

AGENDA
DISTRICT 2 MEETING
October 15th, 2016

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Business Arising
4. Post Branch remarks / Welcome
5. Branch report:
 - 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 Legion Manor Carbonear
6. New Business
 - a- Definition of a Veteran
 - b- PEC Meeting: 18-20 November 2016
 - c- Canada 150 Medal
 - d- Old brochure "Thanks for wearing Poppies"
 - e- Veterans in the Legion
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7. Other Business
8. Closing Ritual
9. Next Meeting: TBA

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Branch #15, Harbour Grace

Commander		Robert Mugford	Commander	Present
Provincial Command		Berkley Lawrence	1 st Vice-President	Present
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	Secretary (temp)	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Ern Abbott	President	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Gord Parsons	Sgt-at-Arms	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Barbara Sample	Secretary	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Roy Abbott	1 st Vice-President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Bern Pittman	Ex	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Thelma Pasha	2 nd Vice-President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Peter Yetman	Member	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove			Absent
Branch 23	Carbonear	Gary Laing	President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Leslie Forward	1 st Vice-President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Sarah Lawrence	Treasurer	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evely	Chaplin	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Tom Harris	Treasurer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Mildred Mugford	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Anne Harris	Member	Present
Branch 39	Dildo			Absent
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Mike Hedderson	1 st Vice-President	Present
Charwood Legion Manor	Carbonear	Sarah Lawrence	Secretary	Present

1. Welcome:

at 10:02hrs Commander Comrade Robert Mugford opened the meeting with the singing of "O Canada" and the Legion Ritual.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Comrade Nicole Badcock read the Minutes of the last Meeting dated January 23rd, 2016.

Comrade Gary Laing moved to have the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read

Comrade Gord Parsons Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

3. Business arising: Comrade Eric Mercer addressed the problems with the flower boxes. Branch 32 has fulfilled their commitment of filling one box and Branch 23 filled the other box. Unfortunately some of the flowers were stolen from the boxes. Both branches will continue to honour their commitment every year. Commander Comrade Robert Mugford thanked both branches for volunteering and doing a good job; he also offered that it

would be very nice for all the other branches of District 2 to financially contribute to the cost of the flowers. Comrade Eric Mercer offered that \$100.00 was spent by Branch 32 this year.

4. Host Branch Welcome:

Comrade Roy Abbott, 1st Vice-President of Branch 15 Harbour Grace, welcomed all present, informed all present that the President was enabled to attend due to a commitment in town and offered to all a hot lunch after the meeting.

5. Branch President Reports:

- Branch 09: President Comrade Ern Abbott apologized for being unprepared as he had just taken over the position but divulged that Spaniards Bay is doing well with Chase-the-Ace and the VLT.
- Branch 15: 1st Vice-President Roy Abbott enthusiastically informed all present that Harbour Grace's membership is revitalized with 37 paid members. Their activities such as Chase-the-Ace, hosting local groups and Sea Cadets, and CLB for next month are well attended. They are preparing for the Santa Claus Parade as well as the Poppy Campaign.
- Branch 22: Upper Island Cove did not participate in this meeting.
- Branch 23: President Comrade Gary Laing disclosed that Carbonear has 150 paid members, their activities such as Texas Hold'm, monthly card games, talent show, dart team, VLT, Chase-the-Ace and catering are all doing very well. The Branch has installed a new Heating System. The "For King and Country" play by Comrade Leslie Forward was a resounding success and her new play entitled "The Home Front" is expected to be just as successful. (All present applauded Comrade Leslie Forward's efforts.)
- Branch 32: Treasurer Comrade Tom Harris offered that Bay Roberts has 164 members. The Branch had a good summer with 4-5 corporate affairs; the Chase-the-Ace is not doing so good now but the Dart League is doing well with many new members, the Jam Sessions are good and the expenses have been cut so the Branch is doing well.
- Branch 39: Dildo did not participate in this meeting.
- Branch 65: President Comrade Gerald Mercer divulged that Brigus supports 40+ Cadets and has the 50+ Club members every Mondays and Thursdays. The membership is down but the Branch is doing well. Last week one person was charged and \$12,000.00 will be repaid to the Branch from the Court case. The Chase-the-Ace is slow going but the VLT are doing good. For repairs to the building, \$12,000.00 was spent for a new roof and the bathrooms need to be replaced now.
- Charwood Manor: Secretary Comrade Sarah Lawrence informed all present that all is going very well but support from all the Branches is needed in order to implement the Security Program for the residents of the building.

6. Provincial Command Report:

- Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence disclosed all these points:
 - there are numerous problems in the province; Bell Island is a big problem that will be dealt with tomorrow, Branch 22 Upper Island Cove does not participate at functions and last year the Branch in Miltown had to be closed as it held only 9 members.
 - there are big problems of communication within Command as well as between Command and the Branches.

- the Poppy Trust Fund report from every Branch must be sent to Command before the deadline in order for the Branch to be able to use it.
- Deadline for Literary and Poster Contest: it is very important to follow the guidelines and to submit the work correctly as well as on time. It is very painful for the selection committee to discard an outstanding work because a parent or a teacher's signature is missing or the student's information is missing. Last year 48 students were privileged to participate in the Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel for the 100th Anniversary and their experience was life-changing.
- Dominion Convention: the workers who set up events such as Conventions for a living were very impressed by the fantastic jobs done by all the volunteers and helpers and also at how well the Convention was organized. Thank you to all who participated.
- Provincial Convention: next year it will take place in September in Stephenville.
- Membership: our members are aging therefore the membership is declining and because of that reason, the membership fees must increase.
- Provincial Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel for the 100th Anniversary: the Newfoundland Flag was taken down in order to raise the Monarch Flag. That action infuriated all the Newfoundlanders present. An apology letter was sent.
- Dominion Pilgrimage for next year: every Branch has to submit the name of a deserving Veteran. The Veteran must be involved with youth in order to be nominated.
- Comrade Eric Mercer inquired about letters from Command not reaching Branch 32.
- Commander Comrade Robert Mugford discussed the increase in membership dues and Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence added that the information was mailed to all the Membership Officers last July. The increase at each Branch must be presented at a General Meeting. Standardising membership fee for District 2 had been suggested in the past but the Branches could not agree therefore each Branch sets their own fee.

7. New Business:

- Definition of a Veterans: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford strongly read the letter that was sent to every Branch outlining the definition of a Veteran. He read the letter as well as the definition and urged all Branches to print the definition and post it on the walls inside each Branch in order to inform all who frequent the establishment. It is very sad for a Veteran to walk into a Legion Building and not be welcomed, as it has happened to him. Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence added that 2 such cases were reported to Command.
- P.E.C. Meeting: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford implored every Branch to bring points to him by the end of October as the Meeting will take place on November 18-20, 2016.
- Canada 150 Medal: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford informed all present that the medal is for sale by Dominion Command. Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence strongly informed all present that this medal cannot be worn before January 1st, 2017.
- Old brochure "Thanks for wearing Poppies": Commander Comrade Robert Mugford advised all present that these old brochures were sponsored by Home Hardware in the past but Home Hardware has nothing to do with the Legion anymore so Branches must discard those brochures immediately.

- Headwear inside the Legion: Comrade Gord Parsons discussed the problem to witch Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence added that the rule of removing hats in the Legion is at the discretion of the Branch and must be enforced by the Branch. It is a sign of respect but the new generation of patrons do not understand the reason for the removal of hats; it is a problem in many Banches.
- Newfoundland Liquor Commission: Comrade Gary Laing discussed the difficulties with the NLC concerning private functions in the Legion buildings; functions such as weddings, anniversaries, family gatherings, etc. For such events, a special permission must be forwarded to the NLC at least 2 weeks prior in order to permit children to attend until 21:00hrs when they must vacate the building. A fee of \$50.00 per month was demanded by the NLC regardless of the number of such functions during the month but now the \$50.00 fee applies to each function. Comrade Gary Laing produced a letter to be sent to the NLC requesting the dropping of this fee as it hurts the Royal Canadian Legion immensely and encouraged every Branch to do the same. Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence ensured all present that the matter would be brought up at the next P.E.C Meeting.
- Poppy Campaign: Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence reminded all present that the Poppy Campaign will open with the presentation of the First Poppy to the Lieutenant Governor in St-John's on October 28th, 2016.
- Forget-Me-Not Flower: Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence strongly informed all present that this pin must be removed from the Legion Uniform from October 28 to November 11, 2016. Then it can be returned to the Uniform from November 12 to December 31, 2016.
- Branch 23 Poppy Campaign Officer: Comrade Gary Laing sadly informed all present that Comrade Gordy Goodwin, Poppy Campaign Officer for Branch 23, suffered an ATV accident recently; prayers for a speedy recovery would be appreciated.
- Military History Challenge: Comrade Leslie Forward disclosed that after Christmas she will meet and discuss with teachers to determine an adequate date for the Challenge. Once the date is set and confirmed she will forward the information to Provincial Command's 1st Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence who will forward it to each Branch. Many volunteers will be needed for that event.
- Legion Magazines: Comrade Leslie Forward implored all present to donate all extra copies of Legion Magazines to the schools as they appreciate it very much.

8. Other Business:

- No other business was brought forward.

9. Closing

at 11:25hrs President Comrade Robert Mugford closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem".