

**ZONE G6 COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY SEPT 20, 2020-09-20
BRANCH 244 PERTH-UPON-TAY**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dave Cormier at 11:10 am
2. Opening rituals were observed by Zone Commander, Rob Madore.
3. The meeting was declared open for business by Chairman Dave Cormier.
4. Motion to adopt agenda and permit deviation by Jim Boldt.
5. Zone Commander, Rob Madore welcomed us to convention and hoped we would enjoy the sunshine after.
6. Perth-upon-Tay branch 244 president, Jim Boldt welcomed us to zone council.
7. The minutes of zone council on March 8th were moved by Jim Wilson and seconded by George Dolan. Carried. Bill Molnar asked the convention minutes in the afternoon of March 8th reflect that he asked about what zone was planning to do about COVID-19. He was probably told that we would wait for guidance from Dominion Command. The convention minutes were moved by Lorraine Lapensee and seconded by Bob Day. Carried.
8. There was no business arising from the minutes.
9. Acting secretary, Jim Wilson performed the roll call.
10. Rob Madore introduced our guest speaker, George Wood from Provincial Command. George gave us a talk (see attachment). Rob thanked George for his speech and we will donate some money on behalf of him to the Veterans Memorial Fund.
11. Rob Madore presented his Zone Commander's report (see page 2 and moved it. Seconded by Jim Boldt and carried.
12. Deputy Zone Commander, Ken Manwell was absent and had no report.
13. Treasurer's report was on page 3 of the reports. Motion to accept by Terry Jacobs, seconded by Donna Bell and carried.
14. Jim Jenkins was absent and there was no Veterans Service Bureau report
15. George Dolan highlighted the bursary report (see page 4). Sharon Murphy is the new District chair. Motion to accept by George, seconded by Stan Lasenba and carried.
16. Stan Lasenba moved his sports report (see page 10), seconded by Jim Boldt and carried. There will be no District and Provincial sporting events this year.
17. Jim Wilson said that there was no Constitution and Laws report.

18. Jim Wilson presented the membership report (see page 5) and moved it, seconded by Lorraine Lapensee. Carried.
19. Jim Wilson went over the Honours and Awards report (see page 6) to see who needed bars and medals from our previous zone council. He made many changes. He moved to accept, seconded by Jim Boldt and carried.
20. Seniors chair, Gerry Dore was absent and had no report.
21. Dave Cormier read the Poppy report (see page 7 with the absence of Bogdan Procyk. Motion to accept by George Dolan, seconded by Bob Day and carried.
22. Fr David Andrews presented the Poems, Posters and Essays report (see page 4) and moved it, seconded by Bob Atkinson and carried.
23. Lorraine Lapensee presented the Public Speaking report (see pages 8-10) and moved it, seconded by Bill Molnar and carried.
24. The Ladies Auxiliary report (see page 10) was moved by Jim Boldt, seconded by Bob Day and carried.
25. Barry Pascoe was absent and there was no Sgt-at-Arms report.
26. Br 95, Smiths Falls president's report was on page 12. Moved by Stan Lasenba, seconded by Jim Boldt and carried.
27. Br174, Arnprior was represented by Donna Bell who moved the president's report (see page 13) , seconded by Bob Day and carried.
28. Br 192, Carleton Place president's report (see page 14) was presented by Fr David Andrews , seconded by Lorraine Lapensee and carried.
29. Br 240 Almonte president's report was presented by Rob Madore (see page 15) who moved it. Seconded by Fr David Andrews and carried.
30. Br 244 Perth-upon-Tay report (see pages 16 and 17) were presented by Jim Boldt, seconded by Bob Day and carried.
31. Br 395 Lanark president's report (see page 18) was presented by Bob Atkinson, and seconded by Terry Jacobs and carried.
32. Br 616 West Carleton president's report (see page 19) was presented and moved by George Dolan, seconded by Jim Wilson and carried.
33. Br 638 Kanata president's report (see page 20) was presented by Bob Molnar, seconded by Terry Jacobs and carried.

34. Other speakers: Terry Jacobs, in his role as Financial Advisor brought forward the following items:

- the issue of Branch Business interruption is being addressed by a class action suet jointly sponsored by Dominion Command and Ontario Command
- Loans are available to branches from Ontario Command.
- Only one branch in our zone has received assistance from the second slice of distribution of the funds from Dominion Command.
- There is information on fund raising available on request from Ontario Command.
- Bottle drives by branches have been successful with the branch in London generating \$10,000 from community support for their drive.
- Go Fund Me has also been used by a number of branches.

35. There was no new and general business.

36. Date of Branch Inspections

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| Br 95 Smiths Falls | Monday, Oct 19 | 19:00 |
| Br 174 Arnprior | Sun Nov 1 | ?? |
| Br 192 Carleton Place | Wed Oct 28 | 19:00 |
| Br 240 Almonte | Tue Oct 27 | 19:00 |
| Br 244 Perth-upon-Tay | Sat Oct 31 | 13:00 |
| Br 395 Lanark | Mon Oct 5 | 19:00 |
| Br 616 West Carleton | Wed Oct 14 | 19:00 |
| Br 638 Kanata | Wed Oct 21 | 19:00 |

37. Next council meeting Sun March 14, 2020, 11:00 Br 174, Arnprior

38. Thanks and Appreciation: Rob thanked those of us who showed up, to Br 244 for hosting, and asked us to stay healthy.

39. Motion for adjournment by Bill Molnar

40. We closed with the Royal Anthem.

District Commander's

Speaking Notes

Comrade Chair, Comrade Zone Commander, Head Table, Comrades All.

District Points

I bring you greetings from Provincial Command and District G Commander;

Since March 15, lots has happened, through PAC and PEC the General By Laws have been amended giving the Branch executive the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Branch;

The Opening of Patios over the summer months was successful for those Branches that took the opportunity:

Most Branches have since re-opened, adhering to the COVID 19 Protocols, as laid down by your Local Public Health Unit.

District G still has Branches that have not opened yet, some due to the seriousness of the Pandemic, some for the lack of Volunteers and some may never re-open due to finances.

There were funds available for Branches, the first instalment was a 1k allotment issued by Dominion Command, and Provincial Command reimbursed all Branches their 2019 per capita, this appeared to suffice in the beginning as no-one knew how long the pandemic was going to last:

Then came the funds from Dominion Command, this was handled a little differently, as these funds were distributed to the Branches most in need. All Branches were asked to send in the questionnaire and fill out the form if funds were required at the moment;

All PAC and PEC meeting were via Zoom as this proved to be great tool.

By Laws were amended to give the Dominion President, Provincial President, District and Zone Commanders a 3 year term as these positions are governed by the General By Laws. This means that the subsequent terms will also be a 3 year term. This means that Dominion will return to a normal rotation in 2024 and Provincial in 2025.

Since Branch regulations are voted on by the membership these cannot be amended, and this throws a wrench into the system. Since there does not appear to be an end in sight for this Pandemic, Dominion Command has authorized Provincial Command to suspend all Branch Elections until the spring of 2021..... If your Branch has a 2 year term then we will guide you through the process.

Poppy campaign, this year will not be the same as last year, let's get on with the new normal, find ways of getting the support out there. All Zone Commanders were given the instructions.

Remembrance Day, again the New Normal will dictate, All Zone Commanders were given the instructions.

October 3rd, VSO/Poppy Seminar in Smiths Falls, Only Zone VSO's, Zone Poppy Chairs, Zone and Deputy Commanders are invited, due to COVID Protocols. They in turn will give the presentation to the Branches in their Zone.

District Council will be held on Oct 18th in Brockville;

Branch Annual Inspection will be conducted as usual and the reports are to be sent up the chain of command in a timely fashion. The new up-to-date inspection forms are on the Provincial web site under Forms and Manuals, Leadership and Development. I would suggest that branch presidents download the form and review it as there are changes from previous years.

Poppy reporting, the same applies, Poppy reporting year is from Oct 1st to Sept 30th, If all Branch Ledgers are properly maintained the Poppy reporting is a breeze.... Branch Poppy Annual Inspections shall be completed **NLT Dec 15**.

Poppy Special Use forms must be used in accordance to the Poppy Manual and a copy of the latest bank statement shall be submitted at the time of the Inspection;

In closing I would like to thank you all for the invite, have a safe drive home.

Stay safe wear your mask when out in the public and sanitize, sanitize, sanitize.