

**General Meeting**  
**The Royal Canadian Legion**  
**Charleswood Branch 100**  
**Minutes September 11, 2022**

Chairman's Remarks

Reminder to Turn off all Electronic Devices

Meeting Call to order at 2:02 PM

Opening Ceremony

**ROLL CALL**

Position (s)	Name	P	E	A
Past President (Service Officer)	Cde P. Otis		X	
<b>Trustees:</b>				
(Sports & Games, 2nd Vice President)	Cde B. Rodgers	X		
	Cde. R. Fissett	X		
(Trustee Chair)	Cde. G. Conrad Davey		X	
1st Vice President	Cde B. Brown	X		
Chairman	Cde. T. Crew	X		
Secretary	Cde K. Reimer	X		
Treasurer	Cde M. Enokson	X		
Membership (LA President)	Cde D. Pickering	X		
Public Relations	Cde S. Koshowski	X		
Sgt-at-Arms	Cde G. Parrington	X		
Poppy Fund	Cde R. Otis	X		
Ways & Means	Cde D. Redbourn	X		
Sick & Visiting	Cde M. Koshowski	X		
House & Grounds	Cde R. Reimer	X		
Chaplain Prot.	Vacant			
Chaplain (RC)	Vacant			

51- Present for Quorum

**Chairman's Remarks:**

Comrade Vosters made two motions at the November General Meeting that I wish to address. The first was a motion that the vote be held by show of hands or a standing vote. According to the Legion Rules of Procedure for Legion Meetings Elections point a, elections shall be "By secret ballot" and there is no provision for any other type of vote. Therefore, the elections chair was correct in ruling this motion out of order.

The second motion made was that candidates be allowed scrutineers for vote counting. The Legion rules make no provision for candidate scrutineers, so the elections chair correctly ruled this motion out of order.

At the February General Meeting, Comrade Vosters raised the question of why the 2 motions were not recorded in the minutes. I ruled that the motions could be included in the minutes and a motion was subsequently passed to that effect. Upon further research there is nothing in the rules specifically regarding the recording of motions. Therefore, I am to rely upon Roberts Rules of Order and English Common Law. It has been the custom of all other boards on which I've served that only motions which are passed are recorded unless a member specifically requests the motion or vote on it be recorded. Roberts states that main motions, their mover, and the vote be recorded, regardless of the outcome unless the mover withdraws the motion. I intend to proceed with only passed future motions being recorded unless a member requests otherwise. Further I see no malice or negligence in the secretary not recording these motions originally nor in Comrade Vosters requesting that the motions be recorded.

### Minutes Approval

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the General Meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

- The General Meeting that was to be held May 29, 2022 was cancelled as there was not sufficient quorum to proceed with the meeting.

#### **Discussion:**

- Cde. R. Vosters brought up that there were 21 legion members present (including the executive) at this meeting and therefore was cancelled against the by-laws. The bylaws state that 15 legion members in good standing are required for quorum.
- There were items that were on the agenda have been added to this agenda – these will be concluded after the meeting today.
- Cde. J. Wantzing -Concerned that bylaws that are in place for a reason and not being followed properly.
- The executive made that decision as the General meetings are for our members to take part in the decisions, therefore with only having 6 other members it did not seem fair to proceed with the meeting.

- **Cde . G. Napady**, moved that in the minutes from May 29, 2022, be modified to state that the executive made a decision to cancel the meeting as they believed they were working for the better of for the purpose of the legion.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Cde. R. Reimer 1 opposed Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Special General Meeting of July 24, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting minutes of March 13, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting of April 10, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 15, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 12, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting of July 10, 2022, be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady. Motion Carried**

**Cde. K. Reimer** moved the minutes of the Executive Meeting of August 14, 2022, be approved **2<sup>nd</sup>: Cde. G. Napady**

#### **Discussion:**

- Cde. R. Vosters wanted to discuss the point where a vote at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting, was held to no longer post the minutes to the website. According to the Special General Meeting minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup> Cde. Davies said that no decisions that affect the general membership should be passed without the membership's involvement. To be brought up under new business.
- Cde. D. Eric said that there should be an amendment to the motion that was held, that it should state that the executive meeting minutes should not be posted to the website, just the General Meeting Minutes.
- Cde. R. Vosters -The reason provided for this was to bring people into the legion. There are only 5-70 people which means that the rest of the roughly 400 members are not coming into the legion and the only way they would have access to this is through the online format. Email distribution was also discussed.

