

ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

UNIT 376, KELOWNA B.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Walters called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 2nd Vice Pat Calado read the Land Acknowledgement, Followed by the Singing of O Canada. A Silent Tribute was observed.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** President Steve Walters, First VP Dave Pich, 2nd Vice President, Pat Calado, Past President Kathy Barber, Directors: Mike Gagne, Karen Ziegler, Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau.

Absent:- Bill Edwards

MINUTES Kathy Barber moved that the Minutes of March 15, 2025 General Meeting be adopted as posted. Seconded by Cherie Jackson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

MEMBERSHIP: HELENE FITZGERALD

Helene Moved to accept the following for Membership: - Coleen McCorry, Gerhard Koester, and Leverna Wiseman. Seconded by Cherie Jackson.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sgt. At Arms, Mike Gagne marched those applicants up to be initiated by President Walters. Once initiated they were escorted to the sign-in book and were then seated.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: Helene Fitzgerald then reported on the Member Count as follows:- Active 26, Affiliate 13, Associate 16, Initiates 73, and Life Members 6, for a total of 134 Members to-date.

It was moved by Helene Fitzgerald, Seconded by Phyllis Walters, to adopt the Membership Report.

MOTION

CARRIED.

FINANCE REPORT: **Kathy Barber** presented the Finance Report for the Month of March 2025 as well as the year-to-date January thru March, as well as the Welfare & Charity Account to-date.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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SGT AT ARMS: **Mike Gagne – NO REPORT**

SPORTS: **DAVE PICH**

Dave reported on Monday night Darts at 7:00 p.m. ends on May 5th and the Thursday Legion Darts end May 8th. The Provincial Dart Shoot was held in Vernon April 5th. The following Units participated: - Vernon, Kamloops and Kelowna. Representing Kelowna Unit were Shirley Arrell, Gary Reardon, Maynard Ryley and Jim McCaffrey. Vernon Unit #5 won the Provincial Shoot.

POOL:- Wednesday afternoon 8-ball pool going well. Sunday Fun Pool at Rusty's will have playoffs April 21st and May 4th. Wind up dinner will be held at Rusty's on June 8th.

CRIB: - We will be hosting Provincial Crib on May 31st at 10:00 a.m. We are allowed two teams of two as well as our defending team of Mel and Lynne Pearson.

There will be singles Crib tournaments commencing on Friday May 2nd/25. Entry is \$20. Of which \$3.00 comes to the Unit plus half of their 50/50's.

GOLF: - The Vernon Ladies Auxiliary are holding a golf day at Spallmacheen Golf & Country Club May 4th starting at 10:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$65.00

There is drop in cards at the Unit on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Dave Pich moved that we pay \$190.00 for two teams to play in the Provincial Crib Tournament. Seconded by Marrienne Belland.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave moved the adoption of the Sports Report, Seconded by Burpee Aitken.

MOTION CARRIED.

HOUSE REPORT: DARRELL UNRAU

Darrell reported that we have a new heat and air conditioning system installed. We are now accepting donations to cover the \$10,000. Cost. There have been five additional security cameras installed due to the recent break-in. Three inside and two outside. A Canadian Flag has been put up on the roof in the front of the Unit by President Steve Walters. The cost of the flag was \$65.00. He reported that there is a 20 foot flag available if we can figure out a place to install it. This would enable us to put the flag at half mast when necessary. It is under consideration. A little complicate due to the building and lot layout. We have had new

HOUSE REPORT Cont'd.

flooring installed across from the pool table. This was done by Harry Karpinsky, Marcel Girard and Steve Walters. Painting of the interior walls in the corner was done by Perry and Steve Walters. The Exterior moldings were completed by Kelvin Fitzgerald. The Exterior of the Building was painted by Iven Piquatte. The front window blinds were removed and replaced with Curtains donated by Kathy Barber and shortened to fit by Phyllis Walters. An electric Fire place has been added in the corner and was donated by the Wednesday Pool players. The shed in the outside back of the lot has been painted by Steve Walters. Back lot was also power washed by a member.

Darrell moved adoption of the House Report, seconded by Gord McInnis.

MOTION
CARRIED.

