



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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March 2008 Branch Line

As you may be aware, some of your fellow Comrades have been serving a light lunch in the Canteen on Friday's at 5:30 p.m. We would like to say "Thanks" to our contributors so far and if you are interested in being a host please contact Bob Harrison (519-389-4806). The meals are only \$3.00 per serving. It is nice to see many of you enjoying the food. The monies raised from these events are donated back to the Branch.

The Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, April 01st at 8:00 p.m. Elections will be held and all members are urged to attend. Please be reminded that you will have to show your membership card at the door. If you are a new member and have not received your card yet, please be prepared to show your receipt.

The Nomination Board will be situated in the Canteen. Please consider being an Executive Member.

"Happy St.Patrick's Day" and a "Happy Easter" to all.

The Editors

Royal Canadian Legion
Port Elgin Branch 340
General Membership Meeting 5th February 2008

Meeting came to order at 8 p.m. President Comrade Nigel Ord officiating.

- 1 Two new members were initiated by Cde. Rhonda Harrison and Cde. Dan Kelly Comrade Stuart Shoemaker and Comrade Anita Shoemaker.
- 2 The treasurers report was read.
MOTION Cde. Dan Kelly, **SECONDED** Cde. Gord Kelly that the treasurers report be adopted as read. **CARRIED**
- 3 Minutes of the December General Meeting were read.
MOVED Cde. Terry Mills, **SECONDED** Cde. Mike Atkinson to accept the December meeting minutes. **CARRIED**
- 4 Minutes of the January Executive Meeting were read.
MOVED Cde. Terry Mills, **SECONDED** Cde. Bob Harrison to accept the December meeting minutes. **CARRIED**
- 5 Business Arising from Minutes
MOTION Cde. Norma Dudgeon, **SECONDED** Cde. Ruth Clemmer, that \$1200 be allocated for the Public Speaking day. **CARRIED.**

Poppy – Cde. Mike Atkinson read out “wish lists” from the Grey Bruce Regional Health Services and Saugeen Memorial Health Foundation. A discussion followed on where our donations to these organizations go. Cde. Mike suggested the Ultrasound machine for the GBRHC and towards Electronic Record Keeping for SMHF.

Charity – Cde. Dan Kelly

MOTION Cde. Dan Kelly, **SECONDED** Cde Bob Harrison that we donate the sum of \$353.85 to the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation as in the past. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Dan Kelly, **SECONDED** Cde. Bob Maas that we donate the equivalent monies taken in from the Cliff Seaman Chilifest to the Canadian Cancer Foundation in the name of Cliff Seaman. **CARRIED.**

Committee Reports

Membership – Cde. Rhonda Harrison, applications were received for membership from the following people:

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Ruth Clemmer to accept Curtis Minke as an Associate Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Robert Harrison to accept Ryan Minke as an Associate Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Dan Kelly to accept Lorne Lazenby as an Associate Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Murray Thede to accept James Brohman as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Kevin Smallwood to accept Dallas Brown as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Dan Kelly to accept Jeffrey M. Byers as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Dan Kelly to accept Jesse Grass as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Gord Kelly to accept Charles Griffin as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Dan Kelly to accept Victor Krauchenko as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Murray Thede to accept Peter D. Turi as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Ron Laflamme to accept the re-instatement of Joseph Grass (#7821749) as an Affiliate Voting Member. **CARRIED.**

MOTION Cde Rhonda Harrison, **SECONDED** Cde. Robert Harrison to accept the re-instatement of Larry Pickett (#7776735) as an Associate Member. **CARRIED.**

Poppy – Cde. Mike Atkinson

Comrade Mike thanked past Poppy Chair, Cde. Ruth Clemmer for all her hard work and Cde. Ruth has offered to help in the future.

MOTION Cde Mike Atkinson, **SECONDED** Cde Norma Dudgeon, that the following monies are taken from Branch 340 Poppy Trust account.

BECL: \$500.00

ABC District Hospital Fund: \$1,000.00

Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation: \$1,000.00

Royal Canadian Legion Bursary Fund: \$1,000.00

Grey Bruce Regional Health (Owen Sound): \$3,000.00 (as amended)

Grey Bruce Regional Health (Southampton) \$3,000.00 (as amended)

CARRIED.

Comrade Mike will be contacting the hospitals for cheque presentations.

