

AGENDA
DISTRICT 2 MEETING
23 September 2022
Branch #32, Bay Roberts

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome – Host Branch & District Commander
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – June 5th, 2021 at Branch 65 – Brigus
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- Branch Reports (Updates only)
 - b- Update from 67th Provincial Convention (August 20-24, 2022)
 - c- District Webpage (each Branch input)
 - d- TCP Health Foundation Telethon: October 16th (3-4pm) 5 members needed
 - e- Opening of the Poppy Campaign 2022: Thursday October 27th
 - f- Branch by-laws?? Please bring a copy, if you can.
 - g- Open discussion of topics of interest/concern.

Branch Reports are to contain:

- One page type written
- Complete list of Branch Executive with email addresses and phone numbers
- Membership figures for 2022 as of this month (September 2022)

6. Closing Ritual

District 2 Meeting

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Commander		Harold Brown		
Secretary		Nicole Badcock		
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Paul Shepard	President	
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Don Hutchings	Sgt at Arms	
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Christine Janes	Past President	
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	George Adams	President	
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Dorothy Adams	Secretary	
Branch 23	Carbonear			Absent
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ross Petten	Past President	
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Gary Badcock	Member	
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ernie Mugford	Membership	
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Brian Fitzpatrick	1 st Vice President	
Branch 39	Dildo			Absent
Branch 65	Brigus	Kevin Power	Treasurer	
Charwood Manor	Carbonear			Absent

1. Welcome:

District Commander Comrade Harold Brown thanked all present for attending this meeting. He then asked all present to stand, take a cup of wine provided and toast to our Queen. She reigned for 70 years on the Throne and was laid to rest last Monday September 19th 2022. A toast to the King followed.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Commander Comrade Harold Brown mentioned that the Minutes were sent electronically. He commented that it is less wasteful of paper and better way as members can read them at their leisure than asked for a motion to accept the Minutes of 19 March 2022 be accepted as presented.

Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick moved to have the Minutes of March 19th, 2022 be accepted as presented

Comrade Ross Petten Seconded the Motion
MOTION CARRIED

3. Business arising:

- ⇒ District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: "As a group we decided that the Branch reports will not be read at meetings but they will come out in the Minutes. Those sent electronically makes it easier for the Secretary to simply cut and paste them without having to type them."
- ⇒ Welcome to Comrade Nicole Badcock back to this position. Our previous recording Secretary Comrade Karen Johnston-Fowler finds it too difficult as well as expensive to travel from St. John's to all the meetings. The transition was very easy as Comrade Nicole held this position in the past."

4. Branch Reports: were all sent electronically by each Branch and copied to the Minutes.

➤ **Branch 09:**

Executive Phone #s:

- Mark Vokey 1-250-792-3320
- Fred Drummond 1-905-243-9670
- Earl Murry 1-905-373-9719
- Ann Crane 786-2010
- Ben Titford 786-3541
- John Pauls 786-7078

R.C.L. Branch 9

Spaniards Bay

- Paul Sheppard 1-709-683-6924
- Todd Crane 1-709-683-1190
- Dennis Gosse 1-709-222-5516
- Don Hutchings 1-709-683-2984
- Gordon Parsons 1-709-786-1371

1. Finance: Financially, we are still struggling, but hopeful that all branches will survive and see a brighter future. We have our weekly income made from bar sales and the VLTs.
2. Membership: Our membership is down from last year through death and transfers however we did have two new members join. Our current membership total is 91.
3. Functions: Weddings were down this year, we only had six. The Branch usually hosts between twelve to sixteen, needless to say that certainly hurt us a lot.
4. Fall events: We have three Christmas parties booked, dinner and auction, Craft Fair, Raffle, Dart tournament, two poker tournaments, and ticket sales on a snow blower that was donated to the legion and a New Years Eve ball.
5. Legion weekly events: Monday night bingo,
Tuesday & Friday night poker,
Wednesday & Thursday night darts.

