

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 132 (Onoway)



Minutes

Type of Meeting: General

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Location: Onoway Legion Hall

1. **Call to Order** – The Meeting was called to order by President E. Gallagher at 1900 hours with 15 members and one guest present. He handed over conduct of the meeting to Branch Chairman Scott Sadler.
 - A) K. Menzel, Robert Heinz, and Remington Heinz sent regrets and were excused from attendance.
 - B) Chaplain C. White was absent.
2. **Appointment of Meeting Secretary.** With Sec. K. Menzel away sick, Chairman S. Sadler appointed J. Gorman as the acting Secretary for this meeting.
3. **Review of Agenda** - Moved by L. Stewart (and duly seconded) that the proposed Agenda, as amended, be adopted. **CARRIED**
4. **President's Opening Remarks and Presentations.** President E. Gallagher welcomed the members in attendance, as well as Cliff Cottingham (who is in the process of transferring his membership to our Branch) and provided some remarks about how Legion business is conducted between meetings. He appointed Comrade Lou Hudon as a Director for the balance of the current term of the Executive, and the installation was performed by Deputy District Commander N. Gorman.
5. **Review and Adoption of Minutes of prior Meeting.** The Minutes of the last Meeting on March 6, 2023, were reviewed and any corrections noted. Moved by P. St. Hilaire (and duly seconded) that the March General Meeting Minutes, as corrected, be adopted. **CARRIED.** (The draft unapproved Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 3, 2023, were reviewed for information.)
6. **Correspondence** – Relevant correspondence was read and passed around to all members of the Executive.
7. **Reports** – The following reports were made:
 - A) Written reports by the following were set out in the Agenda package (see attached):
 - (i) President
 - (ii) 2nd Vice
 - (iii) Treasurer
 - (iv) Events
 - (v) Hall Rental
 - (vi) Cadets

- B) Verbal reports were provided by the following:
- (i) Pres. E. Gallagher reported in addition to his written report that we have secured lawn care for the summer from a local small business located in Darwell.
 - (ii) 1st Vice. R. Moses reported that the air conditioner is installed and the electrical work has been completed. The unit just needs to be connected now, and this is expected to happen prior to May 12, 2023.
 - (iii) Treasurer J. Gorman reported in addition to her written report that we received the most recent monthly Financial Statement from our bookkeeper late this afternoon. Copies were circulated for information.
 - (iv) Bar officer L. Wenckowski provided a short Bar report which will be attached to these Minutes.
 - (v) Membership Director L. Johnson reported that we have received confirmation of an online application from a new Ordinary member, Marlace Pederson. She also discussed the status of some other membership issues.
 - (vi) Past Pres. N. Gorman added additional comments to his Hall Rental report, to discuss the proposed rental of the Hall on short notice on May 3, 2023, for a reception following the funeral service for her grandson. L. Wenckowski proposed that we charge Legion member rate for the rental having regard to Bernice's long past service as a volunteer at our Legion. See motion 9A.
 - (vii) Service Officer L. Stewart advised that she has opened two new files for referral to the Edmonton Service Bureau.
 - (viii) L. Wenckowski (on behalf of Sports Officer R. Wenckowski) summarised the sports events being hosted by the Branch for the forthcoming year: Area A 8 Ball Pool Singles in September, District 8 Legion Darts in November 2023, and Command 8 Ball Pool singles in March 2024.

Moved by S. Jeffs that the reports be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED/DEFEATED.**

8. **Business**

A) **Unfinished Business from last Meeting**

- (i) Branch Bylaw Amendments. Pres. E. Gallagher updated the membership in attendance as to the changes to what was reviewed in March, and confirmed that the Notice of Motion has been posted since April 4, 2023. See motion 9B.

