



**Royal Canadian Legion Eastern Zone**

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**Convention Meeting**

Royal Oak, Michigan, September 29, 2012

The meeting was opened at 1:00 pm by Commander Ray Mullen. The anthems were played. This meeting followed a sandwich lunch hosted by Post 84, Royal Oak, Michigan. Commander Mullen welcomed delegates and members.

Roll call revealed all officers present. Guests were Evelyn Bennett #144, David Macgregor #134, Mary Oliver #144, Chris Townsend #84, Michelle Townsend #84 and Tim Sappington #84.

The May 5, 2012 minutes were read and approved with a motion from Bill Carpenter. Support by Dann Oliver. Motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Judy Miller reported that 2012 membership to date was at the 99% level with a total membership of 503...down from 507 for 2011. The Holding list and Life Member list was explained. Bill Carpenter made a motion to accept her report. Support by Dann Oliver.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Dann Oliver was asked to give a report on the Halifax Dominion Convention. He gave a brief synopsis. Adjutant Macgregor then questioned the fact that 2 days before this meeting she received a notification of error that the 2013 per capita fee was raised to \$22.74 per member. It was learned that this increase was voted on at the 2012 Dominion Convention. Adjutant Macgregor felt Posts should have been notified sooner of the increase. Some Posts have already started to collect dues for 2013 and might have needed to increase their annual dues to cover the costs. She was also concerned that this raise occurred because of the increase in the price of the Legionnaire and wondered where that additional money was going if only one of a 2 spouse membership received the magazine. It was stated that Eastern Zone should contact Dominion and request this increase not be made until the 2014 per capita collection. Ray Mullen stated he would speak with the Eastern Zone Liaison Officer regarding this matter. Adjutant Macgregor would then be requested to contact the Liaison Officer of our concerns.

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Pension and Service Officer - Gordon Bennett – No report.

Resolutions & Credentials Officer - 14 were registered for the meeting with 2 proxy votes submitted.

Finance Officer – Bill Carpenter presented the financial report. New balance before expenses of this meeting submitted: \$3,008.10. The report was accepted. All expenses should be turned in to the Finance Officer for later reimbursement. Evelyn Bennett and Mary Oliver were appointed by Commander Mullen 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 reported that Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to the Lorain, Ohio Ladies Drill Team at the dinner later in the evening.

Old Business – Judy Miller brought up the subject of saving expenses by holding one meeting a year. After much discussion, it was voted to continue as we are with two meetings a year.

New Business – Judy Miller gave her report regarding the start up of the Eastern Zone website: [www.rclusa.org](http://www.rclusa.org). Each Post is listed with their own link. After completion, each Post will be able to list their own events, news and happenings. She reported that the initial cost of setting up the website was \$620.00 with an annual cost of \$240.00. She then motioned to have the Eastern Zone cover the cost for the annual \$240.00 annually, which was seconded and passed. With this motion, Posts will not be billed as originally thought. She then deferred her mileage costs to attend this meeting to the development of the RCL USA Eastern Zone website. She encouraged other officers to do so. Adjutant Macgregor donated \$50.00 from her stipend to the fund. \_

Questions were raised in the way the award raffle was approached. One Post did not support the fact that the tickets were sold at \$2 or 3 for \$5. That being said, there were 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 also agreed to numbering the “raffle” tickets in the future.

Mary Oliver asked if Post 92's By-Laws were completed? Adjutant Macgregor advised that they were completed with updates from the Spring meeting and approved and returned to Post 92's Tyge Cawthon. She reminded Post 92 that copies should be made for each member of Post 92.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm with a motion from Ray Miller. Support by Bill Carpenter. The membership was reminded of the dinner for later in the evening. The RCL Ladies Drill Team of Lorain, Ohio was scheduled to perform. The next meeting is set to convene on the first Saturday in May, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Macgregor, Eastern Zone Adjutant

Submitted Pending approval at  
Spring Council Meeting May 4, 2013.