

**General Meeting
Alberta-NWT Command, Lacombe Legion Branch No. 79
Of the Royal Canadian Legion
February 2, 2023**



-Draft Until Approved-

The regular general meeting was called to order by First Vice-President, Susan Churchill, at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Officers in Attendance Susan Churchill, First Vice-President; Kathy Hobbs, Past President; Janet Hall, Second Vice-President; Calvin Swarbrick, Treasurer; Cherry Baird, Secretary.

Executive Members in Attendance: Lea Redekopp, Lillian Gillis, Judy Lemieux, Arnie MacAskill, Rick Grinham, Barbara Burnett

Absent: Andy Gauthier, President

Welcome to new member Derrel Clark

Call for additions to the agenda:

None

Call for errors or omissions to the minutes of the previous meeting:

None

Motion:

Moved by Cherry Baird that the minutes of the January 5, 2023 General Meeting be approved as printed.

Seconded by:

All in Favour

Brian Brant

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Thank you letter from Legion Award winner Quin Dorn

Old Business/Business Arising from the Minutes

Update on the cooler

The cooler is in place in the upstairs kitchen, we have not received the invoice.

Hot water exchange

This has not happened as of today's date.

Cow Patti Theatre- Calvin Swarbrick

A motion was passed at the Executive Meeting to partner with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to host a Cow Patti theatre fundraiser. The show is on the last Sunday of March - March 26th. Tickets are \$75.00 each. It is a brunch theatre. If we sell 50 tickets we get \$500.00 plus a portion of the 50/50 and silent auction proceeds. We will be looking for silent auction items.

New Business

Barbara Burnett would like to organize a ScrapBook Weekend in April - this would be a Legion function.

Motion:

Moved by Barbara Burnett that the Lacombe Legion host a scrapbook weekend in April. All profits would go back to the Legion.

Seconded by :

Debbie Wager

Majority in favour

CARRIED

Treasurer Report

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES December 2022

ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	CHEQUES	CLOSING BALANCE	O/S CHEQUES	SIMPLY BALANCE	SAVINGS	GIC	CEBA Loan	TOTAL FUNDS
General	\$11,048.53	\$10,777.70	\$11,883.34	\$9,942.89	\$ 4,314.09	\$5,628.80	\$21,077.50		\$0.00	\$26,706.30
Sunset	\$2,753.51	\$25,189.00	\$17,074.98	\$10,867.53	\$ -	\$10,867.53	\$74,666.97	\$212,973.68		\$298,508.18
Bingo	\$4,329.03	\$233.00	\$280.44	\$4,281.59	\$ 301.72	\$3,979.87				\$3,979.87
Pull Ticket	\$7,137.41	\$3,259.71	\$2,874.62	\$7,522.50	\$ 1,426.47	\$6,096.03				\$6,096.03
Casino	\$9,225.91	\$683.00	\$1,793.09	\$8,115.82	\$ 1,049.67	\$7,066.15				\$7,066.15
Totals	\$34,494.39			\$40,730.33		\$33,638.38	\$95,744.47	\$212,973.68		\$342,356.53
Poppy Trust Fund	\$91,234.54	\$2,606.12	\$1,225.67	\$92,614.99	\$ 2,141.50	\$90,473.49			\$0.00	\$90,473.49

Our insurance has gone up over the years. Comrade Swarbrick is looking at a new carrier.

We have made close to \$5,000.00 on Chase the Ace. The pot is approximately \$3,200.00

Calvin is looking into getting a new mower for Sunset Campground. Pentagon Farm Centre currently has the lowest bid, however they do not have any in stock.

Motion:

Moved by Calvin Swarbrick that his report be accepted.

Seconded by:

Larry Lemieux

All in Favour

CARRIED

Reports

Bingo - Judy Lemieux

We have had 4 Bingo nights in January.

\$433.00 has been brought in.

We are in need of callers and checkers.

Bylaws - Lea Redekopp

No Report

Campground - Susan Churchill. Report presented by Hannah Cucheran

Thank you to Hannah Cucheran, Ellen Gauthier and Joann Swarbrick for their work on reviewing the seasonal contract.

Motion:

Moved by Hannah Cucheran that the seasonal contract increases from \$1,638.00 to \$1,701.00. An increase of \$81.00, gst included, to cover the cost of goods and services increases.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Brian Brant
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Hannah Cucheran to change the date that the seasonal contracts are due and fees paid from April 15th to April 1st.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Debbie Wager
CARRIED

This will give time if a seasonal camper is moving out to clean and get someone from the waiting list moved in. The contracts will be out by the middle/end of February.

Question: has there been any thought to asking campers to give notice by March 1st. Comrade Churchill stated that this will be considered in the future.

Motion:

Moved by Hannah Cucheran that the following changes be made to the seasonal contract: Fireworks are not permitted in the campground. Extra units on sites can only stay a maximum of one week. Gates times: gates open at 7:30 am. Guests leave by 10:00 pm. Gates close at 11:00 pm. Shower times change to 8:00 am -9:00 pm.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Brian Brant
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Hannah Cucheran that the following changes be made to the open rules: Gates times: gates open at 7:30 am. Guests leave by 10:00 pm. Gates close at 11:00 pm. Shower times change to 8:00 am -9:00 pm. Remove the off leash section.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Brian Brant
CARRIED

The off lease is not off the table forever. This can be revisited in 2024.