- Cde. J. Wantzing stated at the last meeting there was a discussion of inconsistent information. She was advised by Cde. G. Conrad Davey that information would be on the board and on the website. Cde. B. Rodgers responded stating that was regarding the appointment of the trustees.
- Cde. B. Rodgers said regarding the meeting minutes, that is up to us to decide what to post and where. For executive meeting minutes they should not be posted for the general membership until they have been approved by the general membership. The motion for the posting approval will be considered under new business.
- Cde. D. Redbourn we are only one of 2 legions in all of Canada that post their minutes on the website. There is nothing in the bylaws that state we have to post them on the website. It is a lot of work to post them, and we are so short of volunteers to help this legion. Some of us are here 30-40 hours a week working for the vets and this legion.
- Cde. R. Vosters. The Special General Meeting was not posted on the website. The executive meeting went on the website up until the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Motion will be moved to new business
- No further discussion **Motion Carried.**

### Treasurer's Report

**Read by Cde. M. Enokson.**

#### **Discussion:**

- The financial report will be entered into the record.
- Cde. B. VanWynsberghe. In our bylaws it states that the General Meeting there will be a Monthly Financial Statement available. Cde. R. Fissette corrected stating the bylaws state that Monthly Financial Statement will be presented at the General Meeting. If you wish to go through the financials, you can make an appointment with the office to review.
- At the July Special General Meeting Cde. Conrad Davey assured her that there would be Balance Sheets and Income Statements at this meeting.
- Would like there to be a motion that the bylaws be amended to specify the definition of Financial Statements. To be moved under new business.

- Cde. J. Wantzing asked “what are you hiding, this is our information we are the members of this legion, why are we not privileged to see how we are doing?” -It was stated again that an appointment can be made with the office to view these reports, nothing is being hidden.

## Correspondence

None

## REPORTS

### Trustee's Report/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

Cde. B. Rodgers reported: With the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Dominion Command has put into play Operation London Bridge. Our branch will follow the guidelines as much as possible to respect and mourn her passing. All events except Track the Jack and the Meat Draws are cancelled. The Friday night foods will be moved to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Volunteers for all events happening or planned to happen in our branch are greatly needed, we only need as much of your time as you are willing to give be it 1 or 2 hours. The more people volunteering makes for things to happen and things get done better and quicker. This makes it easier for others to give their time as well so please volunteer to let those who do more than their share have a break and relax while they are here.

We will be putting Grey Cup pool tickets on sale after the mourning period for her Majesty. They will be available at the bar and members who volunteer to sell them \$2.00 each.

### Past Presidents Report

**Cde. P. Otis reported:** I bring you greetings from Provincial Command and from District 4. Our Branches are steadily moving forward from the effects of COVID. Most, if not all Branches are operating at reduced hours. It has been a slow but steady process getting back to some degree of normalcy. Our District Meeting will be held in Carman, 1 October. All District 4 Presidents are to have their Branch reports completed, whereby, they will present their contents at the district meeting. The Branch Presidents are

encouraged to bring along another Legion Member, so that they can see how our functional chain works at the Branch, Zone, and District levels.

Just as information, our Provincial Command meeting will be held at the Norwood hotel October 14 and 15. Our new Provincial Command President, Comrade Ernie Tester, and his Executive will be present. That includes newly elected Comrades Gail Davey and the Provincial Treasurer, Comrade Roland Fisette.

One of my duties as Past President is to Chair a Nominating Committee for our next elections in November of this year; for the upcoming year 2023. As such, I have assembled a committee of the following Comrades:

Comrade Phil Otis - Committee Chairman

Comrade Kirsten Reimer

Comrade Stan Koshowski

Comrade Diane Pickering

Comrade Alf Tait

I request Executive approval of the aforementioned Comrades to sit with me as your Nominating Committee for the November Branch Elections. These names should then be forwarded to the General Meeting. The Nominating Board will be on Display at the end of October, in the main atria of the Legion. Our object is to have good volunteers to fill all Executive positions. We believe in teamwork, and as such, will be adding another list looking for volunteer workers to assist the elected executive positions. Our nominating team will be like social butterflies in October sitting down at different tables soliciting names and encouraging members to become engaged. Our Legion needs your help, and you can do that by volunteering. We must get back to where we were 4 years ago and get this Legion back on its feet; serving our Veterans and our Community. Above all, Lets have fun doing it! Thanks for listening.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President including Financial Committee

**Cde. Brown reported:** The external audit of the Charleswood Legion Financial records has been completed. No Financial irregularities were reported. The bar is in need of a new ice machine at a cost in excess of five thousand dollars. The local MP, MLA and City Councilor have been contacted to see if they can be of financial assistance.

