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Subject: Executive Council Meeting Minutes –
May 23, 2017

Message: Comrades: please see attached

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
May 23 2017**

In Attendance:

Melvin Crowe	President
Jay Tofflemire	1st Vice President
Marion Fryday-Cook	2 nd Vice President
Donna McRury	Treasurer
Karen Lynch	Chairman
Steve Wessel	Immediate Past President
Ted Martens	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Mervin Steadman	Commander District D
Darryl Cook	Deputy Commander District E
Richard Malin	Commander District F
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Command Secretary

Regrets:

Clark Wolfe	Commander District G
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Observers In Attendance:

George Dellavalle	Commander Zone 2
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Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chairman Karen Lynch, called the NS/NU Command Executive Council Meeting to order at 9:02 am.

1. OPENING RITUAL

1st Vice President Jay Tofflemire conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Introductions/Welcome

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chairman Karen Lynch, called on those present to introduce themselves.

3. Agenda/Procedures

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chairman Karen Lynch, advised those present of the Agenda and Procedures for the meeting.

M – 1

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Steadman

To vary from the Agenda as required.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

The following items were added to the Agenda under New Business:

Host 2018 Cribbage
By-law 814.c
By-law 416.a
NS/NU Command Signing Officers

4. Presidents' Remarks

NS/NU Command President Mel Crowe addressed the meeting stating that NS/NU Command business will continue to be operated in an open transparent team oriented manner. President Crowe reminded Executive Council that assistance is available from within should it be required throughout the term and that he is open to consultation with any Member of Council at any time. He wished all a successful term of office.

5. Appointments

NS/NU Command President Mel Crowe advised that as per by-law the Command Finance Committee will be comprised of 1st Vice President Jay Tofflemire as Chairman, and as Members of the committee, 2nd Vice President Marion Fryday-Cook and Treasurer Donna McRury.

President Crowe advised the meeting that Rita Connors will be asked to accept the designation as Legion Magazine Representative.

President Crowe advised the meeting that the following Legionnaires will be approached to serve as NS/NU Command Trustees:

NS/NU Command Past President Comrade David Blanchard
NS/NU Command Past President Ronald Trowsdale
NS/NU Command Past President Comrade Clarence Dawe

President Crowe advised that Comrade Ted Martens is to be the designated Chairman of NS/NU Command Bursary and Scholarship Committee and the NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund.

President Crowe advised that the designated Personnel Chairman is Comrade Karen Lynch.

President Crowe advised the meeting that all other Chairman and Committee Members will be designated in the coming weeks, Executive Council notified, then ratified by Executive Council in September.

6. Scheduled Business

Invitations to Command Conventions

NS/NU Command President Crowe advised that he is unable to accept the invitation to P.E.I. Command Convention. It was noted that Immediate Past President Steve Wessel was willing to represent NS/NU Command.

M – 2

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That funds be expended to send 1 representative to P.E.I. Command Convention.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Crowe advised of an invitation extended to him to attend the Newfoundland and Labrador Command Convention.

M – 3

Moved by Comrade Steadman, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That funds not be expended to send a NS/NU Command representative to the Newfoundland and Labrador Command Convention.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Crowe advised of an invitation extended to him to attend the British Columbia/Yukon Command Convention.

M – 4

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That funds not be expended to send a NS/NU Command representative to the British Columbia/Yukon Command Convention.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
1 Opposed
Tofflemire
Motion Carried

7. New Business

Canada 150 Medal

NS/NU Command President Mel Crowe advised that he received a request to have the Canada 150 medal presented to each member of the 2015-2017 Executive Council. Discussion resulted in the following:

M – 5

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Malin

That Canada 150 medals be presented as requested.

0 Affirmative
0 Abstention
11 Opposed
Motion Defeated

The meeting was advised that the Canada 150 lapel pin is not permissible to wear on Legion dress.

416.A

District C Commander Robert Hoeg pointed out that in accordance with NS/NU Command By-law 416.A, Districts or Zones shall elect or appoint a Deputy District or Zone Commander. He stated that given that the position is prescribed by by-law, Deputy District Commanders should be awarded that service medal by NS/NU Command.

M – 6

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That Deputy District Commanders be awarded the medal of office by NS/NU Command effective for the term ending May 2019.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

It was agreed that in time for the 2019 Convention, District Commanders would make the Honours and Awards Committee aware of the names required, for the 2017-2019 term, of those who do not already have this medal.

