

ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

UNIT 376, KELOWNA B.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

President Steve Walters called the meeting to order at 1:02 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: Karen Ziegler, Helene Fitzgerald, Bill Edwards.

Excused:- Darrell Unrau

MINUTES

Kathy Barber moved that the Minutes of April 19, 2025 General Meeting be adopted as read. Seconded by Burpee Aitkens. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kathy Barber reported on an e-mail sent from Unit #26 on behalf of the President, members, executive and delegates, thanking B.C. Command and especially Kelowna Unit #376 for hosting a successful Convention. A special thanks to Ruby Mein and all the volunteers from Unit 376 and others that supported the event. Besides the official business frank discussions were held to further support our common cause to our future existence. Having the Dominion President attend and actively participate in the Convention was a bonus and privilege.

Kathy moved to adopt the Correspondence Report. Seconded by Ken Kiengersky.

MOTION CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP:

HELENE FITZGERALD

Helene Moved to accept the following for Membership: - Bronwyn Kelleher, Kelly Frink, and Tammy Davison. Seconded by Cherie Jackson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acting Sgt.-At-Arms, Bill Edwards 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 27, Affiliate 14, Associate 15, Initiates 78, and Life Members 6, for a total of 140 Members to-date.

It was moved by Helene Fitzgerald, Seconded by Mike Gagne, to adopt the Membership Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Stephen Walters
May 26/25*

FINANCE REPORT:

Kathy Barber presented the Finance Report for the Month of April 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 Harry Karpinsky.

MOTION CARRIED.

A copy of the Financials will be filed with the minutes should any member wish to view the statements.

SGT AT ARMS:

DARRELL UNRAU – NO REPORT (Excused from Meeting)

President Steve Walters reported that due to Mike Gagne's resignation that he has delegated the Chair to Darrell Unrau.

SPORTS:

DAVE PICH

Dave reported that Monday night drop in Darts ended May 5th. Legion Darts ended on May 8/25.

Wednesday afternoon 8-bal pool continuing starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday Fun Pool League at Rusty's 12:00 noon finished May 4th with the wind-up dinner scheduled for June 8th/25.

Drop in Cards are held on Tuesdays starting at 1:00 P.M.

We will be hosting the Provincial Crib Tournament on May 31st/25. Our defending team of Lynne and Mel Pearson are sponsored by B.C. Command. Also representing our Unit are June McLennan, Willie Webb, Steve Walters and Pat Calado.

There are Crib tournament singles held in the Unit every Friday commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Dave moved the adoption of the Sports Report, Seconded by Cheri Jackson.

MOTION CARRIED.

HOUSE REPORT:

President Walters reported that Darrell Unrau is re-assigned to the Sgt-At-Arms and Bylaws chairs. In the meantime Pat Calado, Dave Pich or Steve Walters will report.

ENTERTAINMENT: KAREN ZIEGLER

Karen reported that Friday night Karaoke is going very well as it always does.

A Dance/Jam was held May 10th. Not a great turn out but it was enjoyed by those who attended.

A Dinner/Dance is booked for June 28th with entertainment provided by Vic Ukranitz. Pat Calado is making BBQ Ribs & Roasted Potatoes, garlic bread and salad. Cost is \$25.00 for dinner and dance.

There are no functions booked July through August. September 27th is Oktoberfest with Vic Ukranitz booked again. Pat Calado will again be making the dinner. It was very successful last year and sure to be again this year.

Karen moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Marianne Belland.

MOTION CARRIED.

WAYS & MEANS PAT CALADO

Pat reported that Meat Draws for the Month brought in a total of \$3,432.00. After Meat Bill was paid the profit totaled \$791.38.

She reported that Bingo for the month of March totaled \$326.50 which goes into the Units Savings Account.

Pat is still looking for volunteers to help on the Meat Draw Table as well as Bingo on Sundays.

Pat moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Burpee Aitken.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLICITY REPORT: DACE PICH – No Report

President Steve Walters reported that he has an IT person coming in to help with the Website.

Moved by Dave Pich, seconded by Harry Karpinsky to adopt the reports

MOTION CARRIED.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:

President Wendy Finlayson was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report that was read by Phyllis Walters.

The L.A. had a short and sweet meeting on Wednesday May 14th with no up-coming events or plans. The Mother's Day Basket Raffle was a success and they will be holding another one for Thanksgiving. The last up-date on Jean Bigler was that she was back in the hospital with the flu. Next L.A. Meeting is scheduled for June 18th before the summer break.

Following a question on the winners of the Baskets it was reported that Pearl's Brother In Law won the 1st basket, a friend of Marianne Belland's won the 2nd and Harry Karpinsky won the 3rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Transfer of Title

President Walters reported that he and 1st Vice Dave Pich went to the Lawyers about starting the Procedures for the transfer of title. They should hear back in the next week.

He went on to thank everyone who made donations toward the new furnace and a.c. Units.

NEW BUSINESS

President Walters reported that with the donations from Members and the donation from the R.C. Legion the Furnace and A.C. Unit was paid also the donation of \$10,000.00 by Pat Calado by way of a promissory note was paid back to her.

President Walters further reported that he and Dave Pich were in contact with Lawyer re law suite regarding the roof repair. If we go for more than \$35,000.00 it would have to go to litigation. If we claim \$35,000.00 it could go to Small Claims Court. Small Claims Court is being recommended.

It was moved by Dave Pich, Seconded by Joan Dillon that we proceed with \$35,000.00 in Small Claims Court. **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Walters went on to report that he and Dave Pich proceeded with the loan at the Bank for \$36,000.00. The paper work is being kept at W.S. Accounting as legal documents. Payments on the loan are over 10 years with the option of paying it off. From whatever we get from the law suit will be applied immediately to the loan.

President Walters reported that he and Dave Pich will be attending Vernon and Kamloops to see how they deal with their finances. There is a need to get a good solid structure in place so that things are not being done twice. We are paying the Accountants Office for their Services but not using all their Services. A meeting of the Table Officers will be held to see what way we are going to procede.

ADJOURNMENT:

All rose to acknowledge King Charles III.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next General Meeting scheduled for June 21st/25 at 1:00 p.m.