

General Meeting
Alberta-NWT Command, Lacombe Legion Branch No. 79
Of the Royal Canadian Legion
November 3, 2022



-Draft Until Approved-

The regular general meeting was called to order by President Andy Gauthier, at 7:07 p.m.

Executive Officers in Attendance: Andy Gauthier, President; Kathy Hobbs, Past President; Janet Hall, Second Vice-President; Calvin Swarbrick, Treasurer; Cherry Baird, Secretary.

Executive Members in Attendance: Lea Redekopp, Helene Boissinot, Lillian Gillis, Judy Lemieux, Hannah Cucheran

Appointed Executive Members: Susan Churchill

Absent: Arnie MacAskill, Joe Sampson, Shirley White

Call for additions to the agenda:

None

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

Motion:

Moved by Cherry Baird that the minutes of the October 6, 2022 General Meeting be approved as printed.

Seconded by:

Rick Grinham

All in Favour

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Thank you from Aspire Special Needs for the donation.
- Notice from Provincial Command that Fenety Marketing Services (Atl.) Ltd. has started their residential phone calls for pledges toward the 15th edition of the Military Service Recognition Book. Business phone calls will commence in December.
- Announcement from Dominion command that Candy Greff has been named the National Silver Cross Mother.

Old Business/Business Arising from the Minutes

Poppy Campaign update - Kathy Hobbs

We are looking for volunteers to sit at Co-op, No Frills and the ScotiaBank mall, distributing poppies and receiving donations. There are seven spots to be filled. Please see Kathy Hobbs after the meeting to volunteer.

The poppy campaign is going well. Our tap and donate machines should be fixed and delivered tomorrow.

The Remembrance Day Service will start at 10:30 am this year. It will be held at the Lacombe Memorial Centre.

It was suggested that we have ushers to help people to seats. Please see Kathy Hobbs if you can do ushering duties at the service.

Placing of Poppies on veteran's graves will happen at the Fairview Cemetery on November 5th at 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Please see Susan Churchill if you can help.

Remembrance Day Breakfast update - Joann Swarbrick reported that breakfast is from 8:00 am -10:00 am on Remembrance Day in the Byron Greff Memorial Hall. Breakfast is by donation.

November 9th work party - Andy Gauthier

We will need a work party at the Legion at 3:00 pm to load items (wreaths, etc) and take them to the Lacombe Memorial Centre for the Remembrance Day Service. All volunteers are appreciated.

November 12th Flags of Remembrance work party - Andy Gauthier

There has been a time change to this work party from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Meet at Pentagon Farm Centre to take the flags down and bring them back to the Legion. All volunteers are appreciated.

Webpage update- Calvin Swarbrick

We now have a new website. The old websites have been taken down.

New Business

Christmas Party - The branch Christmas party will be December 17th at 6:00 pm in the lounge. Please bring a potluck appetizer or snack to share.

Grey Cup Party- We will host a Grey Cup party on November 20th in the lounge. Doors open at 2 pm. Chili will be served as well as snacks at half time. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in the lounge.

Treasurer Report - Calvin Swarbrick

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
September 2022

| ACCOUNTS | OPENING BALANCE | DEPOSITS | CHEQUES | CLOSING BALANCE | O/S CHEQUES | SIMPLY BALANCE | SAVINGS | GIC | CEBA Loan | TOTAL FUNDS |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| General | \$8,843.87 | \$8,576.68 | \$6,101.30 | \$11,319.25 | \$ 5,765.54 | \$5,553.71 | \$4,691.78 | | \$0.00 | \$10,245.49 |
| Sunset | \$12,766.81 | \$10,286.16 | \$11,741.43 | \$11,311.54 | \$ 598.50 | \$10,713.04 | \$114,220.81 | \$212,404.88 | | \$337,338.73 |
| Bingo | \$4,023.43 | \$362.00 | \$300.00 | \$4,085.43 | \$ 63.86 | \$4,021.57 | | | | \$4,021.57 |
| Pull Ticket | \$5,685.46 | \$1,582.50 | \$816.09 | \$6,451.87 | \$ 1,599.82 | \$4,852.05 | | | | \$4,852.05 |
| Casino | \$9,717.27 | \$545.00 | \$1,084.37 | \$9,177.90 | \$ 500.00 | \$8,677.90 | | | | \$8,677.90 |
| Totals | \$41,036.84 | | | \$42,345.99 | | \$33,818.27 | \$118,912.59 | \$212,404.88 | | \$365,135.74 |
| Poppy Trust Fund | \$69,838.01 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$69,838.01 | \$ 2,529.00 | \$67,309.01 | | \$0.00 | | \$67,309.01 |

As per a previous motion on the books allowing transfer 25 percent of the gross earnings from Sunset account to the General Savings Account, Calvin Swarbrick transferred \$15,000.00 from Sunset Savings to General Saving.

It was suggested that even though we have a previous motion allowing the transfer from Sunset Savings to General Savings, we should also make a motion every year.

