

**ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA**

**Unit 376, KELOWNA B.C.**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Steve Walters called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Followed by the Singing of O Canada. A Silent Tribute was observed. Remembering past members Albert Harms and Fred Kammerer.

2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President Pat Calado read the Land Acknowledgement.

**RECORDING MEETING** President Walters advised due to Secretary Joan Dillon being unable to attend this meeting that Kathy Barber would be taking over the Secretarial duties

**ROLL CALL:** **Present:** President Steve Walters, First VP Dave Pich, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Pat Calado, Past President Kathy Barber, Directors: Mike Gagne, Bill Edwards, Karen Ziegler, Ron Christy

**Excused:** Darrell Unrau & Joan Dillon

**MINUTES** Minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting were read. Kathy Barber moved for the adoption of the Minutes as read. Seconded by Burpee Aitkensl. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter of thank you for a donation from the Veterans Food Bank was received and read. Moved by Kathy Barber, seconded by Marianne Belland to adopt Correspondence report.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** **Pat Calado** reported a year end total of 129 members for 2024. All cards returned to Provincial Command and Per Capita paid. She further reported that they are now actively taking 2025 membership renewals.

Pat reported that the 2025 Membership will remain at \$50.00 for the year.

Moved by Pat Calado, seconded by Cherie Jackson to adopt the Membership Report

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCE REPORT:** **Kathy Barber** presented the Finance Report for the Month of October, 2024 as well as the year-to-date. She also presented the Welfare & Charity Account to-date.

Kathy moved the adoption of the Finance Report as read. Seconded by Burpee Aitken .

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**SGT AT ARMS:** **Mike Gagne** reported on the November 11<sup>th</sup> service at Rutland Lions Cenotaph. He thanked the following people: Steve Walters for organizing the parade. Bill Edwards for supplying Sound Equipment and Brian Street for music. Ken Kiengersky for organizing wreaths for laying, Rutland Hawkey Chiefs for escorting and volunteers for flagging traffic.

Moved by Mike Gagne, seconded by Pat Calado, to adopt Sgt-At-Arms Report.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**SPORTS:** **Dave Pich** reported the following:

**DARTS:-** Monday night darts being held at the Club starting at 7:00 p.m. Also Legion Darts being held at Club on Thursday night commencing at 7:15 p.m. The Valley Dart Shoot was being held in Vernon on this day.

**POOL:** 8 Ball Drop in Pool is being held in the Club Wednesdays commencing at 1:00 P.M.

President Walter reported that the Legion is paying \$100. Per month for the S.O,P.'S.

Moved by Dave Pich, seconded by Cherie Jackson, the Sports report be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**HOUSE REPORT:** **RON CHRISTY** – No report

**ENTERTAINMENT:** **Karen Ziegler** reported on success of Halloween Dance Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Darrell Unrau won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for costume and Phyllis Walters the Pumpkin carving contest. Karaoke is going well. It is now going to be held every Friday night. Bill Edwards is donating his time to the Karaoke. She reported on the upcoming X-Mas Dinner and Dance. Cost is \$25.00 or \$5. For dance only. Entertainment to be provided by "Sister Act". Karen Thanked Myles Sator for doing up tickets for pre-sales.

Moved by Karen to adopt Entertainment report, seconded by Deb Lowery.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**WAYS & MEANS**

**Karen Ziegler** reported that Saturday Meat Draws are going well. December 14<sup>th</sup> will be Turkeys and Hams for all draws. Time 3-5 p.m. Karen further reported that a Meat Draw will be held on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Karen Ziegler, seconded by Cherie Jackson, to adopt the Ways and Means Report.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**DVA/Sick & Visiting**

BILL EDWARDS – No report.

**PUBLICITY**

**Dave Pich** reported that starting in December that emails will be sent from the Unit rather than personal home emails. Myles Sator is working on the Website including a side-bar for weekly events

Dave Pich moved the adoption of the Publicity Report, seconded by Burpee Aitkens.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:**

A lengthy report was given by Marianne Belland on behalf of President Wendy Finlayson. The report will be attached to the minutes (See Appendix A)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** President Walters reported that he and Dave Pich attended City Hall Meeting. Our application was approved. Liquor Licence payment was \$2,200.00 to be sent on to B.C. Liquor Board. We have to go through a liquor inspection and the Unit set up in accordance to the architect drawing.

Steve further reported that a lawyer consultation is set up for him and Kathy Gunderson for November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at a fee of \$300.00 regarding the roof repair.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Gagne reported the no election is to be held. He introduced the 2025 Executive. Also there is one vacancy to be filled. The following is the outcome: President-Steve Walters, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Dave Pich (Sports, ) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Pat Calado (Ways & Means), Executive: Helene Fitzgerald (Membership), Karen Ziegler (Entertainment), Bill Edwards (DVA), Darrell Unrau (By-Laws), Helene Fitzgerald & Kathy Barber (Awards), Kathy Barber & President Steve Walters (Finance), Mike Gagne (Sgt-At-Arms), Joan Dillon (Secretary), Mike Gagne & Dave Pich (Canteen) . This to take effect Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> following Installations Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS: Cont'd**

Steve reported that Dave Pich is working with Myles Sator on Website.

Also reported that an ATM Machine will be installed. This will necessitate cameras for monitoring.

It was suggested that December be the month for the Veterans Food Bank and that we inform our Members so that they can bring in non-perishables for delivery to the Food Bank on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

It was reported that our Printer/Fax machine required a new ink cartridge that was much more than the cost of a new machine of \$376.00.

It was moved by Merianne Belland, Seconded by Buddie Traveres that we cover the cost of \$376.00 for the new fax/printer.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Buddy Traveres, Seconded by Burpee Aitken to pay \$300.00 Lawyer Consultation Fee.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Buddy Traveres, seconded by Cherie Jackson the cost of \$650.00 to cover costs of Hotel Rooms and bus travel to Chilliwack for the Quad Meeting in October be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Myles Sator, seconded by Burpee Aitkens that \$500.00 be paid annually for the Quad Meeting for Hotel & Bus fare when the Quad is held in Chilliwack.

The motion was amended by Myles Sator for \$500.00 in 2025 and a motion be presented annually in future

**AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.**

**THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN CARRIED.**

The Fund Raising for Kelowna Pipe Band to attend the competitions in Holland in April of 2025 was brought up.

It was moved by Patti Burnett, seconded by Jean Bigler that we donate \$1,500.00 from the Welfare & I Charity account to the Kelowna Pipe Band.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**GOOD & WELFARE** NONE

**ADJOURNMENT** Dave Pich moved the meeting be adjourned.

All rose to acknowledge King Charles the III. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Next General Meeting scheduled December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Also reported that Installations of the Unit & Ladies Auxiliary Executives is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Appendix A

Meeting with Ladies Auxiliary held November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Ladies Auxiliary Report prepared by President Wendy Finlayson.

Meeting with Ladies Auxiliary was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and the following items were discussed.

- Current membership stands at 37. 33 regular members and 4 Life members.
- Written request received from Unit President Steve Walter for sharing cost of canopy for Unit and Ladies Auxiliary usage. **Approved.**
- Card was circulated for our Life member Olga Bernard as she has relocated to Chilliwack and is alone. Please let us know if there are any shut-ins that would appreciate a card as this might cheer them up.
- Discussion of Remembrance Day report to be provided by Marianne Belland.
- Requesting volunteers from both the Unit and L.A. to help with kitchen and special events. Please contact Marianne or Phyllis as all support is greatly appreciated.
- Requesting if anyone wishes to donate red\burgundy tablecloth please let us know.
- As usual Treasurer Kathy Barber provided a comprehensive report from Unit.
- Christmas Party for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be held December 8<sup>th</sup>. Jean will continue to head this event as she has done so for many years. She is drafting a poster to be put up and would like to know in advance as to how many children will be attending.
- Suggestion was made by moreen Hiebert that we could do a Silent Auction as a fund raiser, and we will consider for the new year.
- Elections were held for 2025, and the new Executive is as follows:
  - o President – Wendy Finlayson
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Claudette Chase
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Marianne Belland
  - o Secretary – Phyllis Walters
  - o Treasurer – Shelley Madore
  - o Directors – Pearl MacMillan, Eileen Koch, Tracy Parenteau and Jean Bigler. Roles and responsibilities to be determined.
- Much thanks to Kathy Barber for overseeing our Elections.
- Our next meeting will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and we will be holding our Christmas Party at that time. A gift exchange will be happening as well.