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Spring Council Meeting
Windsor, Canada - May 3, 2014

The meeting was opened at 12:50 pm by Commander Judy Miller. The anthems were played. This meeting followed a light lunch provided by Branch 594, Windsor, Canada. They also hosted their Friday night's fish n chips dinner in their hall, to which we were invited.

Commander Miller welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A special thank you was given to Branch 594 for providing a warm welcome for Legionnaires from across the border. The roll call revealed all officers present with the exception of Sue Ortez who was given an excused absence.

The September 28, 2013 Convention meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion from Gord Bennett with support from Bill Carpenter. Motion carried.

1st Vice Commander – Ray Miller reported as of 3/31/2014 there are a total of 475 members paid to date...revealing 17 new members. He also reported that as of the meeting date, Florida Ponce DeLeon Post 176 has given up their charter due to lack of chairmanship and those members will be contacted as to where they will continue their membership, or whether they just be placed on the holding list. Ray Miller gave a dissertation on Post 176's decisions. As Membership Chairman, he stated that he will take care of their transfers. (He presented a cover letter he will mail to contact these members.) He was presented a check to cover postage costs for the processing correspondence on this matter. It was also announced that Zone had been contacted by a member in Boston Post #1 about paying his dues with no card received. Ray stated he is following through with this member to ascertain what has happened.

2nd Vice Commander – Dann Oliver reported on sales for the Ways and Means "Award" tickets from the Convention meeting. It was stated that the \$100 prize (winners M. and D. Oliver) had not been cashed. It will be re-written and will show up in the September finance report. Dann also passed out the award tickets to each Post representative to be sold and turned in before Convention.

Pension and Service Officer - Gordon Bennett – No report.

Legion Magazine Correspondent – Gordon Bennett – He reported on submissions to the magazine and what does not seem to appear from USA.

Honors & Awards – Reg Slaymaker – He reported that Carol Slaymaker's form for LIFE membership has been resubmitted due to an error on the first transmittal, and will now be accepted.

Finance Officer – Bill Carpenter submitted the financial report from September through May 3, 2014 showing a balance of \$2,113.97. Bill requested all expenses be turned in for submission and payment following the meeting. Discussion took place regarding building our treasury. It was suggested to continue the Council spring meeting (on even numbered years) but combining the Council meeting with the Convention meeting (on odd numbered years) would eliminate travel expenses. A motion was made by Dann Oliver to hold the one day (Saturday) Spring meeting on even numbered years and holding a two day (Friday evening and Saturday afternoon) meetings on odd numbered years). Support by Gord Bennett. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the Zone per capita of \$3 per member. We were being charged a service fee of \$26.00 by our bank for depositing each international check from Dominion. Bill Carpenter said this problem has been worked out between Canadian and USA banks.

Mary Oliver and David Macgregor were assigned the duty as auditors following this meeting. Audit was found clear.

Adjutant - Kathi Macgregor reported that as always most correspondence between the Officers is being handled through email and that contacts should always update their email addresses to her. She reported these minutes will be submitted to Steven Clark at Dominion after review by the officers.

Zone By-Laws - The 2007 By-Laws were reviewed by all and changes proposed. Commander Judy Miller and Adjutant Kathi Macgregor will team together to re-prepare the By-Laws within the next couple of months and present them to all Post Adjutants and Zone Officers, to be reviewed and then they will be voted upon at the September Eastern Zone 2014 convention meeting. (All changes will be marked in shadow so the changes are evident).

Discussion took place regarding the Zone per capita of \$3 per member [which is returned to the USA from Dominion after dues are paid]. Considering the past several years rate of inflation, a motion was made to raise the per capita fee per member to \$4.00. Posts will need to be notified of the change so that it is collected with the membership dues paid for 2016. All were in favor and Dominion will later be notified and the change will appear in the new By-Laws.

New Business – Commander Judy presented the Zone letterhead that Dann Oliver had developed. All present agreed that the Eastern Zone would adopt this as our official letterhead.

Dann Oliver presented a proposal from Post 144 that he will present at the Edmonton, Canada upcoming Dominion Convention regarding Post 144 hosting the 2020 Dominion Convention at Casino Rama, near Orillia. It was requested that this proposal come from Eastern Zone, and not just Post 144. It also should be placed on the Eastern Zone letterhead. All agreed and Dann will change the proposal as stated.

Old Business – Dann Oliver stated there are still two groups who wish to start Canadian Legions in Florida. Discussion again arose about transferring Northern Post numbers and histories to the South. Most Northern Posts were not in favor of this at this time, although Bill Carpenter said he would discuss the plan with Dann Oliver as Dayton Post 168 was interested. Dann will also work with the Florida contingents about applying for Charters.

Update - Kathi Macgregor reported that she had officially retired as Captain and member from the Royal Canadian Legion Drill Team. It was noted that she has been the only paid RCL Legion member. In order for the existing team to be able to call themselves "Canadian Legion" and to legally wear the Canadian Legion emblem on their uniforms, it was asked that each member pay dues to Dominion. After much deliberation between Kathi and the existing Captain, the team has elected to join Branch 266 Toronto that offered them membership when they appeared in Toronto for the Warriors Day Parade. They have been notified that they are no longer members of the Eastern Zone, with not be sponsored by the Zone and relinquish all participation in Eastern Zone Legion events. Follow up continues to make sure that memberships have been obtained.

Judy Miller stated that she felt that the officers had accomplished a lot at this meeting and thanked everyone for their efforts. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm with a motion from Bill Carpenter. Support by Dann Oliver.

The next meeting is set to convene on the last Saturday in September, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Submitted Pending Approval at
Convention Meeting – September 2014.