➤ **Branch 15:**

1. Received SCOA grant for heat pump
2. Hoping to receive resolution with Service NL soon regarding permits which is taking too long
3. Banner Project open again. We have our banners placed in our park, which was a great success
4. Worked the gate at the regatta which was a huge success. Plus it was a fun day together again
5. Not much community support for the wreath laying for Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Figured due to it being a workday for a lot
6. Applying for the New Horizon grant

7. NTV Bingo has started up again
8. Over the summer we lost two longtime members: Comrades Eileen Peddle and Ray Snow. Comrade Ray was a member for **65** years

➤ **Branch 22:** Comrade Bernice Coombs, President, welcomed all present to the Branch, then said:

President:	George Adams 589 2816
Vice Presidents:	Frances Sharpe 589 2340 & Harold mercer 589 2427
Past president:	Bernice Coombs 589 2048
Secretary:	Dorothy Adams 589 2816
Treasurer:	Pamela Neil 683 6471
Service officer:	Terry Walsh 589 2117
Sergeant at arms:	John Coombs 589 2196

Membership as of September is 27

Events July: 2 weddings

August: Cold plate take-out fundraiser

Screech in for 10 Mexicans

V J Day roast beef dinner and dance with 60 or so in attendance

September: Memorial service at monument for queen Elizabeth

Birthday party

Three members of our branch passed away this year Comrades Roy Mercer, Ron Lynch and Sylvia Drover. The branch held a service and formed an honour guard at the funeral of all three comrades

We also support the 2797 Army Cadet Corps

A Seniors group who meets once a week for bingo and cards

A Men's dart league

Our branch is doing a bit better now

➤ **Branch 23:**

Branch 23 is doing well financially. Our Chase the Ace jackpot is now \$1110. With 32 cards left and we draw on Saturday nights.

We are involved with Jackpot Bingo and we find it is a good source of income.

Our bar is doing okay with the busiest times being on Saturday as we have live music. Mainly it's the VLT's that are keeping things going.

We have a busy fall coming up. We are booked with events and fundraisers until Dec 17th which is Customer Appreciation day.

Our Remembrance Banquet is on the 12th of November and this Sunday the 25th we will be attending the funeral of a veteran and member of our branch.

Membership is as follows - Membership stands at 168. Life membership 16. Ordinary 55. Associate members 82. Affiliate members 15.

Berkley Lawrence- President- 596-2559 / 597-5445

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➤ **Branch 32:**

Bay Roberts, Branch 32, continues to rebound from the recent days, months, and years of the pandemic. Which unfortunately is still with us. Like most, if not all Legions and volunteer organizations, Bay Roberts was no exception and was hard hit by the pandemic.

However, I am happy to say that our commitment to Veterans and remembering their sacrifices has continued to remain strong. Programs like our 'Flags at Gravesites' has grown, recognizing Veterans on our website with their biographies continues to grow, we recently hosted the District's Battle of the Atlantic Ceremonies, a ceremony of Celebration & Respect for her Majesty the Queen, Remembrance Week Activities and functions continue unabated with plans well in place for this November - while other commemorative activities continue to make members proud to be a Legionnaire. It is also important to note that the Branch has a strong Poppy Fund, and this fund is so, so important to doing what we do well – helping Veterans.

Financially, we are slowly but surely rebounding however, we are still not yet at pre-pandemic levels. The Veteran's Quay facilities help us fiscally however, much needed and vital repairs are needed. Our Marina Committee has worked hard ensuring that all users

and boaters are safe and are in the process of looking for some much-needed government funds. We have recently held a number of breakfasts and hosted a number of dinner functions with more booking in place - which all help the bottom line. However, with the bookings it is important to recognize that the cost of food, especially the main courses (turkey, beef & chicken), has risen dramatically.

The Branch recently started a 50/50 weekly draw which nets the Branch approximately \$250 a week, the Branch will also once again be participating in the weekly NTV Bingo – this has been extremely beneficial financially to the Branch, while other events have been booked and once again help the bottom line. Branch 32 – I might add - is fortunate to have a great and cooperative staff at the Branch which only helps the Branch to be active and successful.

As President, you are only as good as the executive and members - I am pleased and thankful for our executive – they are involved, they are active and they are taking on leadership roles at the Branch – which is fantastic. Since the election of officers however, this past February, it is important to note an additional hic-up and that being the unfortunate resignations of a couple of members of the executive. Although it happens, it is important to note that others always step up to the plate (which I am grateful for on a personal note BTW) which is why our organization has been around for approximately one hundred years or more!

Lastly membership remains strong at approximately 160 however, as we all know the reality of it is that the active involvement of those members is much less – but we humbly THANK all those who help and get involved and helps make the Royal Canadian Legion the strong and important organization it remains today!