To address the campers who are using the monthly sites as season sites the following rules will be considered:

Motion:

Moved by Susan Churchill that the following new monthly and weekly rules be accepted:

There be a total of 10 monthly sites. Campers can only book two months maximum. If a group of trailers rent a monthly site no one from that group can rent another monthly site. Campers after they have rented for two months cannot rent monthly weekly sites. Monthly campers can not put up fences, decks or sheds. Maximum of two pop up tents

is allowed. Can only hook up to water risers to fill trailers, then must unhook. Monthly will follow all open site rules and monthly site rules.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Hannah Cucheran
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Susan Churchill that the following weekly rules be accepted:

Weekly sites can be booked for a maximum of three weeks. Weekly campers will follow all the open rules

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Hannah Cucheran
CARRIED

Question: Have we increased open site rates?
They went up in 2020.

Casino – Janet Hall

No report

Coffee Time – Shirley White absent

No report

Flags of Remembrance – Kathy Hobbs

Al Cameron, Veterans Voices of Canada has given us the date of April 15 for the Closing Date. Kathy Hobbs is looking at a Smudging Ceremony conducted by Don Fraser, Metis Elder and perhaps Ron Brown or Dave Best to play the bagpipes at this ceremony. There is still one honour plaque to be received for the Blackfalds Bulldog hockey team. Currently the folded flag, honour plaques and completed sets are stored in the Archive room in the upper hall.

February 14 at 2 pm there will be a work party to finish putting the ribbon on the flags and plaques.

Hall and Building

No report

Honours and Awards – Kathy Hobbs

April 12th at 5:00 p.m. Supper provided by Bob Ronnie catering. \$25.00 per ticket for Associate and Affiliate members and guests. Ordinary members and other Veterans and their spouses are free. Tickets will be sold through the Lounge. Comrade Hobbs would like to have the Red Deer & District Pipe band to pipe the Honour Guard and Dignitaries in. Dignitaries such as the Mayor, the Legion Chaplin, Candy and Greg Greff and our DDC have been invited to attend and would dine at the Legion expense.

Winners of the poem, essay and poster annual poppy contest will be presented with their cheques at that time. If there is a member that someone would like to nominated for any of the awards available for service through Command, please let Kathy Hobbs know. Life memberships must have an accompanying Citation.

Currently Comrade Hobbs has eight 5 year Affiliates, one 10 year Affiliate, one 20 year Affiliate, one 25 year Affiliate, two 10 year Associates, one 15 year Associate, four 20 year Associates, two 25 Year Associates, one 30 year Associate, three 35 year Associates, two 50 year Associates and five 10 year Ordinary for a total of 31 pins @

\$5.95 a piece. Once inventory has been taken, Kathy Hobbs will bring a motion to the floor to purchase the remaining pins from the Poppy Store. There are a number of years of service pins in all categories that were not picked up from last year.

Lounge and Bar - Andy Gauthier

No report

Membership - Kathy Hobbs

Current membership in good standing is 250. 48 members have not paid their 2023 fees to date and while they can still pay the \$55.00 and be re-instated, they are considered dormant in the National record base out of Ottawa. There is a laptop available in the Lounge for member use. It contains the minutes of previous meetings and notice of motions. It will be available to assist the Service Officer with veteran information through Veterans Affairs, the Poppy Trust Fund, external veteran resources and various forms provided by Dominion Command to assist veterans.

Transfer request from Angela Pala, Associate member to the Sylvan Lake Legion.

Poppy Trust Fund/Campaign –Kathy Hobbs

Motions as per the criteria outlined in the June 2022 edition of the Poppy Manual:

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that Service Officer, Rick Grinham have a laptop to set up a Resource Centre with computer access for Veterans under 403ii n. The laptop to be purchased from Best Buy for \$725.29. Funds from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by

Hannah Cucheran

All in favour

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we hire the Ponoka Stampede bus for \$700.00 to transport veterans to the Military Museums in Calgary on Saturday, May 6, 2023 under 403ii l. the trip would include a visit to Calgary Legion Branch No. 1 for lunch. Funds from the Poppy Trust Fund

Seconded by

Barbara Burnett

All in favour

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we pay the 2022 Poppy Contest winners prizes totalling \$1070.00 which represents 1st , 2nd and 3rd place finishes in all categories under 402vi d from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by

Arnie MacAskill

All in favour

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we pay for Veterans to attend our Vimy Night Honours and Awards banquet under 403ii h. Each meal would cost \$25.00. We have 31 veterans as Legion members, but there are several non members who are veterans in senior lodges

or long-term care facilities around Lacombe as well. Maximum amount for attendance would be \$875.00 from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by
All in favour

Arnie MacAskill
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we increase the amount of Education Bursaries for those in need of assistance to \$2500.00 from \$1000.0. This falls under 402vi a of the Poppy Manual. Funds from the Poppy Trust Account.

Seconded by
All in favour

Barbara Burnett
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we donate \$4,284.00 to the Lacombe Seniors Lodge for the purchase of a shuffleboard under 403ii a Housing Accommodation or Care Facilities for veteran use. Funds from the Poppy Trust Account.

Seconded by
All in favour

Debbie Wager
CARRIED

Pull Tickets – Hannah Cucheran

No report

Service Officer – Rick Grinham

We had three services in the month of January. Sincere appreciation to the Colour Party and legion members who came to the services.

Sick and Visiting- Barbara Burnett

Tye Friesen recently passed
Dwight Baird's brother recently passed

Social- Lillian Gillis

No report

Sports- Arnie MacAskill

There are three teams going to Mulhurst this weekend to play District Crib. Drop in crib on Tuesdays is happening in the Lounge.

Ways and Means - Lillian Gillis

No report

The draw was won by Marilyn Nordgren

Motion:

Moved by Barbara Burnett that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Lea Redekopp
CARRIED

Cherry Baird, Secretary _____

Andy Gauthier President _____