

AGENDA
DISTRICT 2 MEETING
26 January, 2019
Branch #9, Spaniards Bay

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – September 22nd, 2018 at Branch 39 - Dildo
3. Business Arising
4. Branch reports:
 - a- Branch 09 - Spaniards Bay
 - b- Branch 15 - Harbour Grace
 - c- Branch 22 - Upper Island Cove
 - d- Branch 23 - Carbonear
 - e- Branch 32 - Bay Roberts
 - f- Branch 39 - Dildo
 - g- Branch 65 - Brigus
 - h- Charwood Manor Carbonear
5. New Business:
 - a- NL Command Updates – Province wide Bingo Games, Pilgrimage, etc.
6. Other Business:
 - a- Membership
 - b- Branch Finances
 - c- Annual Meeting/Elections
 - d- Upcoming events:
 - Next District Meeting
 - Darts & Cribbage: February 2nd, (Registration \$50 per team) – Branch 23 Carbonear
 - Provincial Darts & Cribbage: March 23 – Branch 10 (PCSP)
 - Battle of the Atlantic: May 05th – Branch 65 Brigus
 - NL Command Convention: August 24-28 – Branch 12 Grand Falls/Windsor
7. Closing Ritual

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Commander		Philip Wood	Commander	Present
Provincial Command		Berkley Lawrence	President	Present
Provincial Command		Paul Hillier	Executive Director	Present
Provincial Command		Brenda Slaney	Accounting Admin.	Present
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	Secretary	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Gordon Parsons	President	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Don Hutchings	Sgt at Arms	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	No Representative		
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Pamela Neil	President	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Terry Walsh	Secretary	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Mike Butt	President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Leslie Forward	1 st Vice President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evelyn	Chaplin	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ross Petten	President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Wallace Babcock	1 st Vice President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ernie Mugford	Membership Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Gary Badcock	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Patti Babcock	Member	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Ira Halfyard	President	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Don Reid	Secretary/Chaplin	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Mike Hedderson	1 st Vice President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Craig Pomeroy	Service Officer	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	David Barrett	Member	Present
Charwood Manor	Carbonear	Sarah Lawrence	Treasurer	Present

1. Welcome:

at 10:00 hrs Commander Comrade Philip Wood opened the meeting with the singing of "O Canada" and the Legion Ritual. He welcomed all the Presidents from every branch as well as Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence and mentioned the names of the many past Provincial Presidents from this District. He then introduced our visitors from Provincial Command: Comrade Paul Hillier, Executive Director and Comrade Brenda Slaney, Administrative Accountant. Next, he invited our host, Comrade Gordon Parsons, president of Branch 9 Spaniards Bay to say a few words of housekeeping.

⇒ Comrade Gordon Parsons was pleased at the number of participants in this meeting. He offered snack food as well as tea and coffee located at the back of the room and assured all present that soup and sandwiches will be available after the meeting and a bartender will also be available at that time.

- ⇒ Comrade Gordon Parsons also disclosed that in the 12 years he has been a member of this Branch, a District Meeting was never held here so he wishes to change this and have more meetings held at Branch 9.
- ⇒ Commander Comrade Philip Wood asked all present to sign the attendance sheet.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

paper copies of the Minutes of September 2nd, 2018 meeting were distributed to all present. Commander Comrade Philip Wood invited Comrade Nicole Badcock to read the Minutes.

- ⇒ Comrade Ernie Mugford offered that since a paper copy was available to all present, it was unnecessary to have the Minutes read.
- ⇒ Commander Comrade Philip Wood explained that people who attend the meetings change so it is important that the people present at one meeting be aware of what was said at the previous meeting. Another point is that I, as well as others, read many Minutes of different meetings so it is easy to forget things so in the end, it is just a choice.
- ⇒ Comrade Ernie Mugford then directed his next comment to the Provincial Commander concerning the Veterans in wheelchairs at the Flag raising ceremony. The first time he attended that event he positioned all the Veterans in wheelchairs at the front of the assembly so they could see, but at the last Flag raising event, all those Veterans were positioned at the back of the assembly so when everyone stood up for the raising of the Flag, those Veterans could not see anything. That is something that could easily be remedied.

