

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 132 (Onoway)



Minutes

Type of Meeting: General

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023

Location: Onoway Legion Hall

1. **Call to Order** – The Meeting was called to order by President E. Gallagher at 1905 hours with 16 members present. He handed over conduct of the meeting to Branch Chairman Scott Sadler.
 - A) Executive members L. Stewart, N. Gorman, and J. Gorman sent regrets and were excused from attendance.
2. **Review of Agenda** - Moved by L. Wenckowski (and duly seconded) that the proposed Agenda, as amended, be adopted. **CARRIED**
3. **President's Opening Remarks and Presentations.** President E. Gallagher welcomed the members in attendance. E. Gallagher on the behalf of the Executive thanked Lynne & Bryan Tonita for bring forward the Veteran Sponsor Dinner event. This is a wonderful way to thank our Veterans for all their years of service.
4. **Review and Adoption of Minutes of prior Meeting.** The Minutes of the last General Meeting on January 9, 2022, were reviewed. Moved by L. Villneff (and duly seconded) that the Minutes be adopted. **CARRIED.**
5. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence relevant to the general membership that was circulated.
6. **Reports** – The following reports were made:
 - A) **President** – written report (attached)
 - B) **Treasurer** – written report (attached)
 - C) **Hall Rental** – written report (attached)
 - D) **Bar** – written report (attached)
 - E) **Sports** – written report
 - F) **Memberships** – 4 new members. See motions below (A, B, C, D).
 - G) **Governance Committee and Finance Committee** – written report (attached)
 - H) **Events and Marketing Committee** – written report (attached)
 - I) **Cadets** (verbal report) Snow-Mo-Days was a very successful event this year even though some events were cancelled. Currently working on training items. Would like to host another Friday night dinner sometime in September.

7. **Business**

A) **Unfinished Business from last Meeting**

- (i) Food Safe Course – 17 people are registered. The cost has been lowered to \$100 per Onoway Legion Member (9 are registered from the Onoway Legion). It is scheduled for March 19, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

B) **New Business: Decisions Required**

- (i) Business Plan and Budget – Pres. E. Gallagher went through the Business Plan page by page. This plan covers a shortened year of Jan – Aug 2022, to make our financial and budget year match our operational year. Subsequent to Aug 2022, the plan will depend on whether proposed amendments to the Branch Bylaws are approved by the membership and Provincial Command. See motion below (E).
- (ii) Poppy Fund Bursary applications – Poppy Chair E. Gallagher advised that we have two applications. Both applicants meet the requirements and have provided the necessary supporting documents. Clarification is also needed for a previous motion to donate to the 3053 Army Cadet Corps. See motions below (F, G, H)
- (iii) Election Forum – Chaplain C. White proposed that Legion support a planned Provincial Election Forum in some way, such as financially and/or providing volunteers to help out with the event. See motion below (L).
- (iv) Air Conditioner – L. Wenckowski asked for clarification on whether and when this project is moving ahead as one of the donors (Lafarge) wants to know. E. Gallagher confirmed that this project can move ahead immediately as it is funded in the approved budget. 1st Vice R. Moses will confirm the start date.
- (v) Poppy Fund - Assistance for Veteran furnace repair. Chairman S. Sadler advised that SANG has informed him that the invoice was paid. Therefore, it was not necessary to reimburse from the Poppy Fund.
- (vi) Poppy Fund - Donation to Kipness Center for Veterans. See motion below (I).
- (vii) Poppy Fund - Donation to Provincial Command Poppy Fund – Chairman S. Sadler explained that the Provincial Command Poppy Fund is used to fund the Command Service Officers located in Edmonton and Calgary who provide the expertise in obtaining VAC benefits on behalf of Veterans referred by individual Branches. Last year over 600 Veterans were assisted for a total of \$800,000.00+ in additional benefits. See motion below (J).
- (viii) Poppy Fund – purchase of small Portable table for extended care home – see motion below (K).