## Membership

**Cde. Pickering reported:** The early bird campaign for 2023 is going well with 45 memberships paid to date. The early bird campaign runs from September 1 to November 30, 2022. There will be four early bird membership draws during the months of September, October and November for a total of 12 membership draws for a total of \$600.00. Each month four draws of \$50.00 each will be drawn. Good luck to everyone.

Membership renewals can be paid online @legion.ca under membership renewal and can be paid up to 5 years. Also, membership dues can be paid at the bar in the branch by cheque, credit, cash or debit. Dues can be mailed in along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will be pleased to mail your membership card.

Please ensure that the branch has your most current mailing address, phone number, etc. on file. This will ensure members receive correspondence from our office as well as Dominion Command. This will also ensure delivery of the Legion Magazine. Forms for change of address are located at the front desk, just below the application for membership. Please submit updated forms to bar or office staff.

Membership paid to date for 2022 is 541. Dues outstanding is 59. New and re-instated members for 2022 to date is 67.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Cde. D. Bates has volunteered to help me with membership for our branch. Thank you, Deb, for volunteering and I look forward to training and working with you in the next week or two.

Recognition of our Long Service Members will be celebrated on January 1, 2023, at the branch. This will take place in our club room at approximately 1:00 PM.

The years of continued service of membership is noted on your membership card. Pins are available in 5- and 10-year increments. Your branch is honored to recognize your years of continued service. If you are interested in receiving your lapel pin, please contact the branch office no later than Wednesday November 30, 2022 to advise us of your significant service year. Also, at this time we will require your membership number and your phone number.

## Public Relations

**Cde. S. Koshowski reported:** I believe I've been keeping up to date with Facebook and the website. Today a post will be added to honor the passing of Queen Elizabeth the second. Please feel free to offer feedback if it's needed. There is also a newsletter sign up so you can be emailed when the website gets updated. Please feel free to fill this out to get regular updates.

## Sgt-at- Arms

**Cde. Parrington reported:** No Report

## Service Officer

**Cde. P. Otis reported:** No Report

## Sports and Games

**Cde. Rodgers reported:** Winter sports are starting back up as follows:

- Tuesday
  - Ladies Snooker starting at 6PM
  - Cribbage starting at 6 PM
- Wednesday
  - Bingo starting a 1 PM
  - Dart League starting 05 October at 7 PM
- Thursday
  - Pool-top curling starting at 1 PM
  - Dart Club starting at 7:30 PM

Looking for Games or Sports for Sunday and Monday to get legion doors open on these days.



## Poppy Fund

**Cde. R. Otis reported:** The poppy campaign starts Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Routes will be made up on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> for pick up on mezzanine.

Waiting for command to authorize whether we can canvas in stores so if we can, we need volunteers. It is 2-hour shifts and if you can't do 2 hours then do 1 hour if possible. We have 70-, 80- and 90-year-old veterans, spouses and those who support the veterans go and canvas. Surely, we could recruit some younger members. We do 2 Fridays, and the cadets do the Saturdays. It's not hard work. 3-4 years ago, we had a veteran take a folding chair in case it was needed. If we can canvas, there will be sheet hung up on the front bulletin board. I am also looking at doing another drive thru event, again volunteers are needed. Poppies sell themselves!

### **Discussion:**

- Cde. R. Vosters when Cde. W. Trefry was here he had mentioned to him that the Poppy fund should be a charitable fund, so that tax deductible receipts could be provided. To be moved to new business.

## Ways & Means

**Cde. Redbourn reported:** Meat Draws and Track the Jack are doing very well.

Friday foods- volunteers are needed as we go into the fall. We would like to have food every Friday, but without volunteers to serve and clean up, this cannot be done. If you want to cook a meal, or we can have a ready meal which would just need to be served.

The Ladies Axillary will be starting again with pizza and a 50/50 draw the first Friday of every month. People are asking if Friday foods will be every week in the fall. Volunteers are required to make this possible. September 30, 2022 – executive meat draw and a team is required. September 24<sup>th</sup> Karaoke at 630 PM. Children are allowed.