Comrade Ross Petten moved to have the Minutes be accepted as read

Comrade Craig Pomeroy Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

3. Business arising:

- Commander Comrade Philip Wood commended and congratulated all present for their Remembrance Activities as they went very well.
- Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked all present for their participation in the Trinity Health Foundation Telethon; there were 10+ people to answer the phone calls every Branch contributed to a very nice donation.
- As for the Cannabis situation, Commander Comrade Philip Wood will let Comrade Paul Hillier discuss the topic later on.

4. Branch President Reports:

➤ Branch 09: Comrade Gordon Parsons, President said:

- ✓ Everybody wished they had more money.
- ✓ Church service, Proclamation of the signing, Flag raising, school assemblies and programs.
- ✓ Our annual Remembrance Day Dinner will be held later on.
- ✓ I'm happy to say that it will be our 40th years at hosting the Gary Churchill award for poster and essays.
- ✓ We use to have two Bingos but we had to cancel out the Tilton one so we have to figure out some way to make up that lost income of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

- ✓ Darts is doing fine, Texas hold'em is doing well.
 - ✓ Introduced Sgt at Arms Comrade Don Hutchings
 - ✓ We run an open mike the 2nd Sunday of every month at no cost to the Legion
 - ✓ Weddings and Anniversaries are very good this year.
 - ✓ Membership we have 110 members
 - ✓ We missed the New Horizon grant by a few days but the new application will be coming out in May.
- Branch 15: No representative and Commander Comrade Philip Wood did not receive any notification from the Branch.
- Branch 22: Comrade Pam Neil, President from Upper Island Cove introduced Branch Secretary, Comrade Terry Walsh then carried on with her report stating that:
- ✓ We are doing pretty well.
 - ✓ We did some catering over the summer with a couple of weddings.
 - ✓ We did a cold plate fundraiser that went very well.
 - ✓ We started a men and women's Dart League.
 - ✓ Our Poppy Campaign was not that great last year because usually the Army Cadets go door to door in the community. We can't go to the mall like in Bay Roberts or Carbonear because we don't have that privilege so we put containers in stores. The CLB leader called as they wanted to help so they did small subdivision areas in Upper Island Cove. We were really proud and thankful that they did that so we had a really good year for the Poppy Campaign.
 - ✓ November 11th we attended the St-Peter's Assembly for the Poster Contest from K to grade 9; we give a bit of money to the winners.
 - ✓ Remembrance Day service was really good, we had a big crowd and a good turn-out. After that we went to the Legion for lunch and great entertainment with a great bar.
 - ✓ We sponsor the Army Cadets League.
 - ✓ We plan on having a pizza night with the Cadets and the CLB for appreciation of the good job they did.
 - ✓ We have 2 cash Dart tournaments coming up
 - ✓ VLT are doing good.
 - ✓ Financially we are doing great.
 - ✓ We have a 50th Birthday party booked in.
 - ✓ We have 40 members right now and I can count on 6 people at any given time.
 - ✓ Our older Veterans have said that financially this year was the best in 20 years.
- Branch 23: Comrade Mike Butt, President, introduced Branch members Comrade Hal Evelyn, Branch Chaplin, Comrade Sarah Lawrence, Treasurer, Comrade Leslie Forward, 1st Vice President and Comrade Berkley Lawrence, 2nd Vice President, then reported that:
- ✓ Branch 23 had a good year in 2018.
 - ✓ We held many successful events especially the end of the year with our Remembrance Parade and Banquet, we had a successful ringing of the Bells of Peace to which a lot of children participated in, our bell ringer rang it 100 without breaking it.

