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June 15, 2019
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MINUTES
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - DISTRICT 2 MEETING
June 15, 2019 @ 10:00 am
Branch 15 – Harbour Grace

District Commander	Philip Wood	Commander	Present
Provincial Command	Berkley Lawrence	President	Present
Acting Secretary	Patti Babcock	Acting Secretary	Present
Branch 09 Spaniards Bay	Paul Sheppard	President	Present
Branch 09 Spaniards Bay	Don Hutchings	Sgt at Arms	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Paulette Morrissey	President	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Christine G	Past President	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Barbara Sample	Secretary	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Gerry Burnett	Second Vice	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Jean Burnett	Poppy Chair	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Florence Tucker	Member	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Tyson Purcell	Member	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Ed Hayes	Member	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Janet Mercer	Member	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Terry Hearn	Member	Present
Branch 15 Harbour Grace	Forbes Parsons	Member	Present
Branch 22 Upper Island Cove	Bernice Coombs	President	Present
Branch 22 Upper Island Cove	Keith Coombs	2 nd Vice President	Present
Branch 23 Carbonear	Hal Evely	President	Present
Branch 23 Carbonear	Mike Butt	Past President	Present
Branch 23 Carbonear	Leslie Forward	Secretary	Present
Branch 23 Carbonear	Gary Laing	Executive	Present
Branch 23 Carbonear	Trudi Dominie	Member	Present
Branch 32 Bay Roberts	Wallace Babcock	1 st Vice President	Present
Branch 39 Dildo	Ira Halfyard	President	Present
Branch 39 Dildo	Gordon Reid	Treasurer	Present
Branch 65 Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Branch 65 Brigus	Mike Hedderson	1 st Vice President	Present
Charwood Manor Carbonear	Sarah Lawrence	Treasurer	Present

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome

Colour party and welcome by District Commander Comrade Philip Wood. Comrade Philip Wood thanked host Branch 15.

Comrade Paulette Morrissey thanked all for coming and hoped we would have a successful meeting and summer.

Comrade Philip Wood welcomed Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence. Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence is wrapping up his time as president of Provincial Command. District 2 has a close knit connection to Provincial Command as we have had a number of members in Provincial Command positions.

Comrade Nicole Badcock is not able to attend the meeting today and Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked Comrade Patti Babcock who gladly accepted to do the minutes for today. Secretary is not a job easily undertaken.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood reminded those in attendance to sign the sign-up sheet at the back as the record of attendance is a part of the official minutes.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting Held at Branch 9 – Spaniard’s Bay – January 26, 2019

Looking for errors and omissions. Some corrections were made prior to today’s meeting.

Comrade Paul Sheppard Spaniard’s Bay moved to have the minutes be accepted as read.

Comrade Gerald Mercer from Brigus seconded the Motion.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Business Arising

- There was some discussion of a CLB Resolution that will be coming to the convention this summer dealing with using monies from the Poppy Fund to donate to the CLB. You can allow the Poppy Fund to support cadet corps and NL is asking if the CLB can receive similar funding from the Poppy Fund. This resolution is originating is from Branch 32. The CLB is very active in the fundraising for the Poppy Campaign in the Bay Roberts area and also helps with branch dinners and the branch is looking for some equality for funding.
- Commander Comrade Philip Wood shared some news. This is his last meeting as District Commander as he will be offering himself as Second Vice President at the Provincial BGM but will not be offering himself as District Commander. This is an opportunity for everyone to fill the position if they so desire. Leaving a position is often to allow other members to have a way to serve the Legion. The District Commander position is less stressful than Provincial Command. Please keep this in mind if you are considering this post. If there is a quorum, the District Commander position will have an election at the convention in GFW. Comrade Wood thanked everyone for their support over the last two years. Events were held at each branch over the last year. Whenever anyone was asked to do something or host an event they accepted right away. Comrade Wood tried to rotate hosting activities around as much as possible. THANKS for your cooperation over the last two years. Comrade Philip Wood expressed that his decision was not based out of anger or frustration but to give another the opportunity to experience the position.
- Commander Philip Wood asked for other business arising. There was none.

4. Branch Reports:

Branch 09 – Spaniard’s Bay - Comrade President Paul Sheppard

Paul’s father was president as well as his uncle so Comrade Paul has a history with the branch. He is very glad to take on the position of Branch 9 President. The branch has lots of members and only so many “true” members. Comrade Paul has a goal to recruit new members. He is proud to be a member of Branch 9.

There are a lot of events going on at Branch 9 that are bringing in some needed revenue, such as darts (men and women), Poker nights and tournaments. Open mic every two weeks is a great success.

Branch 9 is in the process of trying to bring a facelift to the branch. They are applying for funding through grants to meet the needs of the branch.

The membership is staying strong and they have more members approaching them to join. Branch 9 functions are on the rise. They have 9 weddings booked so far for the next year. Their bingo has changed over the past year. They lost the Tilton bingo which was a great loss of revenue for the branch. They lost \$25,000 per year because of this. They needed to get innovative. The regular bingo games do really well. They now have 4 Special Bingos

planned throughout the year. The first one in May was a great success. They have another one planned in the near future. These will indeed take away some of the loss from the Tilton bingo.

As well, they are planning to introduce some Saturday matinees. They are in the planning stages of their first one and it will be advertised in the near future. They will try not to interfere with Bay Roberts' matinees.

One of Comrade Paul's main goals for the Legion is indeed honouring our veterans. This past week a group of comrades from Branch 9 went to the long term care facility, Private Josiah Squibb Pavilion, in Carbonear to do just that. Mr. Jack Mercer was presented with a quilt of Valor. What a way to honour any veteran. This quilt was hand made in Carbonear and included in embroidery the list of service of Mr. Jack Mercer.

In the next couple of weeks Branch 9 will take pride in replacing the flowers on Veteran's Memorial Highway. They are waiting for the frost to pass. Each branch takes their turn planting the flowers.

The branch is in the process of organizing the 40th anniversary of the Gary Churchill Memorial Scholarship. This was an initiative that started a long relationship between Branch 9 and Holy Redeemer school. Plans for this night will include a cocktail hour, past winners, a dinner and an accumulation of past winners' essays presented in book form to the Legion. 40 essay winners from the past will be invited back for the night as well as dignitaries and past presidents. This event is still in the planning stages. It is being organized by three former teachers.

Branch 9 is looking forward to the partnership with the Bay Roberts branch in the effort of introducing the cadet corps back into Branch 9.

Comrade Paul is looking forward to attending the upcoming BGM NL Command Convention this August in GFW along with Comrade Todd Crane.

Commander Comrade Philip congratulated Comrade Don Hutchings from Branch 9 who will be participating in the Pilgrimage this year.

Branch 15 – Harbour Grace - Comrade President Paulette Morrissey

Branch 15 is 41 members strong and very busy and always campaigning for new members. They are in a new building and have stripped the building out themselves with all members doing the work.

This branch was turned down twice by ACOA and New Horizons, because they are not physically in the building. They met with ACOA to learn more about the building and looked at blueprints and discussed the vision of the branch. ACOA was impressed but could not help because ACOA does not do funding for infrastructure however she gave them ideas for funding.

In April Branch 15 ran a goods bingo. They had a lot of support and fun. This was a real learning curve. They are holding another goods bingo in September. Easter Basket sales took place as well. This is an annual event.

A local soccer team is going to England and is hurting the fundraising for all other groups in the community.

The branch had a moose breakfast hosted in the Masonic Hall. It was very successful. They did receive a charitable moose donation.

In May the branch held a wonderful church service for the Battle of Atlantic as well as a beautiful wreath service.

The branch held the CLB inspection and supports cadets with monetary donations. Lots of members sponsor awards.

The branch did a presentation with the Girl Guides and Brownies. The Girl Guides wanted to learn flag etiquette.

Monetary donations are given and also the branch made a donation to St. Francis school to support their breakfast program as they support us.

40 Grade 8 students came into the Legion for a WW I and II presentation and members also spoke to students about their travels. This was a huge success and will continue. Both teachers and students were impressed. The students were extremely well behaved.

Branch 15 works with the town of Harbour Grace and hosted last year's Garden Party and plan to do the same this year.

12 and under soccer is to be sponsored by the branch. They will supply the trophy and medals for the teams.

Branch 15 has a banner program for the town and suggests to other branches that if they do the same to really look at prices for hardware. They are doing this for the town and it costs much more than expected.

On June 30th we are all invited to attend "Hats in High Fashion". This will be an afternoon tea with some prizes and surprises with a donation at the door.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood said how nice it is to hear about how active the branches are in the communities and how much we do.

Branch 22 – Upper Island Cove - Comrade President Bernice Coombs

Comrade President Bernice Coombs is a newly elected President.

The branch is doing well.

They support Army Cadets and CLB.

Branch 22 has 36 members paid up.

There are a few events planned for this summer.

Branch 22 had two teams who won district darts and one team which came in second place at provincials. Their dart team also went to St. John's. They did not win there but had a great time.

Branch 23 – Carbonear - Comrade President Hal Evelyn

Comrade Hal Evelyn is the new branch president.

Branch 23 has 167 members but they are experiencing poor attendance at general meetings. They are disappointed that they only get 30-40 members to attend.

They have held various functions. There was a Patsy Cline impersonator and unfortunately they never sold enough tickets and had to cancel this event.

Last year they had The Wounded Warriors, a popular band, and this was also poorly attended.

Branch 23 still sponsors the 589 Air Cadets and the 2615 Army Cadets in Victoria. They are doing well and do a lot of fundraising on their own.

Recently Branch 23 started their Chase the Ace. They started at \$1,500. The branch paved their parking lot with money from the last Chase the Ace. They will give money to the cadets from this Chase the Ace draw.

The Branch also has Texas Holdem senior card games.

Catering is down. The building is not extra large and competition from another building in town.

They had a double booking recently and lost money on a good bar.

Branch 23 received a grant for 4 people to do some extensive interior painting. They recently had a new office relocated downstairs and will be moving into that after some wiring is done which will give them more storage room.

The branch had a major plumbing problem and there was a big renovation due to that.

There is a lot of competition in Carbonear with the revitalization of Water Street and new cafés and restaurants and catering companies are popping up. This is really cutting into the income of the Legion and this really hurts the bar. The branch is however seeing other

revenues. The plumbing problem cut into the building fund but the grant is helping them to get renovations done.

There is an upcoming Legion BBQ on July 6th. The Legion supplies the salads and you supply your own meat.

The branch received the special license to drink beer under the overhang.

Their annual "Excursion Around the Bay" is planned for the 13th of July. They go to Brigus and work their way back down the bay by bus. This event is open to all branches. Meet in Carbonear. Pay \$20 for lunch which includes the cost of the gas for the bus. They have music with them and play at branches. This activity is like a Pub Crawl. The bus leaves the Carbonear Legion at 11:30. The bus stops at Bay Roberts and Spaniard's Bay. Brigus serves the lunch which will be moose burgers and sausages and soup and sandwiches.

Comrade Hal says he has big shoes to fill and he has a good executive. Comrade Mike is a big support as past president.

Comrade Hal wished a Belated Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to all those present.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked Comrade Hal for his report.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood spoke about grants and talked about how some branches are successful. Speak to your MPs for more information about the grants and applications.

Branch 32 – Bay Roberts- Comrade Wallace Babcock First Vice President

All is well at our branch.

The roof has totally been re-shingled and shortly the inside repairs from damage done by the leaks in the roof will begin.

Once our interior damage repairs are completed the inside renovations will begin to our bar and kitchen areas with monies from our Horizons grant.

Regular Jam sessions and Matinees are ongoing with great success on Saturday afternoons. Comrade Donnie Bradbury is doing well with the making and selling of moose burgers at Jam sessions and Matinees. We have made in excess of \$1,000 to date from sales of moose burgers.

Our Chase the Ace is beginning to grow. The Jackpot is over \$2,600 this week. We are just starting to make money from this fundraiser. Feel free to come and support us for this event on Thursday nights.

NTV Jackpot Bingo has earned over \$11,000.00 for our branch. This was a very successful endeavor for our branch. It takes about a day to organize and deliver the Bingo cards.

Material has been ordered to repair the east end of the wharf. The material should be here in the next couple of days. These repairs will be completed by Branch 32 members.

Boaters are beginning to return and it is beginning to look like a full marina again with a wait list for boaters wanting a space at the wharf.

Sunday June 16th we are having our annual Father's Day breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

This is usually well supported by the community with the regular volunteers in the kitchen. We received a grant for \$1100 to help with our Canada Day celebrations. We will be selling moose burgers on Canada Day.

Regular BBQ's have begun. Our next BBQ is on June 18th. These are attended mostly by branch members. All Legion members are welcome to join us. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The steaks and chops are delicious and there are ample salads and baked potatoes and mushrooms and onions as well as dessert included for \$25 per person.

We are holding regular crib games on Friday afternoons. This brings in a small amount revenue to the branch as there is not much activity at the bar for this weekly event, but it does provide an activity for many in the community.