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David Hawe	Executive Committee	709 786-3843	dhawe2014@gmail.com

➤ **Branch 39:**

Sgt. Levi Hollett Memorial Br. #39

Branch Report 22 Sep 2022

Membership as at Sep 2022 34

Branch News:

- a. First regular meeting after summer break held 21 Sep.
- b. The branch ran a 50/50 draw with the assistance of a local supermarket for part of the summer. Results were not as good as the previous year's fund raiser. One of the greatest problems we had with this event was not the event itself but the difficulty in obtaining a licence through the government's new electronic application system. We submitted the application in mid-March, and were given a 10-15 day wait period. We did not receive the license until early July, after numerous emails and phone calls to the Lottery Licensing office that were not answered. Provincial Command apparently had the same communications problems with this office. We finally gave up on the process and with Prov. Command's help we re-submitted the paper application from 2021 and got a reply within a week. Lesson learned – don't use the electronic system.
- c. We requested 3 of the electronic Poppy Boxes and were/are being supplied with two for this year.
- d. The branch attended 1 Jul services in five of the seven communities in our jurisdiction. The Branch Colour Party was at Heart's Delight, as part of the rotation of venues.
- e. Branch members presented national Literary and Art prizes to three students in our area.
- f. Three \$1000 scholarships are pending for 2022 graduating students at Crescent Collegiate.
- g. The Branch donated \$500 each to RCSCC 209 Great Eastern and 2584 RCACC Whitbourne from our Poppy fund.
- h. Also from the Poppy fund we donated \$2000 to the Pte. Josiah Squibb Long Term Care Home in Carbonear to fund a barbecue for use of the residents/families and for a number of dementia kits for those in need. (Both of these donations were approved by Provincial Command).

➤ **Branch 65:**

Branch Membership: 38 as of September 2022 which includes one member reinstated

Branch News:

- a. Comrade, President Gerald Mercer was awarded the Gordon J. Seabright Award for Volunteer of the year award through VOCM Cares Foundation
- b. Major kitchen renovation was completed in September 2022. Branch secured \$32,600 through ACOA towards a costly renovation.

- c. “We Will Remember Them” Memorial at branch is nearing completion. A granite monument, recognizing, three major branches of the military has been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks.
- d. Branch will be submitting another application to Veterans Affairs for funding to do some restoration work on the 1941 Howitzer and purchase two granite benches for memorial site for people to sit and enjoy the site.
- e. We now have a total of five large mural panels for display on our Hall walls, this artwork was reproduced by Active Printing. Artists or families of three of the artworks was donated to us without cost. The remaining two pieces were purchased through Canadian War Museum. Four of the pieces have a direct connection to Newfoundland and Labrador.
- f. Branch has applied for funding for an accessibility grant to replace the doors into the main hall, renovate porch, install a second set of doors and have electric openers installed.
- g. Branch has applied for another Community Enhancement Grant to complete some additional Improvements to interior and exterior of property. Request for 1500 hours.
- h. Some of the banners that have been displayed in Brigus for the past two years will be featured in an upcoming episode of Hudson and Rex. The episode was filmed in Brigus the week of September 11th.

5. New Business:

a- Branch Reports updates:

- ⇒ Br 09 Comrade Paul Shephard: we are doing good since last meeting, we have our moose license.
- ⇒ Br 15 Comrade Christine Janes: we are busy doing up the new building and we have our moose license. District Commander Comrade Harold Brown congratulated them on the building and offered assistance from the District if/when needed.”
- ⇒ Br 22: Comrade Dorothy Adams disclosed that since the last meeting their Branch has picked up quite a bit. They had 3 Comrades passed away: Roy Mercer, Ron Lynch and Sylvia Drover. District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: “It is hard for a small Branch in terms of membership. How is your membership?” 27 members.
- ⇒ Br 23 District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: their absence is due to a death at their Branch; one of their members, a Veteran passed away.
- ⇒ Br 32 Comrade Ross Petten: all is well and we have our moose license. Comrade Don Bradbury gets the moose, cleans it, cut it up and then cooks the burgers. Our profit margin of \$1,500.00 for the last two years.
- ⇒ Br 39: no representative present.
- ⇒ Br 65 Comrade Kevin Power: we also have our moose license this year; last year we got a license but never got a moose. As for the business side, we had a successful Newfie night back in August. We applied for a Grant through Music NL in the Province of Newfoundland and we gathered \$1800.00 to pay for our group “the