- ✓ The Remembrance Banner is a project that we have on the go and it is very successful. We are up to 70 banners now; they will be going up in June and coming down in September because of the high winds and weather conditions here in Newfoundland.
 - ✓ Our Poppy Campaign was very successful this year, we raised \$15,500.00; thank you to Comrade Gord Goodman Chairman of the Poppy Committee for his hard and relentless work. Comrade Sue Lee gave him a hand with it.
 - ✓ Jam sessions still on the go but not as good as when we first started.
 - ✓ Live music every second Saturday night is very successful.
 - ✓ Texas hold'em every Tuesday night is very successful so we can donate to different causes.
 - ✓ Seniors card game once a month.
 - ✓ We are proud to support the 589 Air Cadets and the 2615 Army Cadets.
 - ✓ We awarded 5 scholarships totaling \$2,500.00 last year: 2 x \$500.00 went to Br 23, 50th anniversary scholarship, 1 x \$500.00 went to Br 23, Past President scholarship, 1 x \$500.00 went to the 589 Air Cadets, 1 x \$500.00 went to the 2615 Army Cadets.
 - ✓ Membership is roughly 165 members at present time.
 - ✓ Right now we are getting our financial statement in order so we can have our AGM and Election of Officers on February 24th.
 - ✓ March 2nd will be our Installation of Officers and Honours and Awards Dinner and Dance.
 - ✓ February 2nd is the District Darts and Crib Tournament in Carbonear.
 - ✓ Our club is a little slow since the New Year came in but the VLT machines keep us going during those low times.
 - ✓ We hope to get new faces after the elections in order new ideas to keep going.
- Commander Comrade Philip Wood commented on the Bells of Peace being a very successful project throughout the Province and a lot of pictures from this District were posted on Social Media. He commended everyone for it, especially Comrade Hal Evely for ringing the Bell on the very cold day of November 11th.
- Branch 32: Comrade Ross Petten introduced Branch members Comrade Ernie Mugford Membership, Comrade Eric Mercer Service Officer, Comrade Gary Badcock, Comrade Patti Babcock, Comrade Wallace Babcock, 1st Vice-President, Comrade Nicole Badcock and Comrade Philip Wood, he commented that it was nice to see so many members from the Branch and then offered this report:
 - ✓ Membership last year we had 175 members and as of now, we have 123 members paid-up members for 2019.
 - ✓ We now have 2 full-time and 1 part-time bartenders and they are working out very well.
 - ✓ We hold a Jam Session every month and they are very successful.
 - ✓ We hold several Matinees during the year that draw a big crowd.
 - ✓ We hold BBQs each month from May to November; they are well attended.
 - ✓ We hold Community Breakfasts 4 or 5 times a year; they are always a crowd pleaser.
 - ✓ We hold several Dinner and Dances during the year, especially over Christmas. They are good for us financially as they are popular with members and the public.
 - ✓ Chase the Ace has started up again; we haven't had much luck in the past so we are hoping for a better outcome this time.

- ✓ May 24th was the Seafood Festival that was sold out and very successful in bar sales.
- ✓ We had a Santa Claus party for the kids at our Branch; we received donations for the contents of the bags given to each child. Thank you to our piano player, Clarence Mercer, and Santa himself (Bill Dawe).
- ✓ We held a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance as well as an Old Christmas Day Dinner and Dance; both were successful and all had a good time.
- ✓ November 3rd we had the Minister of Veteran's Affairs Shamus O'Reagan attend our Remembrance Dinner.
- ✓ November 11th Parade and event were very successful, great crowd attended
- ✓ Our Poppy Campaign went well again as we collected over \$19,625.00. Thank you to Comrade Eric Mercer as he puts a lot of effort and hard work to make the Campaign a success and thank you to everyone who manned the cans. One mall was given to Spaniards Bay but all in all, everything went well.
- ✓ We were very lucky to be awarded between an ACOA and a JCP Grant the sum of \$75,000.00 that ran from October 2017 to January 2018. The money was used to upgrade the Marina, replace the floating docks, repairs to the wharf and added a new patio door to the deck; the Marina is in great shape now. We were able to employ 5 local people for the project. Thank you to Comrade Wallace for the help to put the floating docks out.
- ✓ We will be getting a liquor license for the new patio.
- ✓ We have been awarded a \$25,000.00 grant for the New Horizons Project. The work cannot start until after the announcement has been made at our Installation of Officer's event on February 23rd but we have had confirmation from the Honourable Ken McDonald that the grant is approved. A lot of money is available for grants but it takes a lot of work by dedicated members in Executive Positions in the Branch to get it done.
- ✓ Unfortunately on March 8th 2018 our Branch was held up. The culprits got away with \$2,350.00. We are grateful that no one was hurt. The culprits were caught but we had to make a claim to our insurance company in order to get the money back. As a result of this event we made lots of changes to our building like: the front door is locked permanently, the ATM machine is bolted to the floor and a Panic button connected directly to the RCMP office in Bay Roberts was installed. We had changed to PIB Insurance just a few months before that; had we not, we would have never got that money back because the deductible with the previous Insurance Company was \$5,000.00. All we needed was the RCMP report and PIB Insurance paid the money right away.
- ✓ Last year we applied for a summer student and got one, Nick Hiscock. He did a lot of good work for us. We will apply for another one this year.
- ✓ We got a moose license last year and we got one again this year. Thank you to Donnie Bradbury for getting the moose and for cooking burgers at our Jam Sessions and Matinees. Every time he comes he makes 30-40 burgers.
- ✓ In November our Legion sign blew off of our building in the big windstorm and we never found it. Aqua Fisheries (Aquaforte) graciously donated a new aluminum Legion sign of 4' high by 16' long showing their 2"x 2" logo at the bottom corner of the sign; it will be erected as soon as the weather permits.

