

Zone G6 Convention Meeting Minutes
Sunday March 11, 2018
Branch 638 Kanata

1. The meeting was called to order by Zone Chair, Ken Johnston at 1300 hrs.
2. Opening ceremonies were performed by Zone Commander, Bob Atkinson.
3. The meeting was declared open for business by Zone Chair, Ken Johnston.
4. Move to adopt the agenda and permit the deviation by Ken Johnston, seconded by Garth Lee. Carried
5. Zone Commander Bob Atkinson welcomed us to the convention and was glad to see everyone skied in. He hoped it would be a productive afternoon and that good business would be done.
6. 1st Vice President Br 638, Amanda Robbins welcomed us to Kanata and thanked us for coming out and hoped we would enjoy ourselves.
7. Chairman Ken introduced all Veterans, Legion members and Guests.
8. Acceptance of the minutes of the spring convention held Sunday March 11, 2018 was moved by Claire Husson, seconded by Stan Lasenba and carried. There was no business arising.
9. There were no motions or recommendations from the previous Council.
10. Secretary, Claire Husson performed the roll call: Attendees were Bob Atkinson, Rob Madore, Lorraine Lapensee, Johanna Walters, George Wood, Stan Lasenba, Bogden Procyk, Ken Johnston, Gerry Dore, Barry Pascoe, Jim Jenkins, Peter Schaffer, Barry Boyce, George Dolan, Amanda Robbins, Terry Jacobs, Gary Pond. Absentees: Marilyn Devlin, Jim Wilson, Peter Walsh, Darleen Sargeant, Bruce Judge.

Also in attendance were: John Barrett, Sheila Masson, Derek Holbeche, Garth Lee, David Andrew, Brian Comeau, Sandy Maher, John Quirt, Donna Bell, Elaine Madore, Joel VanSnick, Jim Boldt, and MaryJo Gauthier.
11. Zone Commander, Bob Atkinson introduced the Guest speaker Deputy District Commander, Joel VanSnick. Comrade Joel delivered a report from District Commander Dave Cormier. A copy of Dave's report is attached to these minutes.
12. Rob Madore thanked Joel for his words and for taking time to attend our meeting.

13. Joel Vansnick performed the elections and the following nominations were sworn in:
Deputy Zone Commander Ken Manwell
Zone Commander Rob Madore
14. There was no correspondence.
15. Zone Commander, Bob Atkinson moved his report on page 2, seconded by Stan Lasenba. Carried.
16. Deputy Zone Commander, Rob Madore moved his report on page 3, seconded
by Ken Johnston. Carried.
17. Immediate Past Zone Commander, George Wood had no report.
17. Zone Treasurer, Claire Husson moved her report on page 4, seconded seconded
by Peter Schaffer. Carried.
18. Elaine Madore, VP Ladies Auxiliary moved their report on pae 5, seconded by
Jim Jenkins. Carried.
19. Secretary, Claire Husson had no report.
20. Chairman, Ken Johnston had no report.
21. Zone Public Speaking Chair, Lorraine Lapensee summarized and moved her
report on page 6, seconded by George Dolan. Carried .

**Motion # 1: Moved by Lorraine Lapensee, seconded by Rob Madore that
\$800.00 be allocated for prizes for Zone Public Speaking for the upcoming
year. Carried**
22. Zone Posters, Poems and Essays chair, Johanna Walters moved her report on
pages 7 and 8 seconded by Garth Lee. Carried.

**Motion # 2: Moved by Joan Walters, seconded by Lorraine Lapensee that \$1,300.00
be allocated for prizes for Zone Public Speaking for the upcoming year. Carried**
23. Zone Resolutions chair, Gerry Dore presented the resolution that has passed Carleton
Place and is moving forward to District. Gary Pond informed us that this resolution
would not reach Provincial before next November for concurrence.
24. Zone Constitution and Laws Chair, Jim Wilson had no report.
25. Zone Membership chair, George Wood moved his report on pages 10-11,
seconded by Ken Johnston. Carried.

