

Zone G6 Convention Meeting
Branch 240 Almonte
Sunday March 12, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 13:00 by Zone Commander, Rob Madore and declared open for business. Opening ceremonies followed.
2. Moved by Dave Cormier, seconded by Stan Lasenba to adopt the agenda and permit deviations. Carried.
3. Zone Commander, Rob Madore welcomed us to Zone Convention and thanked everyone for attending.
4. Rob Madore, President of Branch 240 reminded us of the beautiful day and asked that we brief our reports and thanked the staff for a wonderful meal and his birthday cake.
5. (a) Corrections to be made to the March 2022 minutes were: #9. George Wood is from District Command; #10. Elections were sworn in for a three year term; #17. Motion was for PP&E; and #23. Bursary Chair is George Dolan. Moved by Ken Francis seconded by George Wood that the Zone Convention minutes of March 2021 be adopted as corrected. Carried.
5. (b) There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. **In Attendance:** Rob Madore, Jim Wilson, Robert Atkinson, Elaine Madore, Peter Schaffer, George Wood, George Dolan, Stan Lasenba, Fr. David Andrew, Lorraine Lapensee, Barry Pascoe, Claire Husson, Bob Day, Darleen Sargeant, William Molnar, Terry Jacobs, Ron Goebel, Gary Pond and Ken Heagle. There were a number of delegates from the branches.
7. Comrade Rob introduced Ken Heagle, District G Commander as our guest speaker. Comrade Ken's notes can be read on **Attachment "A"**. Comrade Jim Wilson thanked Ken and informed him that a donation would be made on his behalf to the Veterans Memorial Park.
8. Zone Commander, Rob Madore presented his report (page 2) moved it, seconded by Ron Goebel, and carried.
9. Deputy Zone Commander, Jim Wilson presented his report (page 3), moved it, seconded by George Wood, and carried.
10. Ladies Auxiliary Zone G6 Commander, Elaine Madore presented her report (page 4) moved it, seconded by Darleen Sargeant and carried.
11. The Treasurer's report was presented by Claire Husson (page 5) moved it, seconded by Barry Pascoe and carried.
12. Public Speaking chair, Lorraine Lapensee presented her report (pages 6 and 7) moved it, seconded by Kevin Francis and carried.
13. PP&E chair, Fr. David Andre presented his report (page 8) moved it, seconded by George Wood and carried.
14. Membership chair, Jim Wilson referred to his report (page 9) moved it, seconded by Barry Pascoe, and carried.

15. Sports chair, Stan Lasenba presented his report (page 10) moved it, seconded by Dave Cormier, and carried. **Dave asked Stan to submit his Sports Financial Report.**
16. Bursary Chair, Jim Dolan presented his report (page 11) moved it, seconded by Darleen Sargeant, carried.

Comfort Break

17. Smiths Falls, Br 95 President Stan Lasenba, presented his report (page 12) seconded by Ken Francis and carried.
18. Arnprior, Br 174 report (page 13).
19. Carleton Place, Br 192 President Peter Schaffer presented his report (pages 14 and 15), seconded by George Wood and carried.
20. Almonte, Br 240 Rob Madore presented his report (page 16), seconded by Dave Cormier and carried.
21. Perth-upon-Tay, Br 244 President Bob Day presented his report (pages 17 and 18) seconded by Stan Lasenba and carried.
22. Lanark, Br 395 President Darleen Sargeant presented her report (page 19), seconded by Robert Atkinson and carried.
23. West Carleton, Br 616 President George Dolan presented his report (page 20), seconded by Kevin Johnson and carried.
24. Kanata, Br 638 President Bill Molnar presented his report (page 21), seconded by Terry Jacobs and carried.

New Business

Zone G6 Poppy Chair, Barry Pascoe reminded us that the Status Report and attachments were due on January 31, 2023. This was the due date prior to the change in the fiscal year and they are looking into changing that date for the future.

Motion: Moved by Rob Madore that should District in April pass their motion to hold two Conventions (spring and fall) then Zone would follow suit and hold Council and Convention Meetings both in the Spring and Fall commencing this September. Seconded by Dave Cormier, carried.

George Wood asked everyone to look over the brochures regarding donations to the Charitable Foundation and hopefully make a donation at District Convention next month.

Ron Goebel, Chair, Ontario Provincial Command delivered the following:

Officers Manual update – The first Section on Branches is now complete and includes a Land Acknowledgement to be given prior to the Opening Ritual– The revised manual is now on our Provincial website. A sample of the Land Acknowledgement is on page 8 of your revised Officers Manual. To find your own local Branch Land Acknowledgement, just google Land Acknowledgement for your community.

Military Service Recognition Book – Need for more Veteran submissions. Only 150 submissions received to date and there is a need for more submissions as we normally have almost 600 submissions in our books. To date in year ten, we have received \$185,000.00 in revenue and over our past 10 years we have received 1.7 million dollars which help support the 9 various Veteran Transition Programs that we at Ontario Command support.– Every Branch should have a Branch Coordinator to promote and solicit submissions – Good fit would be PRO or Service Officer.

Resolution re lowering of National Flag – To add former Provincial Lieutenant Governor and Premier to when our National Flag of Canada should be lowered at Legion Branches within Provincial Commands.

PIB Insurance – BLF broker and PIB sub broker – some rates almost doubled and could be that the new insurer is doing their due diligence and finding that Branches have been under insured in the past - Branches should look at alternatives and Ontario Command is also looking at exploring other options offered by other Commands and Insurers - B.C. Yukon Command is one of those other Provincial Commands where their insurance program is being looked at.

L.A. By-Laws have been taken down off of Provincial website since they are 2018 – Their newly revised 2022 By-Laws are available in book form for sale and the proper website format will be received soon and put up onto our website.

Ritual Awards and Protocol Manual revision re Section 101 Legion Dress with revisions to Informal Dress that now includes **undress Service ribbons** can be worn on the left side.

Comrade Rob Madore thanked us all for coming out today and looks forward to seeing you at District in April.

Motion of adjournment by Fr. David Andrew, seconded Barry Pascoe, carried.

Comrade Rob Madore concluded the meeting with the Royal Anthem.

**Next Zone G6 Convention Sunday September 12, 2023 12:30 PM
Branch 638 Kanata**

Zone Commander

Secretary