- ✓ Financially our Branch is healthy despite the fact that the VLT sales are down by \$40,000.00 from previous years due to the economic downturn. We hold more events to make up for it.
 - ✓ Upcoming events: we have a dance tonight with music by Lloyd Snow who always draw a big crowd, on February 2nd we have a Matinee with Kevin Parsons and the Boys, on February 9th we hold a dance with DJ Kevin Russell; it's a Fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, on February 16th we have Comrade Ernie Mugford's 74th birthday which always draws a crowd so come and enjoy a dance and fun, on February 23rd at we have the Installation of Officers Dinner and Dance.
 - ✓ We will be participating in the NL Jackpot bingo on NTV that will start on February 17th; we will give it a try.
 - ✓ We have a website (www.rclbranch32nl.ca) as well as a Facebook page. We use these to advertise our events. Thanks to Comrade Gary Badcock and Comrades Wallace and Patti Babcock for keeping them up to date for our members as well as the public.
 - ✓ I wish to thank all my Comrades at the Branch for working so tirelessly at making us so successful.
 - ✓ We will be sending 3 Delegates to the Convention in August; the rooms have already been booked.
 - ✓ I am considering running again for the position of Provincial Command President and I would humbly ask for your support.
- Branch 39: Comrade Ira Halfyard, President, introduced himself and Branch member Comrade Don Reid, Secretary and the Chaplin of the Branch, then he disclosed in his report that:
- ✓ We support 3 Cadets Corps and 1 CLB Corps.
 - ✓ The Poppy Campaign was successful this year; we raised over \$6,500.00.
 - ✓ Currently we have 38 paid members.
 - ✓ Our Election of Officers will be at our next meeting in February.
 - ✓ In December we presented 3x \$1,000.00 Scholarships for post-secondary education. That money came out of our General Funds and not the Poppy Fund.
 - ✓ We had a good turn-out for November 11th, we were very well represented at the 5 Cenotaphs, a good crowd attended and came back to the Branch for soup and sandwiches afterward.
 - ✓ Things are a little slower now, not much on the go but we are holding our own.
- Branch 65: Comrade Gerald Mercer, President, introduced Branch members Comrade Mike Hedderson, 1st Vice President, Comrade Craig Pomeroy, Service Officer and Comrade David Barrett, Member and Veteran, then disclosed that:
- ✓ Membership: 36 paid-up members and 3 applications pending.
 - ✓ We do support one Sea Cadets Corps with 45 Cadets and a Naval League Cadet Corps with 18 Cadets.
 - ✓ Our building is pretty busy during the week: one night is Sea Cadets, one night is Naval League then we have Zumba class twice a week and the 50+ club twice a week.
 - ✓ We applied for a student grant for the 8 weeks summer program.

