a. PUBLIC RELATIONS- Comrade Joyce Bisson

No report.

b. BANNER – Comrade Marta Nuijten and Comrade Marty Keates

No report

c. ENTERTAINMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS – Comrade Joyce Bisson for Tim Parsons

Musicians on Friday nights are booked until end of October – Lauren Hall is booked for November 11th.

d. SPORTS – presented by Comrade Joyce Bisson

All or most of our teams of darts, beanbags, cribbage...etc are back after a two-year Covid break. We welcome them all back and I have seen personally that they are happy to be back.

e. BAR OFFICER – Comrade Joyce Bisson for Wayne Edwards Excused

f. There will be a stock check on October 5th.

Moved by Comrade Joyce Bisson and seconded by Comrade Paul Bidden that the reports under the 3rd Vice President be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS AND MOTIONS

Air Force Veterans Dinner is April 15th 2023

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Comrade Margo Tremblay and seconded by Comrade Ray Plourde that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

17. CLOSING CEREMONY

Chairman:

The meeting will stand at attention.

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:

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

Chairman: I now declare this meeting closed.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony at 20:54 PM.

**Comrade Lucie Lafontaine
Secretary**

**Comrade Dianne Higgins
President**

The original document in the Legion Minutes Binder is signed by both parties

Voting Elected Members:

1	President/ Remembrance Day Activities/Hospital Visiting- Dianne Higgins	P
2	1st Vice/Kitchen Operations- Wyn Fournier	EX
3	2nd Vice/Youth Education/Hospital Visiting - Jeanine Mader	P
4	3rd Vice/ Public Relations - Joyce Bisson	P
5	Treasurer -	
6	Secretary - Lucie Lafontaine	P
7	Past President/Future Planning and Elections - Ken Green	P
8	Poppy Chair - Richard Guitar	P
9	Membership/Volunteer Coordinator - Kim Levesque	P
10	Nevada - Jim Grant	P
11	Cadet Liaison - Rae Green	P
12	Leadership Development/Banner/Honours and Awards - Marty Keates	P
13	Housing - Mike Adams	P
14	Legion Seniors/Veterans and Aging - Robert (Bob) Elrick	P

Members Appointed by the President

15	Branch Administrator - Melanie Delorme	EX
16	Sgt-at-arms - Andre Fournier	EX
17	Branch Padre - Bill Reggler	A
18	Service Officer - Robert Patchett	A
19	Constitution and By-Law - Blaine Kiley	P
20	Sports - TBD	
21	Bar Officer - Wayne Edwards	EX
22	Bursary - Daunette Tucker	A
23	Banner - Marta Nuijten	EX
24	Ladies Auxiliary - Wendy Fortier	P
25	Poppy Trust - Lucie Goderre	P
26	Entertainment - Tim Parsons	A
27	Asset Inventory - TBD	