## Sick & Visiting

**Cde. M Koshowski reported:** Through the summer months, I've sent out a few fruit baskets, flowers were sent out to one member. I've had some wonderful discussions with some members. I also arranged to provide 2 perennials to honor the passing of a long-time member, which was well received by the family. I hope the coming months find everyone in good health, but if you do know of a member who is unwell, please let me know.

## House & Grounds

**Cde. R. Reimer reported:** I have a list of items I am working on now that I'm back from 3 weeks of travel. Some of the highlights include:

1. I was able to source and replace the high-pressure sodium bulbs in the west parking lot lights, and I'm still looking to source additional lights to better improve visibility.

2. I had Triad Fire Protection come in and service the emergency lighting, as there was a unit in the tank room that was not working properly.

3. Jay and Stan have volunteered to assist in raising and leveling the deck. This activity is slated for Sunday, September 18th, 2022.

## Ladies Auxiliary

**Cde. Pickering reported:** The 50/50 winner of \$210.00 on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> was Kelly. Caroline Rosentreter was the winner of \$300.00 on Friday April 1, 2022. Friday May 6, 2022 the L.A. did not have a 50/50 draw or serve pizza due to the high numbers. The L.A. did not hold draws or serve pizza in July, August, and September due to the summer long weekends.

On Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Ladies Auxiliary will be serving Gondola Pizza at \$3.00 a slice and selling 50/50 tickets at \$2.00/ticket. Hope to see you then.

Last month we lost one of our Auxiliary members, Mary Thorgeirson, at the age of 87. Mary was a Ladies Auxiliary member for 42 years. She served on several committees; chair as Social Committee, Membership, and Auditor, then became President in 1986-1988 then 1989-2002.

The Ladies Auxiliary annual craft sale is back and will be held on Saturday October 22, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This will take place in the tank room. Enjoy coffee, hot dogs and more while you shop. Free admission, silent auction prizes and 50/50 draw. West side parking lot wheelchair accessible and for anyone who has mobility difficulties. We have 23 tables with a great variety of goods and crafts for everyone. Please mark your calendars and keep this day open. Bring a friend and or family members, come out, have some fun and support the crafters. You will have a good chance of picking up gifts for Christmas or for yourself. Hope to see you there. Please check the website for more information as we get closer to the craft sale.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Cde. R. Vosters stated at the last meeting Cde. G. Conrad Davey said she was going to look into the confidentiality form
  - Cde. B. Rodgers advised this confidentiality form is one that every one of the executive members signs, so that we do not discuss any of our executive decisions outside of the meetings, except for information that needs to be passed along to the membership. Cde. R. Vosters said that there should be no confidentiality, Cde. B. Rodgers said it is there to protect the privacy of all legion members and so that no rumors are started because of something that shouldn't have been discussed outside the executive. This has been in effect for a couple of years already.
  - Cde. D. Eric agrees the membership elects the executive and the executive is doing what they are elected to do.
  - Cde. J. Vosters asked how are we supposed to know which one of the members voted which way?
  - Cde. D. Pickering, at an executive meeting we discuss things that pertain to the branch, sometimes it is just a discussion about what to do, what might work best. If I were to disagree with something, it doesn't matter to the general membership if I disagree or not, that is my choice.
  - Cde. Vosters, it goes towards accountability. We get to know how our members of parliament vote, so we can base our next vote based on their past actions. For those that would vote for it to be online I would re-elect, for those that didn't I wouldn't.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Cde. R. Fissette - letter of apology from Cde. S. Ready to Cde. R. Vosters was read.
2. **Nominating Committee** (Cde. P Otis - Committee Chairman, Cde. K. Reimer, Cde. S. Koshowski, Cde. D. Pickering, Cde. A. Tait)
  - **Cde. Crew** moved that the election committee as stated above is put into place **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. R. Fissette.**