26. Zone Honours and Awards Chair, George Wood moved his report on page 9, seconded by George Wood. Carried. Medals, Bars and Pin were awarded as per his report.
27. Zone Public Relations Chair, Bruce Judge had no report.
28. Zone Sports Chair, Stan Lasenba moved his report on pages 12-13, seconded by Jim Jenkins. Carried. As sports are down this year, Stan was unable to submit any amount to Zone.
29. Zone Seniors Chair, Gerry Dore had no report.
30. Zone Service Bureau Officer Gerry Dore moved his report (now included on page 16), , seconded by Terry Jacobs. Carried.
31. Training & Organizational Development Chair, Rob Madore had no report.
32. Bursary Chair, George Dolan moved his report (now included on page 13), seconded by Peter Schaffer. Carried
33. Zone Poppy Chair, Bogdan Procyk moved his report (pages 14,15) and seconded by Ken Manwell. Carried.
34. Zone Sgt-at-Arms, Barry Pascoe had no report.
35. Zone Branch Advisor Terry Jacob had no report.

5 Minute Comfort Break

37. President Br 95 Smiths Falls, Jim Jenkins moved his report on page 17, seconded by Ken Manwell. Carried.
38. President, Br 174, Arnprior, Peter Walsh was absent and John Quirt moved his report on pages 18-19, seconded by Donna Bell. Carried.
39. President Br. 192 Carleton Place, Peter Schaffer moved his report on pages 20-21, seconded by Garth Lee. Carried.
40. President Br 240 Almonte, Rob Madore moved his report on page 22, seconded by John Quirt. Carried.
41. President Br 244 Perth, Barry Boyve moved his report on page 23, seconded by Ken Johnston. Carried.
42. President President, Br 395 Lanark, Darleen Sargeant was absent, however her report on page 24 was moved by Robert Atkinson, seconded by George Dolan. Carried.

43. President, Br 616 West Carleton, George Dolan moved his report on pages 25-26, seconded by Bogdan Procyk.
44. President Br 638 Kanata, Bruce Judge was absent, however his report on page 27 was moved by Ken Johnston, seconded by Peter Schaffer. Carried.
45. Gary Pond thanked Robert for his past two years as Zone Commander and congratulated newly elected Zone Commander, Rob Madore and Deputy Zone Commander, Ken Manwell. In addition, he thanked Joel for covering all the Provincial progress. Good luck wishes to offered to all people running for positions in District and Provincial.
46. Bob Atkinson gave the following advice to all branches: (1) Ensure your candidates know what they are running for. Read the manual. (2) Read Manuals. Zone/District Executive Chairs are NOT research gophers/professional readers. We are there to clarify ambiguous, questionable points in the manual. (3) Before submitting forms to Zone/District/Provincial levels, check the website to ensure that the Branch is using the latest version. (4) Some branches are tending to look at their establishments as their own private club. DO NOT go there.
47. **New and General Business**
The new Zone G6 website design, proposed by Andre Ouellette was approved at the Council meeting this morning.
Motion: to accept the project of hosting by Andre by Robert Atkinson, seconded Jim Jenkins. Carried
48. Next meeting: Sunday March 8, 2020, 1300 hr., Branch 95 Smiths Falls
49. Comrade Bob Atkinson thanked everyone for coming out and asked us to be careful driving home.
50. Motion for adjournment by Ken Johnston. Carried.
51. Comrade Rob Madore performed the closing ceremonies.

Zone Commander
Bob Atkinson

Secretary
Claire Husson

Chair
Ken Johnston

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DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT
TO DISTRICT "G" ZONE CONVENTIONS

NOTES FROM P.A.C. MEETING MARCH 2, 2019 IN AURORA

Comrade Chairman, head table, Ladies Auxiliary and all Zone delegates – good afternoon

I bring you greetings from your District Commander Cde. Dave Cormier and Deputy Commander Cde. Joel Vansnick.

Cde. Dave has asked me to pass on his report from the Provincial Administration Council meeting in Aurora on March 2, 2019.

-- **Provincial Command** will be donating \$100,000 to the Ottawa Multi-faith housing program, once the shovels are in the ground. Again a start date has not been determined, but, they hope it will be this year.

-- **Comrades, the Ontario Command** "Operation Service Dogs" program is asking that our branches keep giving funding support where possible.

Service Dogs costs can cost anywhere from \$6,000.00 up to \$30,000.00 depending on the needs of the Veteran.

Since Nova Scotia Nunavut Command and Wounded Warriors already have a process in place to bring Veterans and dogs together, Ontario Command has developed a "memorandum of Understanding" to donate funding for dogs through this program.

Branches can use up to 25% of their Poppy funds on a Special Use form to donate to the "Operation Service Dogs" fund.

Please note that the veteran must apply to Wounded Warriors to receive a dog. The Ontario fund only supports the cost of the dogs.

-- **Military Service Recognition Report:** we have only 3 months left for submissions to our sixth Publication. Currently we have received 270 submissions for the publication.

Since this program was introduced 6 years ago we have received a total net income of \$916,582.24 and these funds have been used to assist with the Veteran transition programs we support.

Also this program has eliminated the need for any Provincial per Capita Tax increase for Branches over the past four years.

Comrades we are now negotiating a new 3-year agreement with Fenerty Marketing and hope to have this finalized soon.

We still need more entries. Please search your areas for any veterans or their families who

want to submit entries. Please make sure the form is signed by the family, otherwise it will not be accepted, due to privacy issues.

Again, Cde. Ron thanked the two coordinators Carolyn McCaul and Mary Ann Goheen for all their hard work in making this program so successful.

-- **Provincial Command** wants to advise that there is a company in Ontario called "**GotSkill?**" and on their website they claim they are working with the Ontario legions to increase their income.

Comrades this is not the case as there is a court appeal pending by the AGCO to have this company declared illegal.

To this effect Ontario Command has issued the following statement:

"Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, while waiting for the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal, has NOT approved nor endorsed the introduction of GotSkill? Games, to branches within Ontario Command."

Those branches that have already installed these games in their premises should realize that if the AGCO appeal is upheld they will have to remove the units from their branches.

--**The Provincial Property Committee** reported that some branches are not following the procedures for the borrowing, mortgaging, leasing or conveyance of real property.

These rules and procedures are on page #96 of the Officers Manual.

If you are not sure then contact your Zone Commander for help.

Also remember that all major costs such as heating and cooling units, leaky roof repairs etc. must also be approved by Command and they have financing available to help in the form of low interest Provincial loans.

-- Homeless Veterans Fund - Update

Our Operation Leave the Streets behind program is now carried on the internal internet of the Toronto Police Department. Officers can print, sign and send the form directly from their vehicles to Ontario Command. They also now carry a guide card which shows them how to question a veteran who may have PTSD.

Comrades, as of February 25th, we have assisted 710 Homeless Veterans, of which 70 were female veterans and Housed 320 veterans in 147 different communities across our Command.

Up to now, the total monies spent on the Homeless Veterans Program including contract fees, is over \$1.6 million.

--**Membership report:** As of December 31st there were a total of 98,390 members in Ontario Command. Our goal is to grow this number to 100,000 by 2020 through hard work and dedication.

Currently District G is sitting at 96.75% renewal so there is room do better.

Dominion Command is coming out with a new strategy to help make this happen. The acronym will be called **R.E.N.E.W.** as each letter will stand for a different strategic move.

-- **Provincial Convention will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 4-7, 2019:** for all voting delegates – registration is on Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th only! Opening ceremonies are Sunday May 5th with nominations for all offices and business sessions will be held on Monday May 6th and Tuesday May 7th.

All branches should receive the final call and credentials sheet by this coming week.

You will have until April 11, 2019 to send in your credentials sheet to Ontario Command.

Even if no one is going from your branch you must still fill in the credential sheet.

Make sure it is dated and signed by both the President and the Secretary.

--**Finally, as you know you can use Poppy Funds to support the Veterans Winter Sports Clinic that is held every February at Calabogie Peaks.**

Support for this clinic is subject to Special Use Form and you can donate up to 25% of your Poppy account as per section 403 L on page 26 of the Poppy Manual.

Each branch must include the following on the Special Use Form for Ontario Command:

1....Show the dates of the Clinic. They are from Feb. 02 to Feb.07, 2020.

2....You must state that the funds requested for the clinic will be applied to Veterans and still serving members only.

Once the funds are approved, you will make the cheque payable to "**CADS-NCD**" and on the bottom of the cheque you will write "**Veterans Winter Sports Clinic**".

Watch for more information on where to send your donations coming this fall. This event is held in District G and all of our branches should give it strong financial support.

--**In closing** Comrades, I am honored to attend your convention and I wish you well in your deliberations today and good luck to all those who are running for office.

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