

AGENDA  
DISTRICT 2 MEETING  
April 08<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Business Arising
4. Post Branch remarks / Welcome
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  - 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- Battle of the Atlantic
  - b- Provincial Convention 2017
  - c- Flowers boxes on the Veterans Memorial Highway
  - d- E-mails communications
  - e- Per Capita Tax of 20% each Branch
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7. Other Business
8. Closing Ritual
9. Next Meeting:                July 2017

# District 2 Meeting

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### Branch #32, Bay Roberts

Commander		Robert Mugford	Commander	Present
Provincial Command		Berkley Lawrence	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Present
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	Secretary (temp)	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay			Absent
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Gerald Burnett	Service Officer	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Jean Burnett	Poppy Chairperson	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	T. Walsh	Secretary	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Gary Laing	Past-President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evely	Chaplin	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Mike Butt	President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ross Petten	President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Tom Harris	Treasurer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Anne Harris	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Ernie Mugford	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Philip Wood	Member	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Ira Halfyard	President	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Donald Reid	Secretary	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Craig Pameroy	Service Officer	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Mike Hedder	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Anne Marie Brulle	Executive at large	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Margaret McDonald	Member	Present
Charwood Legion Manor	Carbonear	William Titford	Treasurer	Present

#### 1. Welcome:

at 10:07hrs 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 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Comrade Gary Laing	moved to have the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read
Comrade Ross Petten	Seconded the Motion
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	

#### 3. Business arising: No business was brought forward.

#### 4. Host Branch Welcome:

President Comrade Ross Petten, President of Branch 32 Bay Roberts, welcomed and thanked all present, he informed all present that Branch 32 was the first Branch to host the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony some 20 years ago and thanked Comrade William Titford for being the MC for all but one of those Ceremonies. Branch 32 Bay Roberts will host the 2017 ceremony. President Comrade Ross Petten disclosed that on the eve of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1917, 100,000 soldiers went into battle, it was the birth of Canada and to commemorate this event, a pin is available for purchase at the bar. He concluded by inviting all present for a lunch of soup and sandwiches after the meeting. The assembly applauded.

#### 5. Branch President Reports:

- Branch 09: Spaniards Bay was not present at this meeting.
- Branch 15: Service Officer Comrade Gerald Burnett disclosed that Harbour Grace Branch has 41 paid members, the Chase-the-Ace was won in March so a new game has started and presentation and awards for the literary contest will take place on the April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Branch 22: Secretary Comrade T. Walsh offered that Upper Island Cove Branch's election was last week, there are 30-35 paid members in the Branch and the President is Comrade Pamela Neil.
- Branch 23: President Comrade Mike Butt said that Carbonear has 161 paid members and 2-3 new members will be installed; it is very busy at the Branch with the Provincial Dart and Cribbage Tournaments, the talent night, Jam sessions, Dart Leagues and supporting Cadets, the Chase-the-Ace is earning some revenue but more is needed; \$8,400.00 was donated last year from the Chase-the-Ace revenue. The Branch congratulated the 4 students from Carbonear who will be going on a Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel. President Comrade Mike Butt informed all present that their building needs a new roof.
- Branch 32: President Comrade Ross Petten divulged that Bay Roberts Branch has 140 paid members and is doing well with events every week; Jam sessions, Chase-the-Ace on Monday nights, a dance scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> and invited all Branches to take part in the 4 Breakfasts coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Father's Day Breakfast June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Comrade Ross Petten added that 2 students from Bay Roberts are going to the Pilgrimage in Beaumont-Hamel and disclosed that there is an investigation at the Branch that cannot be discussed at this time.
- Branch 39: President Comrade Ira Halfyard offered that Dildo Branch has 40 paid members, a "Battle of the Atlantic" dinner and dance will occur on May 6<sup>th</sup> and advised all present that the Branch exists only because of the money they received from the sale of their building last year.
- Branch 65: President Comrade Gerald Mercer said that their recruiting is still going on, there are now 30 paid members and they support 50 cadets. The Chase the Ace is done, the VLTs are doing well, the classes use their building twice a week and the cadets use it 3 times a week. President Comrade Gerald Mercer added that a storage room has been completed as well as a quiet room for members but an extension to the building is very much needed.
- Charwood Manor: Treasurer Comrade William Titford happily informed all present that the Manor is very active but sadly since January 1<sup>st</sup>, the caretaker has been on sick leave; a replacement has taken his place but only temporarily. He disclosed that all the new kitchen cabinets have been installed and all 27 apartments will be repainted. All that work cost \$120,000.00 but at no cost to District 2. Treasurer Comrade William Titford offered that the waiting list is available, the Manor is the most up to date in the Province and that they are preparing for the audit; he also divulged

that 2 members from each Branch hold a seat on the Charwood Manor Board. The Board meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 19:00hrs.

- Provincial Command: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence brought 2 books for all to see: the one given to participants in the Pilgrimage at Beaumont-Hamel and the other is given to the participants at the Provincial Convention. He praised District 2 as it is over and above all other Districts in the Province, disclosed that 5 students from Carbonear, 2 from Bay Roberts and a Veteran, all from District 2, are going on the Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel this year, 20 students from every Branch of District 2 were selected in the Poster and Literary Contest and 5 students from Newfoundland and Labrador were represented at Dominion Command. Then 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed all present about the new membership card: they are plastic like a credit card but are not yet available as a few issues still need to be resolved; with this new card the dues can be paid on line. After that, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence conveyed his disappointment at the lack of participating schools in the 2017 History Challenge as only 2 schools participated. He explained that Comrade Leslie Forward works very hard and very long hours at preparing the questions and answers as well as all the documents needed by the judges during the Challenge, the Eastlink crew with all their equipment for the televising of the competition and all the volunteers, Veterans and Legion Members in uniforms, kitchen help, etc. On a friendlier note, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence reminded all present of the Provincial Convention in Stephenville coming up. On a sadder note this time, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence expressed his disappointment at the lack of participation from Branches at District meetings and assured all present that when he becomes the Provincial President he will pass a rule regarding the Branches who don't participate in District meetings: they will not be allowed to participate in Sports tournaments or any other activities. Lastly, a wreath from Command will be laid tomorrow at 11:00hrs to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

#### 6. New Business:

- Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>: Comrade Philip Wood disclosed that this Ceremony was revived 20 years ago through a District meeting, then he went on with the logistics of the parade: all participants must be at the Bay Roberts Legion building at 13:00hrs, the parade will leave the Branch at 13:45hrs, will proceed to the Cenotaph where each Branch will lay a wreath, then the parade will return to the Legion building in order to lay a wreath in the water. Comrade William Titford agreed to MC the Ceremony, Comrade Ernie Mugford agreed to be the Parade Commander, Comrade Philip Wood implored all the Branches to invite the Mayors and Councillors of all the towns as well as the Cadet Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence agreed to be the Guest Speaker and a Navy Veteran will be involved with the wreath. Any questions may be directed via email or phone to Commander Comrade Robert Mugford, Comrade William Titford, Comrade Ernie Mugford or Comrade Philip Wood. After the Ceremony, the reception for the young people will take place at the Salvation Army building. The wreaths cost \$40.00 each. Comrade Philip Wood added that the Cultural Foundation, and not the town of Bay Roberts, is hosting the Chase-the-Ace at Branch 32. Concerning the wreaths, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence clarified that in the Poppy manual it is written that a wreath cannot be resold but can be re-used; it is a major problem in the Ontario Command.

- Provincial Convention 2017: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford mentioned information concerning dates and events mentioned in the package; the Convention itself will take place from Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Veterans Memorial Highway Flower Boxes: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford informed all present that last year Branches 23 Carbonear and 32 Bay Roberts absorbed the cost of planting flowers in the boxes for approximately \$100.00 per box. The District installed those boxes so the District is responsible to defray the cost. Comrade Mike Butt of Branch 23 Carbonear and Comrade Eric Mercer of Branch 32 volunteered their respective Branch to absorb the cost at their end but will gladly accept donations from the other Branches in the District. Branch 65 Brigus offered to cover this year's \$100.00 for flowers in the box at this end.
- Email communications: Commander Comrade Robert Mugford declared that he forwards all the information he receives from Command to all the Branches of District 2. Often the email is time sensitive so a response is required immediately from each Branch but sadly, Branches do not reply therefore miss out. Commander Comrade Robert Mugford strongly urged the Branches to respond to his emails as soon as possible.
- Per Capita Tax of 20% for Poppy Fund: at the request of Commander Comrade Robert Mugford, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence addressed the assembly about this issue. He disclosed that the end of the Poppy Campaign each year is September 30<sup>th</sup>, so the 20% is taken from the amount remaining at each Branch on that day. He then emphasised that Provincial Command does not hold a Poppy Campaign but that the Provincial Service Officer helps all the Veterans in need in the Province. The 20% from each Branch helps to build the Fund to assist all Veterans who have no Branch to help them out near their dwelling. Of course the rules and confidentiality are strongly enforced. Then 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Comrade Berkley Lawrence shared that last year, \$40,000.00 was given to Veterans in need. He also strongly advised all present that the Poppy Trust Fund itself does not belong to each Branch but it belongs to all. A discussion ensued as to the 20% of the money remaining on September 30<sup>th</sup> versus a 20% of the money collected on the year's Campaign only. Comrade William Titford divulged that the 20% was installed in 1991.

7. Other Business: No Business was brought forward.

#### 8. Closing

at 11:22hrs President Comrade Robert Mugford announced that the next meeting will take place in July 2017 and will include the Charwood Manor's election of Officers; he then closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem".