



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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March 2009 Branch Line

The April General Meeting will also be Election Night for the Executive for 2009 – 2010. All members are encouraged to attend this very important evening. Please see the Bulletin included in this issue for the details. The Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen in the near future. Your consideration in becoming a member of the Executive is appreciated. Please plan on attending and have your vote count. If you have any questions, please contact your Elections Officer Mike Atkinson at 519-832-5542.

Congratulations to Cde David Longley who was the winner of our 50/50 Draw in connection with our Troop Morale Fund Campaign.

The Editors



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340
General Meeting Minutes
February 03, 2009**

1. **Call to Order:**

President Nigel Ord called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

Present: Cdes Norma Dudgeon, Mary Alexander, Mike Atkinson, Kathy Eastwood,
Celeste Eickholdt, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison and Dan Kelly
Absent: Cde Gord Kelly. Absent with Notice Cde Ruth Clemmer

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:

The following individuals were initiated: Diane Rourke (O) and Mike Graupner (AV).

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2008 be adopted as read.

Revenue	\$ 31,786.28
Expense	<u>\$ 28,925.79</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,860.49

Total Liabilities & Equity as of December 31, 2008 \$ 373,419.38

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOTION by Cde Kathy Eastwood, seconded by Cde Celeste Eickholdt that the General Meeting Minutes of January 06, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Executive Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

4.1 President Ord to report the profits made at the Pumpkinfest Breakfasts at the next General Meeting.

4.2 The following items were deferred to the February Executive Meeting:

1. Sadie Grasse re: Students Crossing Borders. Request is for a donation to offset costs.
2. Kerri Clean will be contacted for another quote for cleaning the upholstery and carpets in designated areas in the Branch.
3. Libby Thaw re: Usage of the upstairs hall.

4.3 **MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Mike Atkinson that Branch 340 matches the proceeds of \$612. from the Chili Cook-off, in Memory of Cliff Seaman. Donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.**

CARRIED

4.4 **MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Alexina Atkinson that Branch 340 donates \$1,000. towards the renovation / expansion project of the Port Elgin Library.**

CARRIED

4.5 **MOTION by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that up to 6 delegates attend District Convention in April in Owen Sound and be allowed registration, accommodation, mileage and any additional food expense with receipts.**

CARRIED

4.6 **MOTION by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Tom Steele that 3 members attend the Provincial Convention in Burlington on May 09 – 13, 2009. Cdes Norma Dudgeon, Mary Alexander, Celeste Eickholdt have indicated they would like to attend. Costs to come forward at a later date.**

CARRIED

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

Nil

7. **Committee Reports:**

L/A Liaison: Celeste Eickholdt

The January Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Youth Education: Kathy Eastwood

A request for funds was received from Chris Stoner to attend the "Forum for Young Canadians" in Ottawa from March 07 – 14, 2009. Cost to attend is \$820.00. Item deferred to the Executive Meeting.

Hall Rentals: Nigel Ord

Booking enquiries have been steady.

Property: Nigel Ord

- There has been some leakage in the ceiling in the alcove in the main hall. Area is where the dart boards are located. The problem is due to the amount of snow on the roof and accumulating around the whirly birds. Item will be attended to in the Spring.
- President Ord will be giving a report on the insurance calculations at the Executive Meeting.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Kathy Eastwood that we accept the application from Joann Seaman for Associate Membership under her brother, Paul Seaman.

CARRIED

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

- 3 Teams represented Branch 340 in the Cribbage, but did not qualify to go to Provincials
- 2 players for the Single and Double Darts in Hepworth on Sunday, February 08
- 3 Euchre Teams will be going on to the District Level at Branch 412 Polish Legion, Kitchener on March 07, 2009

8. **New and General Business:**

8.1 Cde Dan Kelly announced that the annual Charity Donations will be brought forward at the March General Meeting.

8.2 Tuesday Zone Sports Fun Nights have been cancelled effective immediately.

8.3 Another Sports Bulletin Board has been located by the rear entrance of the Canteen.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**

MOTION by Cde Alexina Atkinson that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Nigel Ord, President

Rhonda Harrison, Secretary

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



UP TO A
\$500.00
BURSARY IS AVAILABLE



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

ELIGIBILITY:

- War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
- Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
- Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

APPLICATION:

Application Forms are available from the following:

- Secondary School Guidance Offices
- Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
- Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact: Cde Gord Kelly
Bursary Chair
Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the new members who were initiated in January and February – Bonnie Lynn McCourt, Robert McCourt, Brian Lang, Diane Rourke and Mike Graupner.

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If you have not yet paid your membership dues for 2009, kindly do so at your earliest convenience. You must be a member in good standing to have voting privileges during our Annual Election on April 07th. You will be deciding who your Executive Officers will be for 2009 – 2010.

All members must have their membership card or paid receipt available at the Meeting.

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It is no longer necessary to have any type of military background to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Please see the Bar Steward for applications.

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Please let me know if there are any changes in your contact information. Address changes may result in a delay of your Legion magazine.

Members are reminded to pick up your 2009 Renewal Card with the Bar Steward.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chair
Port Elgin Branch 340
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VETERANS SERVICES

***** ATTENTION *****

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Officer, Randy Groundwater, will be in the area the week of April 19, 2009.

If you wish to see him please sign up at the Legion Notice Board by March 27th or call Mike Atkinson at 519-832-5542 or leave a message at the Legion at 519-389-9917 for an appointment.

Mike Atkinson
Service Officer
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



DANCE & PUB NIGHT ~ 8 TO MIDNIGHT

March 14 – Della Fromager
March 28 – Rudy and Jean

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ March 14 & 28

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, March 20 at 8:00
Sign Up Sheet at Bar
St. Patrick's Theme

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Thank You

We would like to thank our Members and the Community for their generous support at our Meat Rolls, 50-50 Draw and donations at the Winterhawk Game. Our fundraiser in February will see all monies go towards the "Troop Morale Fund" to buy our soldiers in Afghanistan a coffee and donut. We sincerely thank you all

*Robert Harrison
Public Relations*





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, April 07th, 2009
8:00 p.m.**

Please be prepared to show your 2009 Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid membership.

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.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.


Mike Atkinson

Elections Chairman

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, "Do you know her?" "Yes", I sighed, "she's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since." "My God!" says my wife, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started.....

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for her self." And then the fight started.....



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8	9	10 L/A GEN. MTG 8:00 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	13 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	14 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8:00 PM
15	16	17 	18 BINGO 7:30 PM	19 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	20 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	21
22	23	24	25 BINGO 7:30 PM	26 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	27	28 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8:00 PM
29	30	31 EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM				

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