

AGENDA
DISTRICT 2 MEETING
June 9th, 2018
Branch #23, Carbonear

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		Harold Brown	Acting Secretary	Present
Branch 09	Spaniards Bay	Gordon Parsons	President	Present
Branch 15	Harbour Grace	No Representative		
Branch 22	Upper Island Cove	Terry Walsh	Secretary	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Leslie Forward	1 st Vice President	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Trudi Dominie	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Gerald Dominie	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Jamie Forward	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Paula Evely	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Hal Evely	Member	Present
Branch 23	Carbonear	Gary Laing	Member	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	Eric Mercer	Service Officer	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Ira Halfyard	President	Present
Branch 39	Dildo	Bryan Barrington	Member	Present
Branch 65	Brigus	Gerald Mercer	President	Present
Charwood Manor Carbonear		Sarah Lawrence	Secretary	Present

1. Welcome:

at 10:33 hrs 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. He noted that Branch 15 president comrade Paulette Morrissey sent her regrets being unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes of the January 13th, 2018 meeting were sent electronically.

Comrade Gerald Mercer moved to have the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read

Comrade Ira Halfyard Seconded the Motion

MOTION CARRIED

Notes of correction/clarification from minutes:

- Comrade Ira Halfyard wished to correct an item on page 4 related to scholarships provided by the branch to Crescent Collegiate. He noted that scholarships provided to CLB recipients did not come from the Poppy Trust Fund but from the branch general account.

Comrade President Berkley Lawrence indicated that the CLB cannot receive monies from the Poppy Trust Fund. In order to change this, a resolution would have to be made and passed at Dominion Command.

- b) Comrade Eric Mercer commented on a meeting held with the cadet corps under sponsorship of branch 32 noting the positive outcome and understanding garnered from the sit down session.
- c) Commenting on page 6 item Battle of the Atlantic, Commander Comrade Phil Wood wished to extend his compliments to Branch 9 on a job very well done!

3. Business arising: None.

4. Host Branch Welcome:

Comrade Leslie Forward brought greetings on behalf of branch 23 as meeting host. She noted Comrade President's Michael Butt regrets for not being in attendance. She welcomed all to the branch and indicated a lunch would be served following the meeting

5. Branch President Reports:

- Branch 09: Comrade Gordon Parsons offered his 'Thanks' to all for their participation in the Battle of the Atlantic Parade & Ceremony.
He noted the branch had a number of upcoming events scheduled for the summer and that at present the branch is doing well.
- Branch 15: Comrade Paulette Morrissey had called into indicated she could not attend due to other commitments.
- Branch 22: Comrade Terry Walsh indicated that the branch is doing okay with about 40 members. Five new members have joined recently. The dart league of the branch has now concluded for the summer. .
- Branch 23: Comrade Leslie Forward brought regrets that President Comrade Michael Butt was unable to attend.

Comrade Forward reported that:

- ✓ The branch was doing quite well financially & otherwise
- ✓ Membership was approximately 150 and there was a core group of about 40 volunteers who help out whenever needed.
- ✓ The branch sponsors two cadet units: 589 Carbonear Air Cadets and 2615 Victoria Army Cadets.
- ✓ The branch is continuing to operate card games, darts, jam sessions and talent nights.
- ✓ The yearly "excursion around the bay" is planned for July. The bus trip will drop into all RCL branches from Brigus to Carbonear.
- ✓ The Memorial Banner Project started back in 2014 is an overwhelming success and continues to grow with some 55 banners for this year. Special thanks to Carbonear Volunteer Fire Department and Noel Motors in this project. A handout describing the project was provided to all branches represented.
- ✓ More events will be taking place in the fall and the branch will update all at the fall meeting.
- Branch 32: Comrade Ross Petten informed all that:
 - ✓ The branch has 152 paid members to date and that the membership normally reaches the 175 each year.
 - ✓ Refurbishing work on the Quay has been on-going, as well improvements to the branch building as part of a JCP grant

- ✓ An application for another grant under the New Horizons initiative is in the works.
 - ✓ Chase the Ace fundraiser is somewhat problematic due to the difficulty in efforts to secure as license
 - ✓ Students for summer employment have been approved.
 - ✓ The branch has applied for a moose license for fundraising purposes.
 - ✓ Branch functions are doing quite well. Monthly BBQ are well attended. Community breakfasts are scheduled for June 17, July 24th, and Sept 2nd.
 - ✓ Honours & Awards Dinner and Dance will take place on June 23rd
 - ✓ Our branch was robbed in mid-March with some \$2350 stolen. Our insurance will be reimbursing us.
 - ✓ Comrade Petten indicated that at the Dominion Command Convention in Winnipeg this August he would be running for the office of Vice President and would certainly appreciate the support district and provincial members attending.
- Branch 39: Comrade Ira Halfyard brought greeting from the branch and told all present that:
- ✓ Branch 39 has 38 members.
 - ✓ Branch members Bryan Barrington was here today and is new to district meetings.
 - ✓ They are financially sound since the sale of the building some time ago
 - ✓ 2 names have been added to the cenotaph in New Harbour
 - ✓ The branch is again supporting the annual Run the Rock event in August.
 - ✓ Comrade George Brown has recently undergone heart bypass surgery but is now facing lung cancer.
- Comrade Philip Wood asked that our best wishes/regards be conveyed to George from the district.
- ✓ The branch is certainly agreeable to hosting the fall district meeting.
- Branch 65: Comrade Gerald Mercer offered that:
- ✓ the Branch has to (2) new members
 - ✓ the Branch supports a Corps of 39 Sea Cadets.
 - ✓ the finances are better than ever
 - ✓ they are looking to extend the building to accommodate the Cadets, host wedding and other functions.
 - ✓ Things are moving ahead positively.
- Charwood Manor: Secretary Comrade Sarah Lawrence informed all that:
- ✓ Another water incident involving a hot water tank did damage to two cottages. PIB insurance has been very helpful in effecting repairs.
 - ✓ Finances are in process of being audited.
 - ✓ The AGM is set for June 28th

6. Provincial Command Update: President Comrade Berkley Lawrence noted that it was pleasure to be in attendance and informed all that:
- The PR report provided from Dominion Command contained some good items and was worth reading.
 - PTSD Buddies will be in the area soon and are scheduled in both Bay Roberts and Carbonear branches.

- The motorcycle clubs policy from Dominion Command is in effect and should be adhered to. Some mc club members are vets and wear their medals on their club colors He advised all to be cognizant of the involvement of such persons in ceremonies, particularly those wearing the 1% insignia. DC's policy notes that they can be involved but must remove their club colors or leave.
- The annual pilgrimage to Beaumont-Hamel (Trail of the Caribou) is set to go with 7 vets, 16 students and a nurse.
- Bells Across Canada Initiative. Silent during the war, bells rang out to signal end of conflict. The Bells Across Canada is set to start in Newfoundland on Signal Hill on Nov 11th with a gun salute. Bells will ring 100 times across Newfoundland and then successively across our country. Youth are encouraged to become involved.
- Branch Finances continue to be a concern. Be vigilant in ensuring a paper trail of checks/balances is in place.
- Poppy Trust Fund audits have now been completed in 14 branches to date with more to come.
- Provincial Command's 50/50 draw this year was the best ever. The winner, Roy Hopkins of Old Perlican received \$12,705.00. Prize draw for branches will take place soon.
- Dominion Command is paying one year membership fees for cadets aging out but joining any legion branch.
- Memorial Banner Project is growing steadily. August 5th branch 23 will host an open house at the legion hall. It is planned that all banner erected will have a branch members standing by it on that day to speak with visitors. It is anticipated there will be a need for 70 – 75 volunteers.

7. 2018 Poppy Campaign

Official opening will take place on Oct 25th @1900 hrs at branch 32 Bay Roberts.

Please note the letter from PC regarding the Poppy Campaign....never too early to start.

Comrade Eric Mercer indicated an issue getting poppy campaign packages from PC. He noted that although apparently sent, it is simply not arriving. This has been & continues to be a problem.

➤ Battle of the Atlantic 2019 will hosted by Branch 65 Brigus this year

8. Lest We Forget Booklet

Commander Comrade Phil reminded all that this booklet is a major fundraiser for provincial command. It is a great promotion and recognizes veterans who have served and those serving. He encourages each branch to support.

9. Membership:

Commander Comrade Phil stressed the need to encourage members to re-up.

It was noted that in relation to district meetings some members were unaware that they could attend.

10. Branch Bars/Finances

All were reminded, although already covered by President Comrade Lawrence that proper controls were vital. Paper trail is a must.

11. Flower Boxes On Veterans Highway:

Branch 32 Bay Roberts and Branch 23 Carbonear will look after the respective boxes. Branch 65 wished to be involved in sharing the cost.

12. District Training:

Training will once again take place in Grand Falls this September. Information packages from PC will be forthcoming.

7. Other Business: Open to the Floor

- Comrade Eric Mercer referenced the new item for our poppies, the attachable black center which could be used instead of the straight pin. He noted this item had be purchase at the expense of each branch if they wanted it.
- Comrade Gerald Mercer noted:
 - a) Heritage Fair winner Emma Lucas a student from the branches' area has won the right to travel to Beaumont-Hamel this summer. He indicated the branch would be supporting her travel with a \$250 donation.
 - b) He referenced some promotional items (pins & pens) he had ordered for the branch and had the address of the company if anyone was interested.
- Comrade Gordon Parsons wished to inform that:
 - a) The branch had 4 new members
 - b) Bingos and VLT's were doing well
 - c) A district meeting had not been held at branch 9 for some time
 - d) Branch 9 wished to be involved/help with the flower boxes.
- Comrade Gerald Dominie asked if there was any new information as related to a new caribou monument being erected at Gallipoli. President Comrade Berkley Lawrence that no other information was available as yet.
- boxes; if a tamper proof box are used; the profit goes to the Company and not to the Legion.

8. Closing

Commander Comrade Philip Wood thanked all from coming and wished everyone as great summer. At 11:59 hrs he closed the meeting with the Legion Ritual and the singing of the "Royal Anthem".

Respectively Submitted by

Comrade Harold Brown/

Standing in for Comrade Secretary Nicole Badcock