



**General Meeting of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #291 Okotoks
Elks Hall, Okotoks**

February 13th 2018 – 1900hrs.

- **Present:** Bob McLeod, Malcolm Hughes, Emma MacCormack (Minutes), John MacCormack, Jenny Churchill Hughes, Dave Miles, Don Gallaher, Bev Lee, Rosemary McLeod, Shannon Worobets, Marshall Worobets, Marvin Burk, Paul White, Ron England, Terri England, Paul Fegan, Linda Clements, Al Clements, Ken Lillehei, Gordon Berberich, John Boehler, Judi Birse, Vince Nguyen.

Meeting Opened 1900 hrs.

Opening Ceremony – Singing of O’Canada.

- 1. Introduction of Guests** – Judi Birse.
- 2. Welcoming of New Members** – Vince Nguyen and John Boehler were welcomed as new members.
- 3. Admission of transferred in and reinstated members.** None
- 4. Additions to the Agenda** - None
 - Approval of the Agenda – **Motion L Clements/D Gallaher CARRIED**
- 5. Minutes from previous meeting**
 - Errors – None
 - Adoption of the minutes**Motion J Churchill-Hughes/B Lee CARRIED**
- 6. Business arising from previous minutes**
 - The Poppy Fund Distribution Request to donate \$6,465 to complete the purchase of the Bariatric Bed for the Foothills Country Hospice was approved. The official presentation of the cheque will be arranged at the next meeting or at the Hospice.
 - The Poppy Fund Distribution Request to donate \$14,000 to the Veterans Way Monument has been submitted.
 - John MacCormack and Dave Miles volunteered to work with Rick Onsescu on the updating of the Cenotaph and will get in touch with Rick, (out of town at the moment?).
 - A number of donations have been made to the Poppy Fund in Doug McNeil’s memory. Thank-you letters sent and copies will be sent to Doug’s son Tim.
- 7. Table Officer Reports**



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- **President's report** – Attached to these minutes.

Vice Presidents Reports

- 1VP – The Cadet's Tri-Service Shooting competition will be this weekend. Paul will present our trophy to the winning cadet unit.
Motion - P Fegan/M. Worobets **CARRIED**
- 2VP – Attached to these Minutes. Paul White thanked Linda Clements and Bev Lee for volunteering to assist with the next Raffle which will be drawn at the June 12th Meeting. The prizes are planned to be \$500 cash, a beautiful quilt that his wife has made, and golfing for 4 at Turner Valley Golf Course. We received a request to purchase and display a plaque recognizing the Hong Kong Vets Association. It was decided that we would not purchase one at this time, because of us not having a building to display it.
- There will be a 100th birthday ceremony on July 29th for Winston Churchill Parker a veteran and a member of the TV Legion. Paul moved that the Branch donate \$200 toward the ceremony recognizing Winston's 100 birthday. **Motion** P White/R England **CARRIED**. 2VP Report - **Motion** P White/R England **CARRIED**
- 3VP/Sports Officer – Thanks to all the Crib players who participated at Airdrie on Jan 27th. We hope to have two teams for the 3 March Senior Crib in Carstairs.
MacCormack/M Burk **CARRIED**
- **Treasurers Report** – Attached to these minutes, presented by B McLeod. **Motion** B McLeod/ V Nguyen **CARRIED**
- **Secretary** – We received a Letter of Appreciation from Command for our donation of \$10,000 to the work of the Command Service Officers working in the Calgary Command Office.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

- **Membership** – Attached to these minutes. Motion to accept the membership of two Affiliate Members, Terry Drew and Sherry Martin. **Motion** B Lee/J Boehler **CARRIED**
- Motion to accept Transfer in of Peter Migadel from Branch #150 in Edmonton. **Motion** B Lee/D Gallaher **CARRIED**
- **Veterans Services/Service Officer** – Don showed a crest for British veterans to add to their Veterans Jackets, available from Don who will order for \$5 each. The \$10k cheque from Poppy funds that was given to the Calgary Command Service Officers, will also be used to support Commonwealth Veterans across Canada as that is part of Mike Burgess's responsibility. It was very much needed. If anyone knows of a veteran in need, please contact Don asap. Don reported that the Legion Command Service Officers are very tough when they find a non-veteran masquerading as a veteran. There is a veteran in the area who is looking for a 1-2 bedroom apartment on ground level. There is one smoker and they have a pet. If anyone has information, please contact Dion.
- **Motion** D Gallaher/M Burk **CARRIED**
- **Poppy** – None
- **Sergeant at Arms** – Plan for the following dates;
 - Vimy Parade-8 April at 1800 hrs, march-off at 1745 from Town Hall area.



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- VE Day – 8 May at Cenotaph
- D Day - June 6 at Cenotaph
- Okotoks Summer Parade – 16 June. Ron England suggested we see if the Show and Shine Folk would be interested in transporting Veterans who might not be up to marching the full parade route. To be followed up by members including Emma MacCormack.
- **Sports** – Included in the 3rd VP report.
- **Youth** – None
- **Ways and Means** – None
- **Entertainment** – None
- **Public Relations** – Mandie working on the next column for the Western Wheel. Will also include a piece about Doug McNeil, his passing and his memorial. Please submit articles to her – include second donation for Bariatric Bed.

9. New Business

- District 5 Spring Rally – 24 March in Olds. Motion to bid to host judging for the District Poster and Literary Competition. **Motion T England/Rosemary McLeod CARRIED**
- Dominion Convention – 25-29 August in Winnipeg. Malcolm will attend in his capacity as District Commander.
- Bursary Applications – Motion that the Branch not restrict Bursaries to students entering first year undergraduate, but that a student might be allowed to receive a maximum of two \$2,000 bursaries in the student's undergraduate studies. **Motion B McLeod/S Worobets CARRIED**
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10. General Welfare of the Branch -

- Weekly Draw – Postponed because of the weather
- Special Events – Veterans Dinner planned for May. Don Gallaher offered the Griffiths Centre as a venue. It might be possible to provide transportation to Black Diamond for those who do not want to drive the distance. No decision on location as yet.
- 50/50 Draw – Won by - Ticket # 1382
- Legion Supply Orders- Linda Clements will be placing another order to Legion Supply soon, so if you are planning in ordering something, please call or email (lindalc@telus.net) to let her know. You get a better price (saving on shipping too).

11. Adjournment and Closing Ceremonies – Singing of God Save the Queen

Motion to adjourn made by L Clements. 2016 hrs

Next Meeting is March 13th 2018

Signed

B McLeod – President

E MacCormack – A/Secretary