B) **New Business: Decisions Required**

- (i) Approval of 2022 Financial Statements. C. Villneff summarized the comments of the Branch auditors. See motion 9C.
- (ii) Military Service Recognition Book advertising. Past Pres. N. Gorman proposed that we advertise in the next issue, and reviewed the proposed rate. See motion 9D

- (iii) Poppy Fund Bursary Application. Poppy Chair E. Gallagher presented another bursary application that was received. The application is in order, and there are sufficient funds to award a bursary of \$1,000.00, consistent with recent past awards. See motion 9E.
- (iv) Proposed event on 29 July 2023 (Eagles Tribute Band). Events Chair A. Becht advised on the availability and cost to reserve this band for a performance at the Legion. See motion 9F.
- (v) Completion of cabinets. L. Wenckowski raised her concerns about the slow pace of the work to finish the cabinets. E. Gallagher advised the Past Pres. N. Gorman has stepped up to manage the remaining steps for this project. No motion was necessary.
- (vi) Dealing with funds raised for AC system. L. Wenckowski raised a question about how the funds raised for the AC project will be used now that SANG has agreed to pay for the AC system itself. E. Gallagher proposed that the donors be consulted as to potential new projects to which the funds could be applied. See motion 9G.
- (vii) Sport League Policy review. Pres. E. Gallagher raised concerns about the lack of appropriate legal and insurance protections available to the members of the Darts and Pool Leagues, which leave the Legion (and each member of each sports league) at legal risk in the event of loss of property or injury to players. The situation has been discussed in general terms with representatives of both leagues. The situation can be dealt with in a straightforward manner that preserves the independent of both leagues. See motion 9H.

C) **New Business: General Interest**

- (i) Painting and re-decorating update. Pres. E. Gallagher advised that at the last Executive Committee meeting, he and A. Becht and L. Stewart had been delegated the task of choosing the colours. The contrast colour chosen is Very Navy (blue), with the primary colour to be close to After Rain (light blue) but with a grey hue added to dampen down the brightness.
- (ii) Veterans Dinner update. Pres. E. Gallagher and C. Villneff updated as to the status of invitations and RSVPs. J. Gorman updated on the meal. E. Gallagher confirmed that we will attempt to present year pins and certificates that are due or overdue to those attending.
- (iii) Provincial Election Forum. Pres. E. Gallagher confirmed that the provincial election was called today, to be held on May 29. There will be an election forum at the Heritage Centre on May 18, 2023, being organized by the Onoway Chamber of Commerce. As approved at our March 2023 General Meeting, a donation was made to the Chamber for a portion of the rental cost for the venue.

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

- A) Moved by L. Wenckowski that the Hall Rental to Bernice Henry on May 3, 2023 be charged at the Legion member rate (50% of the regular rate). The motion was seconded and **CARRIED.**

- B) Moved by E. Gallagher that the amendments to the Branch Bylaws be approved as proposed, with a correction to the number of General meetings listed in paragraph 11.(a) to four (from five). The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - C) Moved by J. Gorman that the 2022 audited Financial Statement be approved.. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - D) Moved by N. Gorman that we purchase a 1/10 page advert in the next Military Service Recognition Book for \$315.00, including GST. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - E) Moved by Poppy Chair E. Gallagher that a bursary of \$1,000 be awarded to the applicant, subject to District Commander approval. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - F) Moved by A. Becht that the Branch move forward with the proposed Eagles Tribute Band performance on 29 July 2023, at a cost of \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - G) Moved by Pres. E. Gallagher that all donors for the AC project be consulted as to potential new projects to which the funds could be applied, with the Executive having the authority to give final approval to a new project provided that it is within the amount originally raised for the AC installation. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
 - H) Moved by Pres. E. Gallagher that the sports leagues be brought under the administration and control of the Branch. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**.
10. **Adjournment** – At the motion of N. Gorman (seconded and CARRIED) Branch Chairman S. Sadler adjourned the meeting, and President E. Gallagher closed the meeting at 2036 hours.

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

Prepared by:

Joanne Gorman

J. Gorman – Acting Secretary for the Meeting



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