

Presentations: Nanaimo Child Development Centre; / Chantelle from Haven Society; / Christy from Ladysmith Resources Centre Dad's Group and Seniors Group. Presentations given by Rick Morencie

Call to order: The General Meeting for **Oct 24, 2018** Time: 6:14

In Attendance: # of Members: 17 and observers

Opening Ceremony: National Anthem and Act of Remembrance

Introductions:

Minutes of the Last meeting: it was motioned by Roy Empey and seconded by Jean Elliott to accept the minutes of the General meeting dated: Sept 28, 2018

Finance Report: Given by Diane West. There is a loss of \$2000 this month.

Questions asked: Why do we keep having a loss each month. Rhett stated the executive are looking into ways to bring in income and cut costs.

Question asked: would cutting the hours of operation help and how much profit does the lounge make in the early hours of operation? Corrine commented that the executive is working on a plan and should have one made up by next general meeting. We are looking at setting lounge hours to keep them feasible.

Finance Report: Adopted by Roy Empey Seconded by Jeanne Seney

Regularly scheduled parades/events for: 2018

Oct 25th Triple L Lunch Chicken Pot Pie \$5

Oct 27 Halloween Dance with Plan B in the Lounge

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Oct 28 LA Pancake Breakfast \$7 & \$5 (no Breakfast Nov 11)

November 4th Veteran's Lunch Roast Beef \$25 Volunteers needed

Remembrance Day Parade and ceremony

Nov 16th Pub Dinner Roast Beef dinner \$15

Nov 17th Music Trivia

Nov 29th Light UP and our Ukrainian Dinner in the hall: Volunteers are needed.

Dec 3 Old Time Christmas has Child minding in the hall.

Requests: \$2000

1. LaFF: LD Oct 2017 \$500 **Motioned Passed**
2. Boys & Girls Club Ladysmith: LD Oct 2016 \$500 **Motioned Past**
3. Fuller Lake Skating Club: LD Nov 2017 \$500 **Motion Past**

Poppy Fund: Okanagan Military Tattoo: LD \$240 for 12 tickets **Motioned Pasted**

Additions to the Agenda:

Incoming Correspondence:

46.18: Membership update

47.18: Half-Mast Canadian Flag for Major General (ret'd) Herb Pitts, MC, CD

48.18: 2018 Property Tax Information – Deadline by Friday, October 19th, 2018

49.18: Update on Half-Mast Canadian Flag for Major General (ret'd) Herb Pitts, MC, CD

50.18: Trusteeship of BC/Yukon Command

51.18: Legion National Track and Field Championships – Brandon, Manitoba – 2018

52.18: Legalization of Cannabis

53.18: Presentation of First Poppy

Invite:

1. USI of Nanaimo & North Island: Nov 17; 1745 for 1900, Commemorating 100 years since the signing of the Armistice that ended World War 1 hostilities in Europe. Are there any members interested in going? No members wished to attend.

2. Remembrance Day Meeting and Ceremony on Nov.12th 2017 8pm at St. John's Masonic Temple 26 Gatacre: Dress: uniforms and medals. Rick Morencie, Corrine Launder, Roy Empey to attend.

Committee Reports: (all positions name should be put beside their appointed tasks – see examples below -- report should be added under each name)

