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TO: NS/NU Branches
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From: Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Executive Council Meeting Minutes,
October 9, 2021

Message: Comrades: On behalf of then NS/NU
Chairman Karen Lynch please find attached
minutes of Executive Council Meeting
Minutes, October 9, 2021

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
October 09 2021**

In Attendance:

Marion Fryday-Cook	President
Donna McRury	1 st Vice President
Merv Steadman	2 nd Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Karen Lynch	Chairman
Cliff MacIntyre	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Don McCumber	Commander District E
Richard Malin	Commander District F
Cliff Laurin	Deputy Commander District G
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Executive Director/ Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Mel Crowe	Immediate Past President
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Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chairman Karen Lynch called the meeting to order at 09:06am.

1. Opening Ritual

1st Vice President Donna McRury conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Procedures

Chairman Lynch reviewed the meeting's procedures and the procedures for the business sessions of the convention.

3. President's Remarks

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook reminded the meeting of this convention's theme, Standing Strong for Veterans and their Families and noted that even throughout a pandemic NS/NU Command and its' Branches remained steadfast in keeping with this theme.

She stated that, in her opinion, a restructure plan to eliminate the District level and bring Zones back to the Executive Council table should be formulated in the coming term for

Convention decision in 2023. She stated that it is her belief that leadership is being stretched too thin within the current structure and needs to be addressed.

President Fryday-Cook advised the meeting of the resignation of District D Commander Peter Townsend.

President Fryday-Cook thanked the Executive Council and Staff for their dedication and support over the past, particularly challenging term.

President Fryday-Cook was thanked, with a standing ovation by the Executive Council for her strong and steady leadership throughout the term.

4. D.E.C. Report

NS/NU Command D.E.C. representative Marion Fryday-Cook advised that she has been appointed to the National Command Committee Operation Harmony and the RCL Centenary Committee.

M – 1

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Cliff Laurin

That the D.E.C. report be accepted.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

5. Minutes of Executive Council Meeting September 11 2021

M – 2

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade MacIntyre

That the Minutes of Executive Council Meeting September 11 2021 be accepted

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of Executive Council Meeting September 11 2021

In discussion, uncertainty as to whether a motion was made and/or processed at the September 11 2021 Executive Council Meeting to adopt the Financial Report resulted in the following decision:

M – 3

Moved by Comrade Donna McRury, seconded by Comrade McCumber

That the financial report made to Executive Council at the meeting of September 11 2021 be accepted.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

7. Financial Report

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chairman Donna McRury reviewed the August 2021 financial statements.

M – 4

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That the report be accepted.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

8. Committee Convention Reports

There were no questions for Committee Chairmen on the Convention reports.

9. Scheduled Business

Appointments

M – 5

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Cliff MacIntyre

That Comrade Wilfred Edmond be asked to continue in the role of NS/NU Command Honourary President.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

M – 6

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Cliff Laurin

That Comrade Ted Martens be asked to continue in the role of NS/NU Command Grand President.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook reviewed with the meeting, two expressions of interest in the position of NS/NU Command Chaplain.

M – 7

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Donna McRury

That the Rev'd. Canon David Fletcher be appointed to the position of NS/NU Command Chaplain

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Convention Updates

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook requested that District Commanders encourage Delegates to support the activities planned for and by the host Branch, Branch 26.

Executive Director reminded District Commanders of the process for assigning proxies.

Application to Host NS/NU Command Convention 2023

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook notified the meeting that an application to host the 2023 Convention from Branch 128 Whitney Pier had been received. She advised that a site visit had been conducted as well as a meeting with Branch potential LAC Chairmen and that

Branch facilities were found to meet the requirements with all amenities required fully available in the surrounding area.

M – 8

Moved by Comrade Steadman, seconded by Comrade Cliff MacIntyre

That RCL Branch 128 host the 2023 NS/NU Command Convention

10. New Business/Other Business

Comrade Conrad Gilbert assumed the Chair

Comrade Karen Lynch raised the matter of the use of the word biennial when numbering the NS/NU Command Convention in that the use of the word does not correlate with the actual number used. She cited the example that this current convention is titled the 55 biennial convention which would mark 110 years of NS/NU Command conventions which is not so.

M – 9

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Laurin

That the word biennial be dropped in titling NS/NU Command Convention.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch assumed the Chair.

NS/NU Command C&L Committee Chairman Donna McRury reminded the meeting of the process to deal with late resolutions in accordance with NS/NU Command bylaw 313.C.

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch reviewed the process on bringing back non-concurred resolutions.

It was agreed that votes during Business Sessions, other than by ballot, will be recorded by show of hands or by a standing vote.

On behalf of the Finance and Building Committee Chairman Donna McRury reviewed with the meeting recommended changes to the Branch Monthly Financial Report.

M – 10

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That the NS/NU Command monthly branch financial report be amended to include a line for *HST/GST* and the heading, *List all Poppy Trust Fund Expenditures* and that the subheading text and space, *Item, \$* be added to the report and that the subheading text *Assistance, Bursary, Order/Misc.* be eliminated from the form.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Finance and Building Committee Chairman Donna McRury advised the meeting that the approved accessibility modifications and minor building renovations as approved are underway at the Command building. She also suggested that the next term C&L Committee consider the separation of Finance and Building and that perhaps a Building Chairman be given the responsibility for maintenance and projects related to the actual building.

NS/NU Command C&L Committee Chairman Donna McRury advised the meeting that only one section of the NS/NU Command Policy Book has not yet been updated.

NS/NU Command Sports Committee Chairman Robert Hoeg advised the meeting that he once again represented NS/NU Command at the annual Frank Duchene Golf Tournament. He explained that funds raised are donated to the NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund and that more should be done to encourage Legion member entrants in the tournament. He advised that the 2021 tournament raised \$4,000.00. Comrade Hoeg noted that he would add this information and request member support during his Sports Committee report at Convention and committed to assisting in raising awareness around the tournament for 2022.

NS/NU Command Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee Chairman Don McCumber provided the meeting with an update on the changes to the selection process proposed by DND. The meeting agreed that NS/NU Commands' position on the issue remains unchanged and that a meeting take place between the Cadet Program representatives and NS/NU Command representatives to make NS/NU Commands' position clear.

District C Commander Hoeg questioned the need to reply all when registering an electronic vote and requested that the policy which dictates that requirement be reviewed. It was suggested that given the Executive Director chooses the option of a delivery receipt when issuing the email that perhaps the requirement to acknowledge receipt could be eliminated.

NS/NU Command President Marion Fryday-Cook extended great thanks to Comrades Richard Malin, Comrade Cliff MacIntyre and Don McCumber for their service to NS/NU Command and their Districts.

President Fryday-Cook thanked Comrade Karen Lynch for her dedication and commitment to NS/NU Command and for her encouragement and support. President Fryday-Cook also recognized that Comrade Lynch was the first women to serve as NS/NU Command Chairman.

11. Date/Time Next Executive Council Meeting

The meeting was advised that the next Executive Council Meeting will be held at Inn on Prince Tuesday October 12 2021 10:00 am.

M - 11

Moved by Comrade McRury seconded by Comrade Laurin

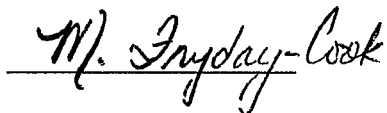
That the meeting be adjourned

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

12. Closing Ritual

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Merv Steadman.



Marion Fryday-Cook
President
Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
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