814.C

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President Jay Tofflemire advised that the proposed change to NS/NU Command By-law 814.C, inadvertently, was not ratified by Convention although the change was agreed to by Executive Council. Discussion ensued resulting in the following:

M- 7

Moved by Comrade Tofflemire, seconded by Comrade Martens

That in accordance with NS/NU Command By-law Article XV.1501, NS/NU Command by-law 814.C be amended to read, ...agreed to by Executive Council.

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch determined that the motion was out of order given that it would then contradict NS/NU Command By-law 706.

M – 8

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Tofflemire

That NS/NU Command continue, in accordance with 814.C, as agreed to by Executive Council previously and that the matter of ratification of 814.C be dealt with appropriately at the 2019 Command Convention.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Host 2018 Cribbage

Comrade Robert Hoeg, on behalf of the Sports Committee advised the meeting that Branches 111, 38, 26 and 9 have applied to host the 2018 Cribbage. As all applicants were considered to be most suitable Comrade Hoeg conducted a draw to determine the host Branch for 2018. NS/NU Command Zone 2 Commander George Dellavalle drew Branch 38 as host Branch and Branch 111 as alternate.

NS/NU Command Signing Officers

President Crowe advised the meeting that signing officers of Command would remain as status quo in the short term. The meeting expressed agreement with this arrangement. President Crowe noted that when signing authority is finalized Executive Council will be informed.

Business Cards

NS/NU Command President Crowe requested that Executive Council Members requiring re-supply of business cards, those requiring business cards, and, those requiring change to business cards please contact the Executive Director.

M – 9

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That funds be expended in order to supply and resupply business cards as appropriate to Executive Council.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

President Crowe reviewed several invitations to events received by Command advising that where possible he would attend and/or have a Command Executive Council Members represent Command on these occasions.

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Steve Wessel suggested that Executive Council extend letters in support of the success of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust Battle of the Atlantic Place Project and the Sydney Mines Tourism Development Society project, both of which were presented to NS/NU Command Convention.

M – 10

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the letters in support of the success of the projects, be extended.

It was noted that this support in no way would permit the use of the Legion logo.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Steve Wessel noted that recognition of service by Executive Council Members is carried out at the pre-convention Executive Council meeting without the knowledge of that service brought before the delegates to Convention. In discussion it was agreed that NS/NU Command Honours and Awards Committee would consider that beginning at the 2019 Convention, awards be presented to Committee Chairmen at the conclusion of that Chairmens' report to delegates on the convention floor.

It was noted that the Legion Youth Leadership Training Camp closing is scheduled for July 02 6:00 pm at the Alumni Theatre, Dalhousie Universty Campus, Truro and that all Executive Council Members would receive an invitation and are strongly encouraged to attend in order to gain a full understanding as to the

tremendous benefit of the program. The meeting heard from Comrade Robert Hoeg, District C Commander, about his experience as a participant of the program. He related that before his training at the Leadership Camp he would not have had the confidence to speak in public and that among other things, the experience led him to further involvement in Remembrance activities and The Royal Canadian Legion. He stated that perhaps to foster increased participation the dates of the camp should be revisited. He suggested that opportunity to have participants make public their Camp experience should be utilized as well as the promotion of Legion membership to participants and their families.

NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Marion Fryday-Cook advised the meeting that District E election will be held June 11.

2nd VP Fryday-Cook reminded the meeting that the subject of reports to the 2019 Command Convention begins as of this meeting to cover the 2 year term.

2017 Track and Field Chairman Comrade Hoeg, advised that he will send an e-mail with details of the Legion Trial meet in the hope that Executive Council Members will attend to help promote The Royal Canadian Legion.

8. Date/Time Next Executive Council Meeting

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch advised that the next meeting of Executive Council is scheduled for Saturday September 16, 2017 to convene at 8:15 am for a meeting start of 8:30 am. She advised that dress for the meeting will be Legion dress with medals as official photo will be taken. Those without report are to ensure to indicate through the Executive Director of no report for the meeting and that for the September meeting Districts will report verbally. Chairman Lynch stressed the importance of adhering to deadlines and that Executive Council will be advised and reminded of those deadlines and all requirements via e-mail.


9. Adjournment

M – 11

Moved by Comrade Steadman, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 am with the Closing Ritual conducted by 2nd VP Marion Fryday-Cook.



Melvin Crowe
President
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
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Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Secretary
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