

AGENDA
DISTRICT 2 MEETING
January 13th, 2018
Branch #65, Brigus

1. Opening Ritual / Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (September 30, 2017)
3. Business Arising
4. Host Branch Welcome
5. Branch reports/Comments – making mention of Membership Issues/progress – along with the recent Remembrance Campaign/period in the Branch:
 - 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
6. New Business
 - a- District 2 Sports
 - b- Poppy Trademarks
 - c- District's Military Challenge
 - d- District's Battle of the Atlantic Parade (May 6th)
 - e- NL Command Updates
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7. Other Business
8. Closing Ritual
9. Next Meeting: TBD

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Commander		Philip Wood	Commander	Present
Provincial Command		Berkley Lawrence	President	Present
Secretary		Nicole Badcock	Secretary	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Gord Parsons	SAA	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Paulette Morrissey	President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Peter Yetman	1 st Vice-President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Gerald Burnette	2 nd Vice-President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	Jean Burnett	Executive	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Pamela Neil	President	Present
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	T. Walsh	Secretary	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Michael Butt	President	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Gary Badcock	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Tom Harris	Treasurer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Anne Harris	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Roselind Morgan	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Thomas Coombs	Member	Present
Branch 32	Bay Roberts	Eric Loveless	Member	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
Branch 65	Brigus	Colleen Crocker	Secretary	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Kip Mitchell	Sgt at Arms	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Gen Smith	Member	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Bill Smith	Vet Member	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	David Barrett	Member	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Margaret McDonald	Member	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Kevin Power	Treasurer	Present
Charwood Manor Carbonear		Sarah Lawrence	Secretary	Present

1. Welcome:

at 10:02hrs Commander Comrade Philip Wood opens the meeting with the singing of "O Canada" and the Legion Ritual. He thanked all the Branches of District 2 for their presence and welcomed them.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes of the September 30th, 2017 meeting were sent electronically.

Comrade Nicole Badcock moved to have the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read

Comrade Eric Mercer Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

3. Business arising: A question concerning the payment of Membership “on Line”, to which Provincial President Comrade Berkley Lawrence provided a satisfactory clarification. At least 3 Branches of District 2 already use the Legion Portal option.

4. Host Branch Welcome:

Comrade Gerald Mercer, President of Branch 65 Brigus, welcomed all present, thanked and invited all to stay for a “yarn” after the meeting as well as soup and sandwiches.

5. Branch President Reports:

- Branch 09: Comrade Gordon Parsons offered that last year was slow but this year Spaniards Bay has a good start with planned activities, the Poppy Campaign was good, Membership has 150 members and the Branch is heavily involved with Holy Redeemer School for the Poster and Literary Contest.
- Branch 15: Comrade Paulette Morrissey remarked that Harbour Grace has 41 paid members, the Poppy Campaign was good but a struggle to get help from the Cadets even though the Branch supports them, the Branch works hard at involving little children in their activities but found a decreased involvement from the Senior Classes, the Christmas Parade in town was well received by all, the CB Stars Hockey Team donated \$7,500.^{.00} to our Building Fund, we have good Fundraisers coming up for Valentine’s Day, the Deed and the Keys of the new building are in the Branch’s possession; all we need is help with the move.
- Branch 22: Comrade Pamela Neil disclosed that Upper Island Cove has 35 paid members, the Branch has only 5-6 volunteers but is doing well with a lot of catering activities and the Dart League; next weekend is the competition, the Poppy Campaign was not great in regards to Funds because there are only a few stores and the Cadets were no help (the problem seems to be with the C.O. and lack of communication), the November 11th Parade was a great success.
 - ⇒ Comrade Gerald Mercer addressed the “Cadet” situation since he has been at it for 40 years. He disclosed that a directive from Ottawa stated that “the Cadets will not do Poppy Campaign”
 - ⇒ Provincial President Comrade Berkley Lawrence added that the directive was sent out soon after Cpl Cerillo was killed in Ottawa and offered to re-visit this directive. He also advised all present of the importance of good communication between the Legion and the Cadet Corps.
 - ⇒ Commander Comrade Philip Wood introduced the “Liability” factor involved; he will check on it and will keep all Branches informed of his findings.
 - ⇒ Comrade Eric Mercer commented on the Cadet problem but offered a ray of hope with the CLB’s help in the Poppy Campaign.
- Branch 23: Comrade Michael Butt declared that Carbonear is doing very well and had a busy Fall, the November 11th Parade and Dinner were a great success, the New Year’s Ball was also a great success, the Audit is on the way now for the upcoming AGM, we have 158 members, on February 13th we are hosting a Breakfast for the homeless, the Poppy Campaign was a success; \$13,365.^{.00} was collected, thank you to all who helped, the Chase the Ace has amassed \$6,400.^{.00} so far and the draw is tonight, the Jam Sessions are good, we are blessed with a lot of volunteers to help whenever we need them and the Branch is financially sound.
- Branch 32: Comrade Tom Harris remarked that Bay Roberts had a successful year, Remembrance Day and all the Dinners were very well attended, we have 158 members, a Grant from the Government is looking after the Marina repairs and the Patio modification, the Poppy Campaign