On June 22nd there is a Matinee with Kevin Mercer. This is a fundraiser.

On June 23rd our annual Memorial Service and wreath laying ceremony will be taking place at St. Luke's Anglican Church Port de Grave at 11 a.m.

On June 29th we are hosting our Honours and Awards Dinner & Dance with music by the Coombs Brothers.

On July 1st we will parade to the Canada Day Service at 2 pm at the Bay Roberts Cenotaph followed by entertainment and activities at the Branch.

We also have a number of bookings for events at the branch.

Comrades Wallace and Patti attended the breakfast at Branch 15. It was an excellent breakfast and an excellent idea to sell Legion bracelets.

We recently received the license for our patio.

Comrade Wallace is disappointed that the Branch 32 dart league does not contribute to the Legion.

As other branches have mentioned, we are also having difficulties getting the general membership to attend functions.

All are invited to attend any of our activities and have some fun at Branch 32.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood explained that comrade Eric Mercer has the gout and called to send his regrets. Comrade Ross Petten, President of Branch 32 is attending Coast Guard Auxiliary meetings in British Columbia this week and also regrets that he could not attend today's meeting.

Branch 39 – Dildo – Comrade President Ira Halfyard

They have 37 current paid members.

The branch covers 5 cenotaphs with another under construction in Whiteway which should be ready by November. The branch is hoping for some other branches to help support.

On June 30th Run the Rock comes to the branch for the Children's Wish Foundation. The branch provides sandwiches and does a collection for this cause.

Branch 39 supports three cadet corps (Sea Cadets in New Harbour, Army Cadets in Whitbourne and Chapel Arm) and one CLB corps in New Harbour.

On July 1st Branch 39 will hold services to cover 5 cenotaphs.

They are stretched pretty thin. Only 14 -15 people regularly support Legion events.

Financially the branch should survive for 15 more years. They will remain financially ok with the money from the sale of their building.

Branch 65 – Brigus - Comrade President Gerald Mercer

Branch 65 has been active in the last two or three years. The branch is up to 39 members.

They support two cadet corps.

50 Plus Club uses their building twice a week for their activities.

Branch 65 are applying for grants. They received a \$50,000 grant for new washroom facilities and two classrooms for the cadets. This is very important. It is not suitable to teach cadets out of a kitchen.

The branch applied for a student grant and received one for 8 weeks to do some work over the summer. Last year's student worked on the flower beds and cleaned up the place.

Construction on new washrooms is ongoing.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation have had meetings at the branch and recently the branch received a brand new defibrillator for their building.

Branch 65 is always doing upgrades to complete their new fire alarm system.

The government does not seem to be very helpful or cooperative in assisting.

The branch has upgraded their security system and have 12 cameras on their premises.

They have a buzzer system to get into the building late at night.

The branch is spending money they have made.

The VLTs are doing well.

The branch made \$24,000 on Chase the ace and their 50/50 money went to the two cadet corps. A new Chase the Ace has begun. The branch partnered with the Fire Department in Brigus. The two organizations are working together for the fundraiser.

The Battle of the Atlantic Parade was a great big success. Thanks to Commander Comrade Philip Wood, Comrade Titford and Comrade Hutchings and others for the success of the day. The branch will be selling moose burgers in July. The bar does well.

Cadets are encouraged to go to camp in the summer as they can make more money than staying home for a summer job. They can earn money at cadet camp while learning something.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood and Branch 32 President Comrade Ross Petten initiated some new members in to Branch 65. Thank you for coming and doing this.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood explained that if you want to obtain a charitable moose for burgers and sausages apply to the government and designate someone to pick it up. This happens in August. Contact your MHA if you don't receive the application. You can contact wildlife in Corner Brook and fill in the application by February or March and submit the paperwork. You will probably get the license in August.

5. Charwood Manor Update - Comrade Sarah Lawrence

Charwood Manor is owned by all 6 branches of District 2.

The budget for 2018/2019 was approved.

This year NHLC has added approximately \$20,000 to the budget to be distributed throughout the year rather than a lump sum all at once. This will cover outdoor lighting, hallway carpeting, fridges, an accordion door and hot water tanks.

Charwood Manor has received notice they have a student for four weeks at 20 hours per week.

The AGM is on June 27th at 7 pm at Charwood Manor. All are invited to attend. They will be holding their election of officers and give out the report as the audit is done. They are looking for a chair, a vice chair, secretary and treasurer. It is not necessary to wear a uniform to this meeting.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood congratulated Comrade Sarah Lawrence on the tremendous work undertaken at Charwood Manor.

6. NL Command Updates – President Comrade Berkley Lawrence

President Comrade Berkley Lawrence spoke to those present about "Stolen Valor". In Canada it is a crime to wear a uniform or awards or medals that you did not earn. Canada has a law that states that you cannot wear medals that are not yours. People wearing a uniform or medals that they don't deserve is called "Stolen Valor". Last week a man was fined \$1,500 for wearing someone else's medals. This is a legal problem. If someone does not want to talk about their medals you should wonder about them. Those who wear medals are usually proud of them and are glad to speak about them. If there is an issue you should contact the police.

President Comrade Berkley Lawrence has spent 11 years at Provincial Command. There are problems at some branches where the ordinary members do not hold the executive responsible or accountable. Provincial Command has had to investigate the Poppy Trust Fund. This is money raised from the public to support veterans and their families. There is a manual with specific rules as to what you can do and cannot do with Poppy Trust Fund monies. They did a review of a number of Poppy Trust Funds in some branches. Branch 56 had unauthorized expenditures of over \$28 thousand of which they had to pay back \$13 thousand from their general fund to the Poppy Trust Fund. The rest was approved expenditures but they had just not done the paperwork for it. Branch members did not know this. Branch members must keep an eye on their executive members. Branch 56 had to have their executive completely dissolved

by Provincial Command and put a Board of Trustees in place. They are \$78 thousand in the hole due to mismanagement of monies and Provincial Command is helping to solve this problem. President Comrade Berkley Lawrence could have closed the branch (but what do you do, cancel someone's wedding and other bookings?)

The 75th Air Cadet Association general meeting and banquet is tonight. President Comrade Berkley Lawrence is representing the Dominion President at this banquet. In District 2 we have 11 cadet corps supported by 7 branches. President Comrade Berkley Lawrence may be asked to speak at tonight's event.

Funding will hopefully be approved to give monies to the CLB from the Poppy Campaign as per the resolution initially submitted by Branch 32 before the Dominion Convention and ratified there.

This year President Comrade Berkley Lawrence will be going on the annual Pilgrimage accompanied by Comrade Don Reid who will act as male chaperone for 6 boys. This is nice as there is usually many girls. These are "all star" students. Comrade Lloyd Laing from Carbonear is participating as a veteran. Many amazing applications were submitted but we should see more. Sadly, there does not seem to be enough interest in this wonderful opportunity.

The Legion has a policy for motorcycle clubs – If someone is wearing a "one percent patch" they are telling the public that they don't abide by our rules. There are outlaw motorcycle clubs in NL, particularly in Gander and GFW. They are not permitted to attend any Legion parades in their colours. If present at a branch function ask them to not participate or to remove their colours. If there is an issue, call the RCMP. Do not cause a commotion.

Also, be careful who you rent to – ie the Sons of Oden is an anti-immigrant group founded in Finland. There is a policy out from Dominion Command regarding undesirable clubs or organizations.

A Valor Quilt was presented to Jack Mercer by Spaniard's Bay Legion. Previous to that a Valor Quilt was also given to Mr. John Pinhorn. Mr. Pinhorn was presented with a 65 year pin by President Comrade Berkley Lawrence. He actually has 75 years in the Legion. He has now received his 75 year bar. The family is very appreciative of these acts.

Next year Holland will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of their liberation by Canadian troops. In partnership with the government of Canada, orange tulips with some red maple leaves have been developed in special tulips. They have partnered with the Legion to sell the tulips for \$15 per package. The Legion will get \$1 per package sold. The aim is to have 1.1 million tulips planted in Canada next year.

Provincial Command has a provincial webpage however the webmaster has just resigned. When a new webmaster is hired please send your branch news and activities to Provincial Command. They hope to have information about each branch ie history and activities. Branches have to get more tech savvy. Provincial Command also has a Twitter account.

On the topic of TV BINGO, Branch 32 did well. There were a few other branches from around the province who participated in the Atlantic Satellite Bingo. Provincial Command was promised 100's of thousands of dollars but they would have had to handle all the paper work. They did not have the manpower at the time. Provincial Command is expecting a report from Atlantic Satellite Bingo. Who would pay postage, handle paperwork etc? Too many questions were unanswered and logistics had to be figured out so Provincial Command could not take on this venture this year.