Sheila's Brush" as well as J. Lake from K-Rock Radio. He did the screeching and put on quite a show so that night we netted about \$6,500 - \$7,000.⁰⁰. A good amount for all the renovations at our Branch including our kitchen and the War Memorial. Many events booked for October; a total of 5 so we are busy this fall.

b- Update from 67th Provincial Convention

- ✓ Comrade Ross Petten: there was a lot of first at the Convention, a lot of strong people voted in the positions, the parade went well, there was no animosity anywhere, the meals were fabulous, it was an enjoyable time.
- ✓ Comrade Ernie Mugford: if people have a genuine interest in the Legion at the Branch level, I strongly urge you to take the opportunity to go to Provincial Conventions and even the National Convention; it would put a lot of positive in your mind about the Legion. This Convention was excellent; all went well with very good discussions. I was pleased to represent our Branch at the Convention.
- ✓ Comrade Paul Shepard: it was an eye opener; it was my second Convention and I learned a great deal from the people there. Everything went well; we found the price of food a bit high. Everything ran smooth, went well and we really enjoyed it.
- ✓ Comrade Kevin Power: it was my first Convention and I was the sole representative as Comrade Gerald Mercer got under the weather so he could not attend. I received a lot of positive information about all the different events going on not just at the Provincial level but at the National level. I encourage anybody to take the opportunity to attend Convention; the positive certainly far outweigh the negative.
- ✓ District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: I was extremely impressed with how smooth everything ran. Branch 56 deserves a pat on the back for doing an exceptional job with accommodating so many people; there were 90-100 delegates. Cost of the food, we know that everything is going up; maybe it was pricy but they did a great job.

c- District Webpage

- what would each Branch like to do
- at Branch 32 we have our own website operated by our webmaster Comrade Gary Badcock.
- **Proposal:** through Branch 32's webmaster we can create a District website. That website would contain 8 pages or more but there would be one page for each Branch. A page would include pictures of the Branch, of the Cenotaph, Executive members, how to get a hold of them and any other kind of information. There are some limitations but Comrade Gary Badcock will speak about this now.
- Comrade Gary Badcock: one page's length has no limit. It will not be your Branch website as such but it will provide information on your Branch: Executive members, phone numbers, Minutes of your meetings, basically anything you want to share with the District. It is your own Branch who decides what you want to put on it. Things that we would like to see are: pictures of your Branch inside

and outside, pictures of your Cenotaph, maybe a President's message, your by-laws, etc.. Everything else is negotiable: the webpage design, whatever you want, I will design it for you. I show you now what I started; one page for each Branch, one page for Charwood Manor and the last page for the District Minutes. The only way it can work properly is if only I make the changes needed because the site has to be taken down every time it needs an update. This site would be very useful for our District. Nobody else has this.

- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: it would be a great addition to each Branch. When it comes to the Poppy campaign, Parades or Ceremonies, recruiting new members, this can be an addition to that and if you put something out in the community you can point people to the website to have a look and they can make the connection to the person they need to make connection with. It's just another tool
- Comrade Gary Badcock: it is also very useful to small Branches who don't want to go to the trouble of designing and pay for their own webpages.
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: there is a cost involved with creating and maintaining a website. \$20.00 a month = \$240.00 a year. I have a PEC meeting later in October. The 6 District Commanders in the Province have a fund of about \$500.00 a year that we can use for travel or whatever is needed. Last year I used maybe \$30.00 and most of us use hardly anything so I will propose to the Provincial Executive Committee that the portion of my travel allowance be donated to pay for our District website. If that option is not possible, then I will have to come back to the Branches and request payment of so many dollars per Branch for the year. The website option is open for discussion. Comrade Gary Badcock is correct in saying that the only way this website can function is if one person only has control of it. Each Branch sends their information to Comrade Gary or to me and I will forward it to him, than he will put it on the website. We are providing this service to you.
- Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick: How will this website benefit the Charwood Manor?
- Comrade Gary Badcock: anything can be put up for them, pictures of the inside of their facility, information as to who lives there, their board of directors, functions, events, etc.
- Comrade Gary Badcock display Branch 32's website and explain all the different pages, links, biographies of Veterans in our area, etc.
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: you can tailor it to your Branch, the pictures around your Branch, a lot of time they are just pictures on the wall but once you put information with them, the person comes alive.
- Comrade Gary Badcock explains links and files.
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: thoughts around the table:
 - Br 65 Comrade Kevin Power: it is a fabulous idea; anything that promotes the region in general and Branches in particular. There is no down side and with minimal administration. The cost is quite reasonable considering that I do have a background and I know how much webpage development

and administration cost. District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: If we were a business the cost would be \$3,000.⁰⁰ a year. Our webmaster enjoys doing it for free.