## Discussion:

- Cde. J. Wantzing- There is concern over committee, there was an individual that was nominated to run but was not qualified to run. This same committee is here today. This is not right!
- Cde. B. Rodgers The majority of the committee is new and has never been on the committee previously. The past presidents are required to be on the committee and are the only ones that are the same as before.
- Cde. K. Reimer. It is a nominating committee to get volunteers to put their names up to volunteer for positions on the executive.
- Cde. J. Wantzing, do you not have to know what the criteria is to have someone be nominated for a position?
- Cde. R. Otis I think you are questioning 2 veterans that have who have spent over 37 years wearing a uniform for God, Queen and this country they have both been president of this legion.
- Cde. J. Wantzing I do challenge the knowledge when there were people put on the committee that put others on nominating board who were not qualified to run.
- Cde. R. Vosters, nobody had questioned their military service is not in question. This is supposed to be a democratic organization, it is not supposed to be run like the military regiment. It is supposed to follow democratic principles, having a nominating committee that is unbiased and choses people at random.
- Cde. J. Vosters: the bylaws were not followed when Cde. Ready was elected president.
- Cde. D. Eric for someone that wishes to run for a position, do they have to be nominated by the committee? Cde. R. Fissette – no they can be nominated from the floor. There should be no issue.
- **Motion Carried**
- **Appreciation Awards.** 3 awards given out to deserving members for their volunteer services to the branch on many occasions over the past couple of years. **Cde. K. Smeal, Cde. G. Napady & Cde. R. Napady**, were recognized Branch 100.

- Proposed by-law changes as posted for review.
  - **Cde. B. Rodgers** made a Notice of Motion to submit the changes as a whole package to Provincial Command for the amendments to Branch Bylaws to be approved. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Cde. M. Koshowski.**

### **Discussion**

- **Cde. J. Vosters** does not agree with all of the changes and does not want to vote on all of them at once.
- **Cde. R. Vosters** agrees the changes should be amended individually as he does not agree with all of the scheduled changes. I disagree to 5.1 regarding the General Meeting schedule. This should remain as is so that as a member I can plan around this and not worry about being notified of any changes. Regarding Annex - objected- posting in the branch disagrees. Annex B. disagrees with the complaint process changes.
  - **Cde. J. Todd** can we please move forward with the vote.
  - **44 for, 7 opposed – Motion Carried**
- **Cde. B. Rodgers** put forth motion to dispose of unserviceable equipment, 2 printers and 1 power washer that doesn't work- asking to write the equipment off of the assets on our finances and be disposed of.. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Cde. B. Brown- Motion Carried**
- Proposal to host 2023 and 2024 Provincial sporting events. For this branch to host the events we will need volunteers to be on a committee to organize and run the events. These are opportunities to raise money for our branch and meet Comrades from other branches. These must be approved by the members at a General Meeting before we can send in our application to host.
- **Cde. R. Rodgers** Golfing 2023 – last 3 weeks of August 2023 **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. D. Edwards – Motion Carried**
- **Cde. R. Rodgers** Golfing 2024 – last 3 weeks of August **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. R. Reimer- Motion Carried**
- **Cde. R. Rodgers** Cribbage 2024 – 2nd or 3rd week of February **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. R. Otis - Motion Carried**


- **Cde. R. Rodgers** Darts 2024 – 1st or 2nd week of March **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. G. Napady - Motion Carried**
- **Cde. G. Napady** –The meeting of May 29, 2022. the meeting was cancelled in error of the bylaws by the executive, believing that not enough members were in attendance to meet quorum. **2<sup>nd</sup> R. Cde Vosters.**
- **Cde. R. Vosters** – Put forth a motion that the Executive Meeting minutes be posted to the website and in the branch **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. J. Vosters.** (General meeting minutes are not part of the discussion as they already being posted on the website and will continue to be posted).
  - **12 For 32 opposed 1 abstaining – Motion Defeated**
- **Cde. VanWynsberghe** put forth a motion that the financial statements (including Balance Sheet and Income Statement) for the months preceding the General Meeting and the year to date, be provided at General Meetings. **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. Wantzing.**
  - **14 for, 25 opposed – Motion Defeated**
- **Cde. R. Vosters** – Put forth a motion that executive look into making getting charitable status for the poppy fund – **2<sup>nd</sup> Cde. J. Vosters – Motion Carried**
- **Cde. R. Vosters** – Requested to address the apology letter read by Cde. R. Fissette , Cde. R. Fissette said that the decision of the complaint committee was that a letter of apology be read at a General Meeting, and this has now been done. Cde. R. Vosters said that the complaint decision, which was in that letter, was not read to the membership. This is a decision made by Command and decisions and their reasons are not normally made public, but in any case are not in our Branch’s purview.
- Cde. D. Pruden wanted to thank the executive for all of what they do.


### Upcoming Meetings


**Executive Meeting-----October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2 PM**

**General Meeting -----November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2 PM**

**Meeting adjourned 4:10**

  
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 Kirsten Reimer – Secretary

  
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 Tom Crew - Chairman

  
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 Brian Rodgers - Trustee