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## **EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2024**

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

During the “Silence” we will remember our fallen Comrades and those who have passed since we last met: Arie Vink, Glenys Goossens, Gilbert Wilde.

**ATTENDANCE:** See Appendix ‘A’

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by Comrade Derek Seath; Seconded by Comrade Stu McCann that the agenda be approved as presented.* **CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:** See Appendix ‘B’  
AND INITIATIONS

*Moved by Comrade Gruchy Bergen; Seconded by Comrade McCann that the 41 new members and 15 applications for transfer be accepted.* **CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:** (June 20, 2024) **APPROVED**

**APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES:** (June 13, 2024)

*Moved by Comrade Lessor; Seconded by Comrade Lomenda that the Executive Minutes of June 13, 2024 be approved.* **CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**Executive minutes:**

Resignations:

*Moved by Denise Gruchy Bergen; Seconded by Comrade McCann that the resignations of Comrade Seath, Comrade Ripley, and Comrade MacKenzie not be accepted.* CARRIED

Poppy/Membership Computer: – Comrade Griffiths is working on this.

Sgt-at-Arms:

Discussion on the Role of the Sgt-at-Arms - in relation to who they serve

Any member in good standing can join Color Party and Honour Guard –

Talk to Comrade Moores if you would like to join or for more information

Training: Comrade Moores would like to have a training day

Uniform: It costs quite a bit to put uniform together and dry clean

Second in Command – would like someone to take this position

POS Terminals

Comrade Manager Vink said that the Clover System and Staff concerns are being dealt with – with more training coming.

Hiring of a new Manager

*After Discussion it was moved by Comrade Ripley; Seconded by Comrade Lessor that we offer to keep Maureen Vink on as General Manager on a permanent basis as a contractor.* CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY

Comrade Vink accepted the permanent position.

**General Meeting Minutes**

Re: the Printing of Agenda, Reports etc,

*Because, the executive will all have minutes when they arrive at a General Meeting, Moved by Comrade Norman Campbell; Seconded by Jim Gilmour that the number of printed copies of the General Minutes be reduced to 25 from 50 and copies will be provided in electronic format as well.* CARRIED

20 Cap Badges for Centennial Branch Pipe Band (did they receive?)

Comrade Moores to look into matter and order if needed.

A “badging ceremony will be arranged through Pipe Major Jim Perry

PRESIDENT REPORT – Comrade President Kent Griffiths – Appendix ‘C’  
Looking for ‘Chili lunch’ volunteers to make and then serve at the Field of Crosses October 19, October 26, and November 12. – Speak with Kent if you would like to help.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT – Comrade Rob Danberger - NWR - Absent

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Comrade Stu McCann. - NWR  
Let him know if anyone is sick and would like a visit.  
Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered at the ‘Steak and Lobster’ Dinner.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Comrade Kel Lessor - NWR

Cadets: Comrade Wright - Air  
Comrade Alexander – Navy  
Comrade Grey - Army

BRANCH MANAGER REPORT - Comrade Maureen Vink - NWR  
Dinner for Volunteers and Staff on Monday, September 30. 5:00-8:00pm.  
RSVP to Kathy at [bookings@rcl285.ca](mailto:bookings@rcl285.ca)  
Jukebox – has been taken out as it was not cost effective  
Staff – giving more responsibility to and is cross training staff

TREASURER REPORT – Vacant – Separate Report

Comrade Manager Vink presented a positive Financial Report – stating we are in the black.

SECRETARY REPORT – Comrade Fiona Swanson - APPENDIX ‘D’  
CORRESPONDENCE

Comrade McClintock – Letter of Resignation (e-mail)  
*Moved by Comrade Derek Seath; Seconded by Comrade Stu McCann that the resignation of Comrade Bill McClintock as Treasurer be accepted. CARRIED*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Comrade Denise Gruchy Bergen - APPENDIX ‘J’

**POPPI CAMPAIGN - Comrade Pat Lomenda - APPENDIX 'K'**

The Poppy Campaign begins October 25, when the Governor General receives one. Poppy Desk will open on the 22 of October.

**Volunteers Needed** for Area Captains, Taggers, Nursing homes and other volunteers. Please contact Rose S or Pat Lomenda if you can help out. Or sign up on one of the bulletin boards – or online.

*Moved by Comrade President Kent Griffiths; Seconded by Comrade Stu McCann that the Calgary Branches Poppy Fund pay Centennial Calgary Branch #285, \$24,202.50 for Accessibility Modifications. Ie: front door steps and wheelchair ramp.* **CARRIED**

**WAYS AND MEANS - Comrade Anne Lynch – APPENDIX 'L'**

Concern was raised re: treatment of Volunteers at Saturday Draws. Sgt-at-Arms will be present to talk to those who are causing problems.

**HOUSING REPORT – Comrade Duncan Ripley – APPENDIX 'M'**

Volunteers are needed to help with Housing – if you or your offspring have a trade and a few hours to volunteer – we would love to know. Talk to Comrade Ripley.

**OUTREACH REPORT – Comrade Fiona Swanson – APPENDIX 'O'**

**HR AND DISPUTES - Comrade Norman Campbell - APPENDIX 'P'**

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - Comrade Jim Gilmour - APPENDIX 'Q'**

Change to Q4 as it brings things in line with command By-Law Template.

**SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT - Comrade Derek Seath – APPENDIX 'R'**

Elton John Impersonator on November 2 – tickets go on sale beginning of October.

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT – Comrade David McKay – APPENDIX 'S'**

Discussion re: Veterans Food Bank –

*Comrade Dave Mckay moved; Comrade Pat Lomenda Seconded that we go 'in camera'.* CARRIED

Comrade Dave McKay moved; Comrade Pat Lomenda Seconded that we go 'out of camera'. CARRIED

Was for Information and discussion – no action taken

SGT- AT-ARMS REPORT – Comrade Gerard Moores. – NWR

Chinook Mall Event for Remembrance - Has contacted Scott McNamara about it.

Agreed to 4 Sunrise Events at Field of Crosses.

A couple of seniors homes and schools have contacted him.

SPORTS AND RECREATION – Comrade Wade Bergen - APPENDIX 'U'

Track and Field event was a highlight experience.

Working on bringing in some more 'sport' events.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT – Madame President Wanda Bellfountaine NWR  
- Absent

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – Comrade Bart Dailley NWR - Absent

OLD BUSINESS: - Comrade Griffiths will acquire portraits of HRH King Charles

NEW BUSINESS -

Convention – Report from Chair, who attended – Appendix 'W'

District 5 Rally - NWR

GENERAL WELFARE OF THE BRANCH – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Comrade President Kent Griffiths

MOTION TO ADJOURN

*Moved by Comrade Norman Campbell; Seconded by Comrade Jim Gilmour that the meeting be adjourned.* CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: GENERAL - SEPTEMBER19, 2024 AT 1900 HOURS

EXECUTIVE – OCTOBER 10, 2024 AT 1830 HOURS

CLOSING CEREMONY

Comrade MacKenzie closed the meeting at 2130 hours.

President, Kent Griffiths

Secretary, Fiona Swanson