was successful with \$19,000.⁰⁰ collected, we had 118 winners in the Drawing and Literary Contest, the Jam Sessions for the year will start today.

⇒ Comrade Gary Badcock discussed the Branch 32 Website and asked all present to check it out and comment on it; he declared that most viewings are coming from New Brunswick and Florida; the website is: **rclbranch32nl.ca**

➤ Branch 39: Comrade Ira Halfyard told all present that Dildo has 38 members, their Poppy Campaign involves 14 Communities and 5 Cenotaphs; \$4,300.⁰⁰ was collected, we support 3 Cadet Corps plus the CLB, we gave out 3x \$1,000.⁰⁰ for scholarship and 3x \$250.⁰⁰ from the Poppy Trust Fund, we have 6 schools who participate in the Drawing Contest.

➤ Branch 65: Comrade Gerald Mercer offered that the Branch has 33 members, the Branch supports a Corps of 39 Sea Cadets but the Officers gave up so we are looking for replacements, the VLT are doing good, the Chase the Ace was won so we will start a new one, the finances are better than ever, the Poppy Campaign needs a new Chairman, we are in the process of installing a new heating/cooling system and extending the building to accommodate the Cadets with the \$40,000.⁰⁰ we received in the settlement of the Court Case.

⇒ Commander Comrade Philip Wood expressed that it is the dedication of people involved in the Organisation that makes it work so well, he congratulated and thanked all present for it.

⇒ Commander Comrade Philip Wood discussed the Drawing and Literature Contest: the Poppy Fund can be used for it but the Teachers' commitment towards it is vital, it is important to keep it going and to involve the children; this District has sent a lot of children to Beaumont-Hamel so we must stay involved.

➤ Charwood Manor: Secretary Comrade Sarah Lawrence declared that District 2 owns Charwood Manor as 2 members of each Branch, except Dildo, sit on the Board of Directors. The Board now desperately needs a Treasurer before the end of March 2018 so it is the responsibility of the Branches to find one. Last October 25, 2017 at 12:00hrs the Manor was flooded so some tenants had to be relocated until mid December when all was back to normal; this move proved that the Evacuation System works, the Fire Hall worked great from 12:00hrs until 17:00hrs that day, the insurance took care of everything except ½ of the HST so \$9,000.⁰⁰ must be paid.

6. New Business:

➤ Sports: Commander Comrade Philip Wood cited the dates for Cribbage and Darts Tournaments to be 16-17 March 2018 in Branch 12 Grand-Falls and February 10th (17th as a Back-up) in Upper Island Cove to which Comrade Pamela Neil added that the Branch is very happy to host this Provincial Tournament and welcomed all to attend and participate; Commander Comrade Philip Wood offered copies of the forms required for participants.

7. Other Business:

➤ Poppy Trademark: Comrade Peter Yetman warned all present that some people buy and wear Metal Poppies that someone has bought in the USA for \$10 a bag and then sells them individually for \$10.⁰⁰ each. Provincial President Comrade Berkley Lawrence declared that the Legion has a lot of problems with all the Poppies look-alike. The Legion owns the Red Poppy and is in the process of owning a center pin that Branches will be able to sell. The Legion struggles with the Poppy problems therefore it is our duty to report any modification to Command. There are artificial websites that have copied the Legion website so it is a big problem because all the

profits are not shared with the Legion. The same with the collection boxes; if a tamper proof box is used; the profit goes to the Company and not to the Legion.

- Poster/Literary Contest: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence divulged that District 2 is the biggest contributor, it is the up to the school to participate and not one High Schools in St. John's participates. The Branches must make sure that all is correct on each form before forwarding the works to Command as it is very sad to disqualify a work of art because it is missing a parent's or a teacher's signature. We have 70 out of 200 schools who participate. This is the last year for the Ambassador Program which allows 16 students to take part in the Provincial Pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel but Command is working very hard with the Government in hopes of continuing this program.
- 50/50 Draw: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence discussed the draw coming up and exposed these changes:
 - a prize will be awarded to the seller of the winning ticket,
 - a prize will be awarded to the Branch who sold the winning ticket.
- Membership Portal: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence assured all present that the process is very easy to do.
- Bursary: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence advised all present that each Bursary is \$1,000.⁰⁰ and that every year only 6-7 applications are received at Command, it is based on the need, the Provincial form can be used for the application and the money can come from the Poppy Fund but Scholarship's money cannot.
- National War Memorial: there are 2 in Canada, one in St. John's (1924) and one in Ottawa (1930), the one in St-John's will turn 100 years old in 2024 therefore Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence approached and convinced the Minister of Transportation and Work to fix the Monument in order to bring it back to it's pristine condition for the 100th anniversary, and proudly disclosed that donations from the people of Newfoundland paid for the War Memorial.
- Donation to CLB: why can we not donate out of the Poppy Trust Fund to the CLB since they help the Legion with the Poppy Campaign, parades, etc. plus, they always invite the Legion to their Annual Dinner? Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence assured all present that he will inquire at Command.
- Military Challenge: 21 February 2018, Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence informed all present that Nova Scotia used to do it like "Reach for the Top" but stopped, Carbonear Legion picked it up and has been doing it for the last 7 years but unfortunately this year will be the last one. A lot of work goes into preparing the competition, not only questions and answers but the Eastlink Television Crew who televises and broadcast the competition, the Subway restaurant who provides Lunch for all, the Legion members who assist the competition and all the Legion volunteers who set up, serve and clean up the Legion building. When there is only one District, our District 2, who participates and now down to only 2 schools competing last year and this year, the decision had to be made to retire the competition.
- Service Officer Training: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence urged all Branches to send their Service Officer to the Annual Training Seminar given by Comrade Paul Hillier; the money can come from the Poppy Trust Fund but if a Branch cannot afford to send it's

Service Officer, the Provincial Trust Fund will cover the cost; the Branch only need to ask Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence.

- Battle of the Atlantic: Commander Comrade Philip Wood requested a volunteer Branch to host the May 6th event; Branch 9 Spaniards Bay agreed to host it this year and Branch 65 Brigus agreed to host it in 2019.
- Information from Command: Commander Comrade Philip Wood encouraged all Branches to read and use all the information included in the packet sent to each Branch by Command. There are time sensitive application forms due by February 9th for the Beaumont-Hamel Pilgrimage of June 27th to July 4th, 2018; all other application forms and reports must be sent to Command.
- Functions and Activities: Commander Comrade Philip Wood offered his presence to any Branch who needs him to participate.
- Pictures in the Legion Magazine: Provincial Command President Comrade Berkley Lawrence commented that the Legion Magazine never publishes pictures from Newfoundland and Labrador because none are submitted therefore he encouraged all Branches to send pictures to the magazine in order for them to be published.
- "A Blue Puttee at War" Book: Commander Comrade Philip Wood presented a copy of this book to each Branch on behalf of the editor Edward Roberts who donated one copy to each Branch in the Province.

8. Closing

at 11:57hrs Commander Comrade Philip Wood closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem".