



Royal Canadian Legion Eastern Zone
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Spring Council Meeting
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After a coffee and donut “meet and greet”, the meeting followed a hamburger/hotdog lunch provided by Windsor Branch 594. The meeting was opened at 12:40 pm by Commander Ray Mullen. The anthems were played with the assistance of Armand Rock.

Roll call revealed all officers present. Guests were Evelyn Bennett #144, David Macgregor #134, Mary Oliver #144, Armand Rock of #594. Br. 594 was also thanked for a great Friday evening get-together Fish Fry.

The September 29, 2012 minutes were read. Dann Oliver questioned the paragraph regarding the Award numbering. After much discussion, paragraph was changed to now read:

“Questions were raised in the way the award raffle was approached. Adjutant Macgregor, stated her Post 134 did not support the fact that the tickets were sold at \$2 or 3 for \$5. That being said, there could be more tickets in the hopper than the money tally showed. Also, the fact was stated that tickets were not numbered and therefore, could not be tallied. Dann answered questions to those concerns”.

Dann Oliver then noted for various state licensing reasons, the tickets would not be numbered. Minutes were then accepted (with changes) by a motion from Bill Carpenter, and a consensus re “no numbering”. Support from Judy Miller.

1st Vice Commander – Judy Miller stated she was concerned regarding two Posts who are listed with “below Charter minimums” (Post 001-10 members) and (Post 096-9 members) and those with only “life memberships” listed who do not keep communications with the Zone. Judy started discussions as to what can we do to help their numbers. Her report was accepted by a motion from Dann Oliver, support from Bill Carpenter. Judy also stated she had a request from a man in Virginia who had requested that we obtain badges for his pipe band to wear. After discussion, it was the consensus that Judy contact him and inform him that he would need to become a member of a Post in order for him to obtain and RCL products. Judy and Kathi will also attempt to get

names and addresses of those members who do not communicate with us...for our further inquiries.

2nd Vice Commander – Dann Oliver presented a copy of a notice tacked to the door of American Legion Post 273 Madeira Beach stating they would no longer recognize membership cards of RCL “Associate Members” or The Royal British Legion. After much discussion, it was noted that Gordon Bennett will check with the *American Legion Department of Florida* to see if this ruling is legal. And for the Zone to not get involved in a matter over our heads, will wait for further discussion in the fall as to see if we should challenge this ruling for our RCL members who visit Florida.

Dann then presented an informative report (attached) on the Halifax 44th Convention.

Dann then started a discussion about the concept of saving the charter of any failing Post by having the Post members agree to changing the Post’s address to a southern location where it would make it easier to expand membership. This is outlined in papers presented to each Council Member and attached to these minutes. The concept would perpetuate the Post history and give new members pride in belonging to an older Post.

He stated these low membership number Posts such as discussed by Judy in her report, could be saved by moving their addresses to new locations in Florida. Adjutant Macgregor questioned why this procedure was discussed with members of Dominion before being brought to council for discussion. Dann apologized, and explained how his questions to Jack Frost turned into actions by Dominion Command before it could be presented to Council. Pro and Con reasons were discussed among the officers present. Adjutant Macgregor did not see how transferring the address and the number of members would help a Post grow. She felt her elderly members would no longer pay their dues to belong to a Southern Post and thereby hindering starting growth. Dann emphasized how any changes would be completely voluntary. Ray Miller asked if the Post Name would also change. Dann advised that perhaps later in years it might, but as to transfer, it would not. Discussion transpired as to each officer’s opinion; and after consensus, it was decided to have Dann prepare a letter for submittal to each Post Commander/Adjutant (who would pass and discuss with their membership) on how the procedure would happen, if they were interested. Council Zone officers will first review the letter before approaching all Posts in the Eastern Zone. It was noted that no changes would need to take place in the Zone By-Laws for this to take place. (By-Laws would need to be discussed within the Posts transferring addresses.)

Pension and Service Officer - Gordon Bennett – No report.

Legion Magazine Correspondent – Gordon Bennett, reported communication seems to still be a problem re what is accepted for printing. Nothing he has submitted has been printed in the Legionnaire as they say it never meets requirements.

Resolutions & Credentials Officer - Gordon Bennett - No report.

Finance Officer – Bill Carpenter presented the financial report. The new balance before expenses of this meeting were: \$3,008.10 but Bill reported check No. 1277 to Commander Mullen was never cashed. The check will be reissued and will appear on the next spread sheet. Judy Miller stated that she needs to contact Tyge Cawthon re the billing for the website. She will get the invoice to Bill Carpenter for payment. Bill stated that we should note each time a Dominion per capita deposit is made into our American account, we are charged \$26.00 for the bank entry. Discussion followed on this matter. The finance report was then accepted. Bill then reminded that all expenses should be turned in to him for today's reimbursement. Evelyn Bennett and Mary Oliver were asked to audit the books following this meeting.

Adjutant - Kathi Macgregor reported that most correspondence between the Officers is being handled through email and that contacts should always update their email addresses to her.

Zone By-Laws - No changes, no report.

Honors & Awards – Reg Slaymaker requested from Officers, the list of medal or bars that will be needed for the September, end of term presentation.

New Business – Adjutant Macgregor requested that Finance Officer Carpenter present a check to Br. 594 for \$50 which will cover the cost of this day's meeting room and for the lunch that they offered the Officers. Armand Rock of Br. 594 accepted the check. Bill also advised that he had received a thank you note re the Bob Massey St. Jude donation, following Bob's passing.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm with a motion from Ray Miller. Support by Bill Carpenter. The membership was reminded that the Convention meeting will be held at Royal Oak, Michigan Post 84 as they were the only one who offered a bid. The next meeting is set to convene on September 27-28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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