PRO – Cde. Robert Harrison

There is a new brochure from Parkwood Hospital, we have now lost 77 Servicemen in Afghanistan.

Sports – Cde. Gord Kelly

At the District Cribbage Tournament there were 160 participants, thanks to all who helped out.

Ways & Means – Cde. Dan Kelly

Beach Carnival – need someone to attend.

Meat Raffle last Saturday (2nd February) was on behalf of Cde. Arleita Harron.

Youth Education – Cde. Nigel Ord

Results of the Poems for Remembrance we had a First Place at Zone and District level
A Second place in Posters and
A Second place in Essays
Congratulations to all participants.
Cde. Nigel presented a cheque to the Cape Herd Sea Cadet Squadron for \$400.00

Final Notes

1. A new belt has been fitted to the upstairs heating system.
2. What is our liability in the event of a power cut? The building must be vacated, the emergency lighting only lasts ½ hour.
3. Need assistance with the Treasurer.

New Business

Cde. Norma Dudgeon: VE Day Dinner after getting opinions from the Veterans present it has been decided to have the Social Hour at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Cde. Ruth Clemmer: District Youth Education are asking for \$25 for 'goody bags' for speakers at Provincials. This subject is to be brought before Zone Council.

Cde. Bob Maas has not had any correspondence from anyone. Anybody needs assistance LET HIM KNOW.

MOTION of Adjournment Cde Harry Thede at 9.15 p.m.

God Save the Queen

President Cde. Nigel Ord

Secretary Cde. Terry Mills

ICE Campaign - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our cell phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our cell phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' - ('In Case of Emergency') Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

Be sure it's in your kid's cell phones also.....

A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our cell phones

VETERANS SERVICES

*** *NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT* ***

The undersigned will be visiting during the week of APRIL 20 - 26, 2008

*If your Branch requires a visit kindly advise not later than APRIL 3, 2008,
The actual Itinerary notice of time and place will be mailed out
Immediately following receipt of your request for a visit.*

*Randolph C. Groundwater
Provincial Service Officer*

If you require a visit, Branch 340 must submit an Interview Request Form. Please let me know no later than April 03rd, 2008 so the visitation request can be forwarded to his office. I will let you know of the date and time for your visit.

Norma Dudgeon
Service Officer
Home: 519-389-2876
norma@bmts.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING



PUB NIGHT ~ 8 to MIDNIGHT
March 08th Dance to "The Siddons"
March 22nd Dance to "Crippled Ducks"

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.
March 08th & 22nd

TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, March 14th - 8:00 p.m.
Teams of 3 Needed
Sign Up Sheet at Bar

GENERAL MEETING
1st Tuesday of each month

L/A GENERAL MEETING
2nd Tuesday of each month

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

*** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** ***
Tuesday, April 01st
ELECTION NIGHT

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thanks to all the participants who got involved with the Annual Cliff Seaman Chili Cook-off and helped make this year another success. To those who helped with the set-up, it was appreciated. The winners were 1st Place – Robert Harrison, 2nd Place – Scott Seaman and 3rd Place – Brian Cassidy. A total of \$280.00 was raised by entries, the sale of the chili and donations. The Branch will match the proceeds from this event and donate \$560.00 to the Canadian Cancer Foundation in the Memory of Cde Cliff Seaman.

We also recognize the Judges for the day and a job well done – John Divinski, Ann Veyvara, Carol McKnight, Dan Rivett, Gary Brown and Fred Schildroth. John did an excellent job as commentator once the judging was complete and the awards were handed out. Congratulations again to the winners and see you next year.



L – R – 3rd Place – Brian Cassidy, 1st Place – Robert Harrison, 2nd Place – Scott Seaman was not available for the picture, Ernie Seaman accepted the Award on his behalf.



Judge Ann Veyvara attaches the 1st Place Ribbon on Robert Harrison.



Judge John Divinski announces the winners of the Chili Cook-off.



Family Members Lynda and Ernie Seaman enjoying the afternoon.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

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8:00 p.m.**

Please be prepared to show your
2008 Membership Card at the door, or
Receipt of paid membership.

All members and newly regulated Affiliate Voting
Members are encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend and vote for your
incoming Executive.

Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen, please
consider becoming a member of the Executive.



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~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~