- Br 09 Comrade Don Hutchings: it is a great idea, I don't know how you did this in 8 months but it's a lot of work.
- Br 09 Comrade Paul Shepard: great idea, it promotes the Legion and gives opportunity for people to know what is going on in the Branches, could be linked with the town website. Comrade Gary Badcock assured all that a links to your town's website on the Branch website will be set up and if you ask your town to put your website on theirs, they will be happy to do so. Everybody benefits and the more information you can give me about your Branch the better it is. Do not worry about the pictures, I will take the pictures; I insist on it because I need to own the property of the pictures. I will go to every Branch and take the pictures.
- Br 15 Comrade Christine Janes: fantastic idea, we are not in our building yet and it will take time but I will pass along the information and see what they think. District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: you have beautiful pictures on Facebook so I had to go and have a look at what you have done; wow! Your Branch stands out to the public. Comrade Gary Badcock: when I did the website, I searched the entire Dominion for Legion websites and there were very few. If anybody looked at the pathetic website at Provincial Command it is awful and not maintained. Very few are maintained. A good website must be maintained regularly.
- Br 32 Comrade Ernie Mugford: it's a win/win situation for everybody.
- Br 32 Comrade Ross Petten: Thank you Comrade Gary for taking this on, you have done wonderful work. All the Branches in the District would be crazy not to jump on the bandwagon.
- Br 32: Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick: it's an excellent idea but it's hard to get people to check the website. I started going on the website because Comrade Gary and others told me to send my father's information to be put on the website. I had never checked it out before but I knew it was there. You can tell people about the website but you cannot make them look at it. It is too bad because the information there is perfect. They did a great job with the presentation and after that I use to check it all the time but before, I was not sure of what was going on. I think that Comrade Gary deserve a big hand and applause for all his hard work. Personally I greatly appreciate what he has done.
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: a comment if I may; around the table here we are not techno geeks. I have a little nephew in grade 2 who, when he sits beside me when I look after him after school, is amazing with the laptop he is on; he is way over my head. It is probably a neat good way to get the younger people that we have been trying to reach and get them involved. We have tried different ways to make the public aware of

our website; I give out cards with our website on it at Remembrance Dinners or other events.

- Br 22: Comrade Dorothy Adams: it's a fine idea.
- Br 22 Comrade George Adams: it's a great idea.

Comrade Dorothy Adams

moved to have the District 2 website created

Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick

Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

- Comrade Gary Badcock: the Domain name is available but the website is not up yet. The address is www.rcldistrict2nl.ca

d- TCP Health Foundation Telethon:

⇒ Sunday 16 October 2022, 15:00-16:00hrs (3-4pm)

⇒ 5 members in uniform are needed to man the phones

⇒ I would like to have all the branches of the District represented

⇒ Volunteers:

- Br 09: Comrade Don Hutchings
- Br 15: Comrade Christine Janes
- Br 22: Comrade Dorothy Adams
- Br 32: Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick

⇒ More details to come

⇒ Donations from each Branch: Br 65 = \$250.00; all other Branches, email or phone me with your donation.

e- Opening of the Poppy Campaign 2022:

- the First Poppy is given to the Governor General on 28 October 2022 at the Official Opening of the Campaign.
- Thursday October 27th is District 2's Opening; the Ceremony includes the Mayors of the towns that are close, the MHAs if available, representatives from each Branch, etc.
- this year, Br 32 Bay Roberts has offered to host it; information will be forwarded to each Branch when available.
- Comrade Ernie Mugford inquired about the 4 different communities in this area, South River, North River, Makinsons and Clarkes Beach, will all the mayors be invited?
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: "Yes along with all the MHAs in the area. Clarkes' Beach is in Harbour Main district"

f- Branch by-laws

- I have a copy, the latest edition from Br 23 Carbonear, on my laptop at home. It is already there for you so you can take that copy and adjust it to suit your Branch.
- Your By-laws must be passed by your Executive and your general Membership. Then it goes out to Provincial Command to make sure it does not contravene anything according to Provincial By-laws. If you want a copy from me, just ask

and I will forward it to you. If you need any help or support with it, I'll be there to help.