- ✓ We received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Federal Government for the very much needed 2 new washroom facilities in our building.
 - ✓ Several weddings and anniversary parties are booked for this year.
 - ✓ Business has increased at our Branch in the past few months; VLTs are doing very well, Chase the Ace has picked up in the past three weeks as it is over \$6,000.00 now; it draws a big crowd.
 - ✓ We applied and received our Moose license and we have our moose so we are set now for any activity coming up.
 - ✓ Our Poppy Campaign was a great success.
 - ✓ We sent 2 members with their wives to Grand Falls for the Service Officer and Poppy Officer training; it was a great training weekend.
 - ✓ November 11th Parade in Brigus was a great success; we had 20+ Canadian Forces personal from the Royal Regiment, our local Cadets Corps and the Fire Department. The Bells of Peace attracted a large crowd to St. George's Church in Brigus. Our Secretary rang the Bell 100 times with a hammer.
 - ✓ Construction has started on a new addition to our building 25 by 52. It will house new washrooms and 2 new multipurpose rooms that can be used by the two Cadet Corps and by the general public who use our building.
- Commander Comrade Philip Wood commented that perhaps there might be some compensation for the years through some program. Then he thanked all and commended all for their presentation and efforts.
 - Comrade Hal Evely suggested that we should take a five minute break to which Commander Comrade Philip Wood agreed.
 - Comrade Ernie Mugford suggested to everyone present that a paper copy of the report from each branch be given to the Secretary as she cannot capture everything. Suggestion that was truly supported and appreciated by the Secretary because even with a recorder, many items are lost by noise and tone of voice.
 - Commander Comrade Philip Wood reconvened the meeting with first of all having a picture taken of all present as a group in front of the Flags, then the next report:
- Charwood Manor: Comrade Sarah Lawrence offered:
- ✓ Charwood Manor is in Carbonear and it is owned by all of us; the 6 Branches of District 2.
 - ✓ The Executives are: Comrade Charley Piercey Chairman, Comrade Ross Petten Vice Chairman, I am the Treasurer and Comrade Sue Anne Pye from Bay Roberts is the Secretary.
 - ✓ We had one vacancy come up last Wednesday and within one half-hour the vacancy was filled so everything is going well.
 - ✓ We had a flood in one of the cottages last summer because the water tank in the apartment broke and the water seeped under the floor unnoticed so 2 apartments were damaged. With the PIB Insurance, within a very short time the repairs were started. The people were out for about a month but all is back to normal now.

- ✓ Because of that, all the water tanks are now moved in the crawl-space so that should not happen again.
- ✓ Thank you to all the Branches for your donations for the new chairs for the Manor, all the tenants were very thankful for the much more comfortable chairs.
- ✓ We're in the process of doing our budget for the next year, it's been sent to NL Housing so hopefully we'll get some money from them in order to do some extra work. We have put in a long wish list but we don't know if we'll get anything yet.
- ✓ Our Chairman Comrade Charley has been very ill so he has not been around much in the last year because his cancer is back.
- ✓ Our next meeting in next Wednesday.

5. New Business:

- Commander Comrade Philip Wood invited Comrade Paul Hillier from Provincial Command to say a few words:
 - a) Cannabis: we had only one issue with one Branch this year and my suggestion is to call the RCMP if you have any issues. The laws are the same for alcohol or smoking in the building or whatever else the issue might be.
 - b) Provincial Bingo: Comrade Brenda and I are not Command, we are only staff. The Provincial Executive are there to make the decision and we are there to give them the information required so if you need to know anything, call us. We had a meeting with Mr. Ed Clancey and his group from Atlantic Star Bingo and they presented a briefing to our Executive Members and we asked Mr. Clancey to send a letter to the District Commanders to send to the Branches telling them all that is involved in it and what benefit you could gain from it. That letter was sent around the first week after the Christmas break in January. From that point our understanding was that the Branches would get back to our District Commanders with feed back as to which Branch was interested so we could give Atlantic Star an indication of what kind of support we had behind us. The Executives did not want to make a decision without the input from the Branches because the Branches are the ones to do the leg work. If you want to get involved, you must understand that you will have to call Provincial Command office to order your Bingo cards just like you order your Nevadas, then Command will contact Atlantic Star who will send you your Bingo cards. You have to distribute your cards so if you're going to sell them at a store or a gas station and after the Bingo you will have to go back to those stores, pick up the money for the sold cards as well as the cards that did not sell, return all to Provincial Command and Atlantic Star will pick them up. The Branch will make \$1.00 for every card that has been sold. But you have to understand that the cost to send the money plus the unsold cards back to Provincial Command will come out of that \$1.00; a point that was not clear to us when we had the meeting. That is how it was explained to one of the District Commanders by Mr. Clancey. I will tell you that it takes a committed volunteer to do this but if you sell enough cards you can make some money out of it. A lot of feedback that we are getting is that there are not enough volunteers to commit that amount of time to distribute and pick up; it take 2 or 3 days a week to do all that. It is all up to the Branches, if you want to do it, the Provincial Command will fully support you. Some Branches have been contacted by Ed because you are considering getting involved in this; we just need your feedback so we can know what is going on and get more involved in it.
 - Comrade Wallace Babcock offered his experience with a similar Endeavour with the Lion's Club. It's pretty much the same: 14 weeks before Christmas and 14