- 1) Building: Bill Stacey: Hoping to get the counter tops in the office ASAP
- 2) Honors & Awards Don Smith: Ordered more badges and would like to give them out to members soon. Gave out badges to :President pin to Karen, Past President and 35 yrs. pin to Jeanne,1st Vic President pin and Sgt of arms pin to Rick,2nd Vic President pin, Public relations and Past Office pin to Corrine ,Past officer pin to Greg ,15 yrs. pin to Claire , 10 yrs. pin to Barb. Jean Elliot stated she has not received her 40 yrs. pin
- 3) Entertainment: Lorraine Stacey: Halloween Dance Please bring an appy. Has booked Steven Sherry for November. Will be in LLL.
- 4) House: Rhett Jamison: Vancouver Brewery has offered to put in more beer taps to sell there beer. They were in the lounge on Friday giving samples.
- 5) Sports and Youth: Amber Paulson: Working on Remembrance Day for the schools. Has ordered free papers to give out to the schools and the place in the lounge.
- 6) Membership: Barb Martin: We have 3 new members being processed and 71 renewals since September. We have only 2 more early bird draws to go. Congratulations to Nancy Hunter on winning the September early bird draw
- 7) Bylaw Officer: Claire Mardon: Working hard on the Bylaws to present to the membership .Wants to make them simpler and more updated with the time.
- 8) Past President / Membership: Jeanne Seney: Spoke with ICBC agent regarding Executive or members using personal vehicles to drive Legion members (DD) As long as no money changes hand its ok. Take Five called asking what the Legion is planning for the 100th anniversary of the First World War. Wanted to know if the names of the Veterans from Ladysmith whose names are not on the cenotaph will be read out. Would also like the names of the Empty Chair for Veterans Lunch. Rain requested her father as next yrs. empty chair.
- 9) Sgt at Arms: Greg Paulson: Veterans Lunch has the bugler and waiting to hear from the piper .Have 3 members for color party, piper bugler booked for Remembrance day service .Working on color party.
- 10) Service Officer: Guy Zimmerman No Report
- 11) Ways and Means: Darlene Paulson: Pie auction went over well with a profit of \$325. Thanks to all the pie makers. Will put on a Christmas theme one in December. Bernard won the highest bid pie. Saturday was Pub dinner with ham and scallop potatoes. Vets lunch will be a roast beef dinner. Looking for volunteers.
- 12) 1st Vice President: Rick Morencie: Rick commented on empty chair that the Historical society would like to do 4-6 people for the empty chair .They are looking into the missing names at cenotaph.
- 13) 2nd Vice: Corrine Launder: Working on the coffee news to see if we can put our events in them. Facebook is doing well with over 2000 hits per month and people from all around the world are messaging.
- 14) **President: Karen Graczyk:** Update on Probationary Management-have received email from BC/Yukon we have 2 areas to improve upon. Bylaws AND Financials .They will continue to follow until the end of the yr. Lots of spaces left for Poppy Distibution.Thanks to Georgina for making the soup. With the leaving of our Padre, the church Parade has changed to Davis RD Church on the 4th Nov. @0900.

Remembrance Day: Sgt of Arms has things well in hand .The Cadet Honour Guard has been practicing and looking good. We need help before e ceremonies getting the wreaths there, setting up and handing out wreaths and the usual take down and boxing the wreaths

In the near future we will be focusing on our financial needs. As we are well aware that the expenditures are not in line with the income. We will identify the areas of high cot and make the needed changes. We will continue to find ways to increase the income but we do not have the volunteers or time to cover our increasing costs.

If anyone has a suggestion for a new Padre please let any executive know.

A new poppy committee is being formed, which will include our Poppy Chair, Service Officer, Treasure/Finance Chair (or someone appointed) and two other members in good standing

I would like to thank all the members that have worked so hard in the past four months for our Legion. Our executive have put in many hour to ensure we get things right, while having a little fun at the same time. This is definitely the year for all of us to think outside the box, by listening to and actually putting new ideas in place. Some will work and some will not. Some members may not agree but many will. This is a time to leave our differences aside and build Branch 171 to be exciting and prosperous Branch. Please be part of this team, not part of those who undermine us.

Thank you comrades and I look forward to working with you all in the future achievements!

Adoption of Committee Reports: Carried

Old Business:

Roy asked: If we have shortage of money why did the staff receive wage increases? Answered by Rhett, the government increased the minimum wage

Roy asked: Why was the past Chaplin told he had to pay for the hall? Diane replied she did not tell him this.

Roy asked: The janitor's room has been leaking for 20 yrs. where there is no cement poured. Can we see if Little Diggers could come in and fix it? Rick and Bill will look into fixing the problem area

Jean asked about meat draw being held on Remembrance Day. We felt that the day was going to be to busy to hold a meat draw.

The LA is doing the sandwiches for Mr.Ratcliffs celebration of life Nov. 3rd and asked if anyone would volunteer to make treats. Jeanne stated she was getting it organized

Corrine has 4 lbs of cheese to donate for the lasagna on Remembrance Day

New Business:

Island Saving Credit Union would like to use our lounge or hall to do a fundraiser for the food bank. To use our hall we would need a bartender at \$50, we would get liquor profit, and the food bank would get paint profit.

It was agreed they can host paint night in the lounge on a slow night

Next Meeting: November 28, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23