

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION SPENCERVILLE, BRANCH 604**  
**General Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023**

Called to order at 7:00

**Attendance:** Chuck Larter, Jocelyne Larter, Lyle Skuce, Dan Richardson, Jim Sheppard, Mark Packwood, John McRea, Koren McDonald, Mary Moore, Carol Charlebois. Absent by illness: Tom Lillico, Susan Moreau

**Minutes from previous:** Motion to accept as written - Chuck, Jim. All in favour

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** attached. Motion to accept, Mark, Dave. All in favour.

**FINANCIAL:** reports attached. February profit was \$2,000. \$32,387.61 in our General Account. March will prove a good month as well. Motion to accept: Mark, Dave. All in favour.

**BAR:** several successful private events very successful. Our regular events are also very successful. Alcohol taxes are being raised by 6%. We may have to raise beer prices. Koren suggests we might take the hit until September. Koren likes to keep ahead of the supply. Motion that bar steward stock up: Chuck, second Jim. Beer: Keith's is in short supply, May find new draft (Ricards Red suggested).

Also, the new cash register system has been quirky in printouts, but the issues are being resolved.

**HOUSE:** Defib is 20 years old. One more year we will need to replace. Option to rent or replace. Getting quotes. Big issue is the fire report: replace missing ceiling tiles; fire safety plan almost complete ( need floor plan sketches). Replace/update fire extinguishers. Best quote, Anderson: Fire suppression systems needed for fryshack. \$116 plus fusible lights. Inspection of extinguishers included, plus a truck charge. Anderson recommended also by Lyle Skuce who has experience working with them. Fire extinguishers should be checked every month. May be a good idea to have a spare.

Other house item: major ant problem. Kick panels sprayed. May have to gut the kitchen at some point. Tony Haystead will spray around the building for us once the snow is gone. Change garbage regularly will help.

Toilets leaking: flapper valves need replacing.

**Snow removal:** Chuck has been keeping up with the storms.

Motion to accept: Jocelyne, Chuck. All in favour.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 2 new members (Fawcetts) were impressed by our wing night and signed up. They are happy to volunteer. 16 people have not paid, Koren will motion to accept: Mark, John.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS - SOCIAL MEDIA:** effective, enjoyed by viewers. Chuck suggests I post Tom illness and home. Motion: Carol, Jim

**S OF ARMS:** lowered flag for the two officers killed. Monitor news for funeral. Jocelyne, Mark. Motion to accept, carried.

**SENIORS:** "I have been receiving calls concerning transportation help.... I gave some paperwork to Chuck to bring to the meeting to put on the board for high visibility I plan on attending the Zone Convention on Saturday, Mar 18/23 in Winchester, Ont. (if my health allows it). I have registered for the District Convention in Pembroke - Apr 14 - 16."

**WAYS AND MEANS:** extra wing night for St Paddy's. SBCC event Sunday. Downstairs rentals going well. Councillor Steve Dillabough mentioned the P of J fund. We need new stoves, they do not boil well. We need a new grill. Lockwood Bros breakfast was busy. New sinks. New cupboards. Call Hendricks, Chuck will check Costco for grill (stand up) and industrial stoves. Motion: John, Mark. All in favour.

**YOUTH:** vacant, Phil Bury unable to attend meetings. Look for a new rep.

**POPPY REPORT:** enhance campaign next year through social media to increase poppy box revenue. Committee to come up with ideas.

**VSO:** Claim Application has been sent on behalf of one of our Veterans. investigating concerns about another Veteran who may be in need of help.. Motion to accept Jocelyne, Carol. All.

**SPORTS:** no report, position vacant. Waiting for springtime sports announcements.

**OLD BUSINESS.** By-laws were sent in November. We may have to have a May election if not approved.

We will not currently take on helping a Ukrainian family as none have been identified.

Cleaner will come Saturday to start fryshack. Monday start stripping wax. Later on in the week, back in Fryshack to complete. Bee Squeaky clean.

Bathrooms: Mary and Koren check women's and gender neutral. Get the cleaner in once or twice a month to clean bathrooms. Assess Bee Squeaky for weekly cleanup and see what their weekly cost would be. Splashless urinal?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill has resigned, and we need a second vice. Christine has agreed to be 2nd Vice. Background in finance from DND. Chuck MOTION TO ACCEPT. All in favour.

To use the games downstairs, need to monitor. For bar surveillance, need a parabolic mirror. Jim will look at mirror prices.

Motion to adjourn: Chuck, John 8:02