weeks after Christmas. With the Radio Bingo, the money comes to the Lion's Club, we have to put it in the Bank, at the end of the 14 weeks we send them a report of how many cards were sold, how many card were returned and the money and we write them a full check for the money we collected. Then they go through their files, they know how many cards you sold and give you a percentage and send us a cheque so there is no back and forth expense every week. Comrade Paul Hillier asked that this information be sent to him in an email in order to discuss this at Command with Ed and work out a good solution; Comrade Ross Petten agreed to make sure it gets done.

- Comrade Gordon Parsons inquired about a cut of the profit the store or gas station might demand. Comrade Paul Hillier answered that usually such business do not ask for it but that situation would have to be dealt with by the Branch but it is unwise to offer a cut.
- Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed all present that when Command was approached about the Bingo, there was only a short time. They wanted to start the Bingo in February but the proposal was made in mid-December so our feedback was that the time was too short for us to give you an answer. We have 2 people working in our office so if 20 Branches decide to get involved with the Star Alliance Bingo then 20 Branches will start sending used tickets, money, unsold cards and reports to Command for 2 of our staff to try to handle so we explained to Star Alliance that Command could not get involved with the February start. We told them that if they wanted to talk to the Branches on their own, that they could but for Command to get involved, we requested that they have an employee in our office to do the work which they agreed upon would start in September. They are trying to push this to the Branches for February but we don't have all the answers to the questions being asked today so my recommendation to Mr. Clancey was: "We told you that from the Command perspective, we cannot be involved in the February Bingo. If the Branches want to get involved, it's up to them but when the money starts coming in to Command, we will not be able to handle it." In theory on paper, it sounds like a very good proposal. The numbers that they gave us reflected the numbers of the Radio Bingo and if they sell only 50% of what the Radio Bingo sells, Provincial Command will make a lot of money because Provincial Command gets 25% of all the tickets sold across the Province. If they match the Radio Bingo, Command is looking at getting \$100,000.00 a year but we need to have people in the office to handle the paperwork which we don't have.
- Comrade Paul Hillier advised that eventually the staff will be handling it but himself and Comrade Brenda Slaney cannot handle that work piled up on top of what they are already handling. The salary of the staff that will be hired to do the job will be coming out of that profit. They told us that they will provide a staff to start with but when it is established, we will have to provide a staff to do the job.
- Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence added that this would increase Provincial Command staff by one person. That person would look after the Bingo but would also assist the two staff members with all the other things that we have to do in the office. It looks like a win-win situation but we are just not prepared for the February draw. If they would have waited until June or July to start the first one then we would have been well prepared and encouraged a lot more Branches to participate.
- Comrade Don Hutchings brought up the problem Branch 9 encountered in regards to the license for Bingo games in the past. Provincial Command President

Comrade Berkley Lawrence assured him that the Branch is not running the Bingo therefore the license is held by Atlantic Star Alliance only but it will be checked to be sure.