President Comrade Berkley Lawrence will help President Paulette Morrissey to see about a grant to help with their new building.

The National War Memorial in St. Johns is a NATIONAL war memorial. It is also the OLDEST National War Memorial in Canada as it was unveiled in 1924 and Ottawa's memorial was unveiled in 1928. In 2024 this memorial will have its 100th Anniversary. President Comrade Berkley Lawrence is part of the war memorial restoration committee. The committee

will be asking for help from across the whole province and has partnered with the provincial government of NL. The memorial falls under the Department of Transportation and Works the Minister of which is Steve Crocker who is the MHA in Carbonear. They will look after the restoration of marble and the granite stairs restoration. The flame globes need to be replaced. Memorial University will do some donations, perhaps of new flame globes. The bronze is being assessed and the committee will soon know how many millions (yes, millions) of dollars will be needed to upgrade this monument. Padre Nangle fundraised for this statue in 1924 with support from the citizens of NL and it was paid for by the people of NL. Perhaps its history will lend itself to donations and sponsors. The committee hopes to receive monies from Veterans Affairs and private and corporate sponsors.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked President Comrade Berkley Lawrence for his report and remarks and the time and effort that he has put into the Legion. Congratulations.

7. Other Business - Commander Comrade Philip Wood

i) Command's Latest Mail Out

The latest mail out was the Poppy and Remembrance Calendar. Note that after the summer, deadlines come very quickly for submissions. Contest materials must be in the schools by September 23rd.

An ordering list for poppy and wreath ceremonies was also sent out.

Remembrance Day contest submissions are very low coming in from other districts. Students and teachers need to be reminded that trips are available because of submissions to the Legion poster contest. 16 students are going on this year's Pilgrimage. Cash awards and recognition and a trip to Ottawa are also available to winners. District 2 is very well represented but unfortunately only two schools have participated in the local St. John's area.

President Comrade Berkley Lawrence reminded all branches that Poppy Trust Fund status has to be sent to Provincial Command. SEND IT IN ASAP when you have the information because they have to send a provincial report to Dominion Command. PLEASE!

2019 Provincial Convention information was sent in email and snail mail. The credential certificate, list of delegates and observer registration must be submitted to Provincial Command as soon as possible. All resolutions MUST be presented no later than June 27th and credentials and applications for proxy votes must be submitted to Provincial Command by June 30th. Forms regarding meals, spouse info and how many delegates you are allowed were also sent out.

Commander Comrade Philip Wood intends to run for the position of Second Vice for Provincial Command at this convention and plans to still be involved in the Legion.

ii) February 2 – Darts and Cribbage – Branch 23 Carbonear

A fantastic job was done by Branch 23. Congratulations to all involved.

iii) Battle of the Atlantic – Branch 65 – Brigus

Thanks to all that helped and attended. Cooperation by many made this a successful event.

iv) Track & Field Donation

President Comrade Berkley Lawrence spoke about the Sir Leonard Outerbridge Shield application. This event is being held at Mount Pearl. The fund is very low and any donations would be very much appreciated. There is not enough money to send athletes to Nova Scotia this year so Provincial Command is covering it but cannot continue to do this any longer. Perhaps we can look for corporate sponsors and donations. Otherwise these athletes will not be able to travel in the future.

8. Upcoming Event: NL Command Convention - August 24 - 28 - Branch 12 GFW

Commander Comrade Philip Wood announced that General Rick Hillier will be the guest speaker at the BGM convention. He is a superior speaker and will be very interesting to listen to.

9. Other:

Comrade Wallace said that he was willing to talk to anyone about the Satellite bingo. If any branches would like advice on organizing and delivery of the bingo cards please give Comrade Wallace a call.

The flower boxes on Veteran's Memorial Highway will need to be replaced next year. They are in need of repair. The Department of Transportation and Works gave us the money for the boxes. Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence and Comrade Frank Ryan installed them. Comrade Leslie was instrumental in obtaining funding for the installation and acquisition of these boxes.

Spaniard's Bay would like help with the application for a New Horizons grant.

10. Charwood Manor

June 27th meeting and election of officers

11. Date of Next Meeting

The September meeting will be at the call of the new District Commander.

12. Closing Ritual/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 am and was followed by a lovely lunch of soup, chili and sandwiches, dessert and refreshments sponsored by Branch 15.