- Br 09, 22 and 65 need a copy of by-laws to be adjusted for their Branch.
- Comrade George Adams: How often must the By-laws be updated?
- District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: Your by-laws have not been updated since 1987? As a rule of thumb, I would say every 5 years is a good scenario to use. Some Branches do it every 3 years but 5 is a good start. If they are not updated, that means they are still in effect until you update them. If you do not have By-laws for your own Branch, you automatically fall under the By-laws of Provincial Command. Once you have it done, you can put it on you webpage so all can see.

District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: when I send out or the Secretary sends out on my behalf, the information concerning an up-coming meeting; I will ask you each time to provide specific information on your report. If you can do it at all, please do it electronically. It makes it easier for the Secretary not to have to type it all manually, she just needs to take the file and fit it in. Your reports will be there, I also wanted a copy of all the Executive members and their emails to make it easy for me to reach people I need to without having to go through you; I'll just copy your. Comrade Dorothy Adams: I don't have email addresses because people don't want to give it to me.

Legion Portal: Dominion Command is asking to provide email of all your members if at all possible. This is the way of the future; we are dinosaurs with this stuff.

g- Open discussion of topics of interest/concern.

- ⇒ Comrade Brian Fitzpatrick: "Tap machine for the Poppy Campaign; 2 are needed here."
- ⇒ District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: "Br 39 Dildo has 2 this year. Last year, less than 50% were used. The deadline to order those machines is passed but a call to Provincial Command may be helpful."
- ⇒ Comrade Paul Shepard: "Information about Sporting events like Darts and Cribbage, was supposed to be sent the week after the AGM but nothing has been received yet." District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: I do not recall seeing it but I had some problems with my email. If anyone on your Executive who does not receive my emails but needs to, I need to know. Some of the emails go to the Presidents only and nobody else.
- ⇒ District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: sometimes we have a "President's group coffee" at Tim Horton in order to discuss issues. That time is also good for me to give specific information to the Presidents, expecting that it will be kept confidential or shared if that is our decision. We do not wish to keep the membership in the dark but the people in those positions have authority to do certain things and we do it collectively as "the Presidents group".
- ⇒ Comrade Ernie Mugford: "Membership: at the Convention I was shocked and surprised to find out that Br 32 came 6th out of 7 for the number of paid-up renewals. I take a lot of pride in my position as Br 32 Membership Chairman and

my goal in life is to have more members than any other Branch in the District. Provincial Membership Chairman showed that Br 32 has 89% renewal. Another incentive from Provincial is that a Veteran can receive a free membership for his first year as a member. Now that Veteran can include his family members and siblings over 18 years old to receive the same deal. Now I canvas Veterans and I save all the new applications until December in order for them to take advantage of a free 2023 full year of membership fee.

- ⇒ Comrade Ross Petten: “Membership fee, some Branches charge \$80.⁰⁰ - \$90.⁰⁰ but we charge only \$50.⁰⁰ with \$11.²¹ return from Ottawa but the Provincial charge is paid out of it so we end up with a little over \$4.⁰⁰ coming back to the Branch. The Membership fee can be discussed at your own Branch.
- ⇒ District Commander Comrade Harold Brown: “When a new member signs up on line, he automatically belongs to Dominion Command in Ottawa and not to a Branch yet.” Comrade Ernie Mugford: “I discussed this issue with the representative for the Membership in Ottawa; I will send him my applications and the members will belong to our Branch right away. The only way you can be turned down as a member of the Canadian Legion is if you have a criminal record.”
- ⇒ Comrade Dorothy Adams: “We don’t know the new members who sign up on line.”
- ⇒ Comrade Ernie Mugford: “I take his/her information then I contact Ottawa and get all his/her email, etc. There is no committee to accept them at the Branch anymore. Comrade Dorothy Adams: “What about the obligation they sign when they join?” Comrade Ernie Mugford: “They sign a paper” Comrade Ross Petten: “They still encourage the Branches to do Installation and Obligation” Comrade Ernie Mugford: It is hard to keep control of it with the on line.” Discussion continued.

6. Closing

At 15:22 Commander Comrade Harold Brown closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the words: “God save the King.” Thank you to all who attended.