- c) Trail of the Caribou Pilgrimage: the deadline for the nominations of Veterans and Chaperones is the 8 February 2019; we take 4 Chaperones and 4 Veterans.
- d) Support to Cadets: a reminder that if you use the Poppy Trust Fund money to sponsor them, the expenditure forms must be sent to Provincial Command for approval prior to you donating those funds.
- e) Commander Comrade Philip Wood inquired for an update in regard to the Contest winners, Comrade Paul Hillier responded that they are with the judges at this time. The deadline to have our winners at Dominion is 15 February.
- f) Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed all present that he will be going to Ottawa the 13-14 April for the Dominion Executive Council Meeting so the Provincial Executive Meeting will take place the weekend before in order to bring any points from Newfoundland to the Dominion Executive for the Dominion Convention.

6. Other Business:

- a- Branch Finances: a reminder that the Finance report must be brought forward and approved prior to your Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Commander Comrade Philip Wood offered his services to any Branch who needs it.
- b- Next District Meetings will be before school closes so the 2nd or 3rd week of June
- c- February 2nd: Darts and Cribbage Tournament at Branch 23 Carbonear, registration for every team is \$50.00, cheque payable to Provincial Command. Comrade Mike Butt from Branch 23 asked that all Branches tell him or Comrade Berkley Lawrence how many teams for Cribbage and how many team for Darts each Branch is sending; each Branch complied right away. Comrade Paul Hillier mentioned that if teams are paying with cash, to kindly put a note stating which Branch paid in cash as it would be a great help at Command.
- d- March 23rd: Provincial Darts and Cribbage Tournament at Branch 10 Portugal Cove/St-Philips.
- e- Battle of the Atlantic: Sunday May 5th at Branch 65 Brigus; start time is usually 2:00 pm. Commander Comrade Philip Wood encouraged all the Branches in District 2 to send representatives as every Branch gets to lay a wreath and those are the only wreaths laid at this event.
- f- NL Command Convention: August 24-28, 2019 at Branch 12 Grand Falls/Windsor. Any questions can be directed to the District Commander or directly to Provincial Command Office. The minimum members from each Branch to be sent is 2 but for a Branch with 50 or less members, only 1 member can be sent to the Convention. Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence clarified that during that Convention, a Resolution will be passed to make the minimum 2 members.
- g- Commander Comrade Philip Wood announced that at the Convention, he will offer his services for a second term as District Commander and may be looking at positions of Vice President at the Provincial level.
- h- Comrade Ira Halfyard inquired about the CF1 card in regards to luggage with Air Canada. Comrade Ernie Mugford responded very quickly with his own experience. The CF1 card entitles you to 200lb of luggage with Air Canada, West Jet and now Porter. This entitlement is

only for Veterans. Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed all present that the Military is in the process of re-issuing the old NDI 75 card for Veterans. As a retired Military member, you will be notified as to when you can apply for this card. The CF1 card for spouses entitles them to shop in American PXs, Canadian Canex, get travel discounts, it can be used at other NATO Forces facilities; you can go to the site to verify all entitlements. Comrade Ernie Mugford added that local businesses accept the CF1 card as well: Sportcheck gives a 15% discount, VIA Rail, and the Gulf ferry; it is worth having.

- i- Comrade Pamela Neil had a question about Branch By-laws. Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed her that any Branch By-laws cannot circumvent the Provincial By-laws which cannot circumvent Dominion By-laws. As long as a member is in good standing he can participate in sports but as an Executive Member and President, you can choose to not support financially a player. You can write in your By-laws that if a person is not an active member of the Branch, if he does not attend a number of meetings or does not volunteer for anything, he is still eligible to participate but the Branch is not financially responsible for his support.
- j- Comrade Don Hutchings had a question concerning the flags at funerals; which flag to drape over coffins and in what circumstance. Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence assured all that the information is covered in the Legion Ritual and Awards manual. It tells you who is entitled to what but it won't tell you what flag is draped over the coffin because that is the decision of the family. Only an Ordinary member gets a Flag with the Legion Ritual so if the family requests a flag for any other member, than it does not receive a Legion Ritual.
- k- Comrade Don Hutchings thanked Comrades Lawrence and Hillier for the plaque to be presented in March at the Beatrice Potter School a Primary school in England who has looked after 17 Newfoundland graves over the last few years. I will present it for the Provincial Command .

8. Closing

Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked everyone and closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem" at 12:15hrs.