



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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GENERAL MEETING BRANCH 632 THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

September 18, 2007

PRESENT: B. Kiley, D. Philippe, K. Rutter, F. Stacey, J. Smith, N. Morrice, K. Green, R. Green, S. Samler, V. Veinot, C. Muir, J. Beck.

EXCUSED: L. Harris, M. Casselman, T. Larabie, B. Shier, C. Beaulieu, G. Sauve.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES AS PER LEGION RITUAL

President B. Kiley welcomed comrades all. He called the meeting to order at 19:40 with the Opening Ritual.

2. SGT-AT-ARMS – ATTENDANCE REPORT

Attendance as signed in by those present was 41.

3. ROLL CALL:

The secretary called the roll; 11 of 17 Branch Officers and elected standing committee members were present.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 19, 2007 were distributed.

Moved by C. Muir and seconded by J. Armitt to accept the minutes as read. **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A master ledger containing all correspondence is available for viewing in Branch upper lounge. Incoming correspondence has been distributed directly as addressed. No additional items of correspondence have been logged and distributed since the last meeting.

7. GUEST SPEAKER:

Nil

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Report attached to Branch and Secretary copies.

Moved by B. Dion and seconded by C. Muir that the President's report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a) **BREAK OPEN TICKETS:** August 31, 2007

b) **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** August 31, 2007

Moved by J. Smith and seconded by C. Muir that the reports be accepted as presented, subject to audit. **CARRIED.**

10. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER PAST PRESIDENT:

a) **Discipline:** Nil

b) **Future Planning:** Nil

c) **Election Committee:** Nil

11. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER PRESIDENT:

a) **Service Officer:** Numerous requests have come in from veterans and their families for medical equipment. B. Dion congratulated the Service Officer (K. Rutter) on a job well done.

b) **Legion Seniors:** N. Morrice reported that the 632 seniors are just getting started again for the fall season.

c) **Sgt.-at-Arms:** K. Rutter reported that he is looking for a pool of volunteers to attend Legion tributes. It was suggested that emails go out to our members when there is a Legion tribute, however, it was reported that this is already being done. E. Patrick also noted that members need not have Legion dress to attend a Legion tribute.

d) **Break Open Tickets:** Nil

e) **Ladies Auxiliary:** T. Landry reported that their meat draws will resume on September 21st and the L.A. Autumn Tea will be held on October 21st, everyone is welcome.

f) **Branch Manager:** Nil

- g) **Banner:** K. Green urges everyone to get their reports and photos in by the November 15th deadline.

Moved by E. Patrick and seconded by B. Dion that the Reports under the President be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

12. CHAIRPERSON REPORTS UNDER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

- a) **Constitution & Bylaw:** Nil
- b) **Community Affairs:** B. Ringrose reminds everyone that she is always looking for photos (complete with names) for the scrapbook.
- c) **Public Relations:** Nil
- d) **Inventory:** D. Philippe reported that M. Casselman will be doing a new inventory before the new caterer takes over the kitchen.
- e) **Sports:** Report is attached to the Branch and Secretary copies.
- f) **Housing:** D. Philippe listed items that have been repaired in the Branch, including elevators, compressor and coolers and doors. He also stated the Branch would be applying for a Trillium Grant for the roof and Ottawa Hydro has a grant available for outside lights which will be explored.
- g) **Kitchen:** D. Philippe thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation of a dishwasher for the downstairs. The kitchens have been brought up to code. The kitchen will undergo a major cleanup prior to the new caterer taking over.

Moved by B. Dion and seconded by N. Morrice that the Reports under the First Vice-President be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

13. CHAIRPERSON UNDER SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

- a) **Bar Officer:** S. Samler reported that an inventory of the display case has been done and new items will be brought in.
- b) **Volunteers:** Nil
- c) **Entertainment:** The Massive Fun Day was very successful. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for the Tom Morrice Trust Fund. L. Wood suggested that registration for cribbage should be at the normal 12:30 p.m. rather than 11:00 a.m. in the future to encourage a larger participation.
- d) **Special Events:** Nil
- e) **Veterans & Aging:** Nil
- f) **Hospital Visiting:** Report attached to Branch and Secretary copies.

Moved by B. Jackson and seconded by D. Philippe that the Reports under the Second Vice-President be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

14. CHAIRPERSON UNDER THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

- a) **Poppy:** F. Stacey reported that the first meeting for the poppy campaign was held. The sign-up sheets are in the upstairs foyer. Two volunteers have come forward to help with the French schools, but they are still looking for volunteers to go to speak at schools. A letter has been sent out to schools letting them know that students wishing to do their community service can work on the poppy campaign and any students who went to Vimy can bring their photos.
- b) **Poppy Trust:** \$5,000 has been given to the Provincial Service Office.
- c) **Cadet Liaison:** V. Veinot reported that he will be seeing the cadets tomorrow night.
- d) **Honours & Awards:** We have a 60-year pin for L. Toner and efforts are being made to contact him to make the presentation.
- e) **Youth Education:** J. Mader will be attending the workshop on Youth Education in Portland.
- f) **Training & Organizational Development:** Nil
- g) **Membership:** K. Green reported that we now have 684 paid members. 40 members will be initiated on October 13th and the early bird is now on.

Moved by J. Armitt and seconded by S. McPhee that the Reports under the Third Vice-President be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

15. **GENERAL AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) B. Kiley apologizes for inadvertently omitting our National Anthem at the beginning of the meeting.
- b) J. Armitt asked if there were any projects in Afghanistan that we could be supporting. B. Kiley replied that there are special events committees in the area for that purpose which we are open to assisting where possible.
- c) Moved by C. Muir and seconded by J. St. Louis: motion that a sum not to exceed \$1,000 be given to Historica Encounters with Canada. After an explanation of Historica Encounter with Canada the motion was passed. **CARRIED.**
- d) Moved by C. Muir and seconded by E. Patrick: motion that a sum not to exceed \$3,000 be given to the 3018 Army Cadet Corps over the next year. **CARRIED.**
- e) Moved by C. Muir and seconded by E. Patrick: motion that a sum not to exceed \$2,700 be given to the 632 Senior Club. **CARRIED.**
- f) Moved by C. Muir and seconded by N. Morrice: motion that a sum not to exceed \$5,000 be provided for the Branch Christmas Basket program. **CARRIED.**
- g) W. Marley asked if the Branch was preparing to pay the full property taxes again in 2010 when our 10-year grace period expires. B. Kiley explained that Legions were submitting an application for an extension on our property tax relief.
- h) B. Dion announced that on October 3rd there will be briefings on the disability tax credit by Revenue Canada as well as on CPP and OAS at the Branch. The French session will be from 10:00 a.m. – noon; the English session from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. B. Dion extended his thanks to the 632 Seniors Club for giving up their use of the hall for that day.

- i) B. Dion requested that members update their email addresses with him. He further announced that there were two lists upstairs: (1) for the parade on September 28th (Legion or military dress suggested) and (2) for volunteers to work at the Team Ottawa-Orleans Octoberfest.
- j) The question was posed that with the new caterer what sort of access will members have for the use of the kitchen. D. Philippe responded that it would be something to be negotiated with the caterer. However, the caterer is aware the Branch will need the use of the kitchen for certain Legion events. B. Kiley expanded on the new caterer by saying that it will be Goodies Catering, they have 6 chefs who are internationally trained and access to 50 staff members, so the Branch should be well served by this new caterer.
- k) Moved by K. Rutter and seconded by C. Muir: motion that a sum not to exceed \$3,000 be made available from the Branch to purchase any necessary items after the kitchen inventory is completed and also cover the cost of cleaning the kitchen. **CARRIED.**
- l) B. Ringrose questioned if there was any information on the upcoming District Convention. B. Kiley said that the Fall District Convention will be held at Eastview Legion on October 14-15 and he would be happy to provide B. Ringrose with the first call information.
- m) J. Levesque gave an overview of the Hall of Valour in Carleton Place. He is looking for names from the Legion of people that could be inducted into the Hall of Valour at a dinner. More information can be found at www.hallofvalour.com.

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by C. Muir and seconded by J. Beaulieu that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED.**

17. CLOSING CEREMONY:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:50.

J. Beck for L. Harris
Secretary President

B. Kiley