C) **New Business: General Interest**

- (i) Change of By-laws – This was an information item and will be voted on at the next General meeting. President E. Gallagher went through all the changes that he is recommending arising from the Business Plan and budget. Chairman S. Sadler indicated that some of these changes would be controversial, and may not be approved by Provincial Command. President E. Gallagher will update the proposed

Bylaws changes to take into account the feedback received at the meeting, and Chairman S. Sadler will seek clarification on a few issues from Provincial Command.

- (ii) Painting/Redecorating the Legion – M. Dentinger (a professional painter by trade) has offered to repaint the interior of the Legion Hall to make it more welcoming. She will volunteer her time and talent, if the Legion will cover the cost of the paint and materials, which she estimates at up to \$400. See motion below (M).
- (iii) Veterans Dinner planning for May 13 – President E. Gallagher advised that this dinner is eligible for funding from the Poppy Fund for Veterans in attendance (and their companions) for up to \$25 per person. A motion to authorize a specific amount can be made following the dinner once attendance numbers are known. He also noted that this dinner had to be cancelled twice last year, so it is important that it proceed this year, as it is one of the signature Veterans events in our calendar.
- (iv) Staff Washroom sewage smell – C. Villneff noted that this is a continuing problem. President E. Gallagher will contact D. Roberts to look into it.

8. **The Following Motions were made at the meeting:**

- A) Moved by L. Johnson that we accept Mandi Gillis as an Affiliate Member of the Onoway Legion. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
- B) Moved by L. Johnson that we accept Douglas Rossum as an Associate member of the Onoway Legion. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- C) Moved by L. Johnson that that we accept Gregory Markowski as an Associate member of the Onoway Legion. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- D) Moved by L. Johnson that that we accept Arnott Wilson as an Associate member of the Onoway Legion. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- E) Moved by E. Gallagher that we adopt the Business Plan and budget as proposed to the General Membership. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- F) Moved by L. Wenckowski that we award a \$1,000 bursary from the Poppy Fund to Applicant #1. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED. 2 Abstained – Robert Heinz & Remington Heinz.**
- G) Moved by L. Johnson that we award a \$1,000 bursary from the Poppy Fund to Applicant #2. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- H) Moved by E. Gallagher that we donate \$2,157.04 (being 20% of the September 30, 2022 balance of the Poppy Fund) to the 3053 Cadet Corps for training and equipment purposes. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED. 1 Abstained – R. Heinz**
- I) Moved by S. Sadler that that we donate \$500 to Kipness Centre in Edmonton, AB for the care of Veterans.. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED. [NOTE: Branch Chairman S. Sadler stepped aside as Chair of the meeting to make this motion and the next two motions. President E. Gallagher had the Chair, and then returned it to Chairman S. Sadler after the motions.]**
- J) Moved by S. Sadler that we donate \$1000 to Provincial Command to support the Command Service Bureau. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED.**

- K) Moved by S. Sadler that we donate up to \$75 for a small portable table for a veteran in extended home care. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
- L) Moved by C. White and seconded that we donate 50% of the costs necessary to organize and delivery the Alberta Provincial Election Candidates Forum to be held at the Alliance Activity Centre in Onoway during the Provincial Election campaign.
- (i) **Amendment to the motion:** Moved by C. Villneff that we donate the fixed amount of \$100.00 to cover a portion of the costs for rental of the Alliance Activity Centre for this event. The motion to amend was seconded and **CARRIED**.
- (ii) The motion as amended was **CARRIED** (3 Opposed).
- M) Moved by R. Moses that the Legion pay up to \$400 of the costs for paint and other materials necessary for Michelle Dentinger to repaint the interior of the Legion Hall. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**
- N) Moved by R. Moses that we open the bar on the Friday nights when there are no dinners scheduled, at the discretion of the Bar Manager and President. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
9. **Adjournment** – At the motion of S. Jeffs (seconded and **CARRIED**) Branch Chairman S. Sadler adjourned the meeting, and President E. Gallagher closed the meeting at 2143 hours.

Certified that these Minutes, including attachments, are an accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

Prepared by:

Kim Menzel – Onoway Legion Secretary