A bid from all Season to mow for the summer \$165.00/month for 5 months. We will make a decision before spring on this.

Smith roofing will be doing an inspection of the roof for insurance purposes. However, with the snow this will be delayed.

We will not have business at the December meeting, just elections. We know that every year at Christmas we have requests to support local programs like FCSS Fill a Fridge, Coats for Kids, Salvation Army and Santa's Anonymous. Therefore we should decide whether we will donate at this meeting as the January meeting will be too late.

Motion:

Moved by Barbara Burnett that we donate \$300.00 to FCSS, Coats for Kids Program and \$300.00 to the FCSS Fill a Fridge Program from the Casino Account.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Rick Grinham
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Sandy Douglas that we donate \$300.00 to the Salvation Army Christmas Campaign from the Pull Ticket Account.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Sandy Pratt
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Calvin Swarbrick that we transfer \$15,000.00 from Sunset Savings Account to the General Savings Account.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Kathy Hobbs
CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that we donate \$500.00 to Lacombe Kinsmen Santas' Anonymous from the Pull Tickets Account.

Seconded by:
All in Favour

Brian Brant
CARRIED

Question from the floor asking how we decide which account we donate from and how we know we have enough money to donate.

Calvin Swarbrick, treasurer, noted that we decide annually by the fundraisers that we have had. This year we had a successful Flags of Remembrance Fundraiser and are able to donate. This is not the case every year. AGLC has rules on how much we need to donate from gaming accounts.

Motion:

Moved by Debbie Tchir that the Executive create a budget for donations.

Seconded by:

Rick Grinham

9 in favour
3 opposed
4 abstain

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved by Calvin Swarbrick that his report be accepted.

Seconded by:

All in Favour

Sandy Pratt

CARRIED

Reports

Bingo - Judy Lemieux

Two bingos were held in October and had to cancel two.

We are still in need of callers and checkers. Please see Judy Lemieux to volunteer.

Bylaws - Kathy Hobbs

No Report as it is complete and does not need to be reviewed for three years.

Policies and the Executive Manual were finalized.

The house rules were reviewed and are hanging up in the lounge.

The recommendation is no bylaw reports until it is time to review them again.

Campground - Susan Churchill

We have received the permit for the tree removal. However, due to the snow, the meeting with the tree guys was canceled. The permit runs out April 23rd. There was one campground meeting, mostly completing items that were not completed this year. The shower house needs work.

Casino – Janet Hall

No report

Coffee Time – Shirley White absent

No report

Flags of Remembrance – Kathy Hobbs

We will have another work party where the washed flags are all folded, this will most likely happen in January. January will also be our closing ceremony for Flags. The Executive voted not to partner with Veterans Voices of Canada Flags of Remembrance next year. Although it is a great fundraiser and amazing event, it takes a lot of manpower and we did find that it was a harder sell in the community this year.

Hall and Building

Ed Pangle. Snow removal. We have three exits that are blocked by snow that have not been cleaned out. This is a hazard for fires. Calvin Swarbrick will contact our snow removal company and ensure that these exits are cleared.

Honours and Awards – Kathy Hobbs

No report

Lounge and Bar - Andy Gauthier

No report

Membership -Kathy Hobbs

No report

Poppy Trust Fund/Campaign –Kathy Hobbs

Pull Tickets – Hannah Cucheran

No report

Service Officer – Helene Boissinot

No report

Sick and visiting – Helene Boissinot

Trudy Friesen is in the hospital, however cannot have visitors.

Social- Lillian Gillis

No report

Sports- Arnie MacAskill

No report

Ways and Means - Lillian Gillis

No report

Nominations:

First Vice President:

Susan Churchill - Susan accepted this nomination

Three calls for further nominations

Motion:

Moved by Susan Churchill that nominations for First Vice President cease.

Seconded by:

Rick Grinham

All in Favour

CARRIED

Secretary

Cherry Baird - Cherry accepted this nomination

Debra Tchir - Debra accepted this nomination

Three calls for further nominations

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that nominations for Secretary President cease.

Seconded by:

Rick Grinham

All in Favour

CARRIED

Two Year Executives:

Debbie Wager - Debbie accepted this nomination

Barbara Burnett - Barbara asked for time to consider the nomination

Brian Brant - declined

Stephen Kozelenko - Stephen accepted this nomination

Arnie MacAskill - Arnie was absent

Hannah Cucheran - Hannah accepted this nomination

Helene Boissinot - Helene accepted this nomination

Three calls for further nominations

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs that nominations for Executive Members cease.

Seconded by:

Rick Grinham

All in Favour

CARRIED

Barbara Burnett reviewed the duties and responsibilities of Executive members.

The draw was won by Calvin Swarbrick.

Motion:

Moved by Susan Churchill that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Seconded by Brian Brant.

All in Favour

CARRIED

Cherry Baird, Secretary_____

Andy Gauthier President_____