President Walters went on to report that he and Harry Karpinsky installed the carpet in the corner. The cost of the glue and equipment needed cost apporoximatly \$200.00. Harry and his wife Darlene donated the costs. The paint for the front Exterior and the back took a five gallon pails of brown and a five gallon pail of grey paint. This was donated by Steve and his Wife Phyllis Walters.

ENTERTAINMENT: KAREN ZIEGLER

Karen reported that Friday night Karaoke continues to do very well. The Saturday dance on April 12th with recording artist Pam Ferens was especially good. It was a shame we didn't have a great turn-out but an excellent night was missed by all who did not come. Pam's not only a fabulous singer but is an amazing entertainer who works with the crowd getting everybody involved. All present had fun and enjoyed the evening.

The Provincial Convention coming up on April 25th and 26th we have Karaoke booked on Friday hosted by Bill Edwards and a Dance on Saturday night with Glory Days booked. It is only opened to Convention delegates and their spouses. On May 10th Bruce Fazan is booked to entertain plus hosting a jam where if you play an instrument or want to sing he will accompany or just come out to dance, enjoy and have some fun. Vic Ukranitz is booked for Saturday June 28th. Karen will be taking the summer off at this point.

Karen moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Shirley Arrell.

MOTION CARRIED.

WAYS & MEANS PAT CALADO

Pat reported that Bingo for the month of March brought in \$326.50.

The Meat Draws for March brought in \$7,518.00 with Meat Purchases of \$2,640.62. The total profit from the Meat Draws being \$4,877.38.

There will be not Meat Draw on April 26th or Bingo on April 27th due to the Provincial Convention.

Pat moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Marrienne Bellands.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLICITY REPORT: DACE PICH

Dave Reported it is coming along. Not a lot on the Website yet. Once Convention is over more will be done. A lot of work right now to get Unit presentable for Convention and Visitors.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:

Marrienne Belland reported on behalf of President Wendy Finlayson. Their meeting was held on April 16th. Current membership stands at 28. 25 regular and 3 Life members. Mother`s Day Basket tickets are now available. Draw will be held on Saturday May 11th. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 or a book of 12 for \$10.00. There will be no Bake Sale in Month of April due to the Ladies Provincial Convention. The Ladies are in full preparation for their convention at the Unit. The Unit is closed Saturday during the day for their meeting Meal preparation and volunteers have been established. The L.A. Liaison report was provided by Steve Walters as Kathy was unable to attend. Shirley Arrell and Donita Lishka delivered Easter Lillies to 5 care homes, and Jean Bigler (greatly appreciated) and to the Unit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Walters reported on Member Pat Calado by way of a Promisory Note, donated \$10,000.00 to the Unit to cover the cost of the Furnace and AC. This is interest free and payable at \$2,000.00 per year over 5 years.

Steve reported on the cost of the carpet tiles of \$650.00. There are some left over after the installation of the tiles.

Steve then brought the issue of the Unit Loan of \$36,000.00 with payment over 20 years at 13.99% interest. He and Dave Pich contacted the Units Bank, Interior Savings to get info on a loan thru the bank. We could get a loan of \$36,000.00 over a ten year amortization through Interior Savings and payment would come directly out of the Units account. The loan can be paid off anytime without penalty.

It was moved by Burpee Aitken, seconded by Cherie Jackson,” that President Steve Walters and 1st Vice Dave Pich be authorized to sign a loan at Interior Savings, open to pay off without penalty”.

MOTION CARRIED.

This upcoming week Steve and David will go to bank and sign the loan.

It was pointed out that the loan through the bank is at a lower interest rate and is to pay off the previous loan with a much higher interest rate.

Steve passed on thanks to Iven Paquette for painting the front of our Unit . A job well done. He was to be initiated today but was unable to attend the meeting.

Steve reported on the following donations to the Unit for the cost of the Furnace & AC.

Jean Bigler - \$100.00, Mike Gagne - \$500.00, The Wednesday Pool Players - \$250.00, L.A. Member Perl and her husband John - \$200.00, Mel McIntyre - \$200.00, Andrew Longmore and R.C. Thursday Legion Darts - \$100.00, Woody & Agness - \$100.00. All were thanked for their support.

GOOD & WELFARE NONE

ADJOURNMENT

All rose to acknowledge King Charles the III.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Next General Meeting scheduled May 17th, at 1:00 p.m.