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(Secretary's Note: Discussion was not necessarily in the order as listed, but related items – for example, elections and results – have been presented together, for ease of reading. For this reason, recesses have not been noted.)

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1. Opening Ceremonies and Remarks

- 1.1 The parade formed up outside Heritage Hall on the SAIT Polytechnic grounds. The Legion members and Ladies Auxiliary marched past the reviewing stand, where Comrade Gordon Moore, President, Dominion Command, and Comrade Darrel Jones, President, Alberta-NWT Command, took the salute.
- 1.2 The Opening Ceremonies were held in Heritage Hall, SAIT Polytechnic, in Calgary, AB on Saturday, June 8, 2013. The Ogden Legion Pipe Band provided the music and the Color Party marched on the Colors.
- 1.3 Opening benediction and blessing given by Father Greene.
- 1.4 Command Chairman Wayne Freestone directed the opening of the 2013 Convention by ritual, which included the laying of the wreaths.
- 1.5 Special guests present and introduced were: the Honourable Linda Johnson, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore; His Worship Mayor Naheed Nenshi, City of Calgary; Comrade Gordon Moore, Dominion President; and Madam Sharon Fedak, President, Alberta-NWT Ladies Auxiliary.
- 1.6 President Jones MOVED the **Oath of Loyalty to the Queen** (Attachment 1, p.52), which was SECONDED and CARRIED unanimously.

President Jones read the response from the Queen's Chief Clerk in response to the Oath of Loyalty, thanking the Legion for their continuing support.

2. Official Opening

- 2.1 Comrade Hugh Greene officially opened the 48th Biennial Convention.
- 2.2 Comrade Gray gave the Procedures Report (Attachment 1, p.iii).
- 2.3 Comrade Bill Cox, Chairman of the **Local Arrangements Committee**, gave the daily Local Arrangements Chairman's report.

3. Daily Benedictions

- 3.1 Daily opening benediction given.

4. Daily Credentials Report

Comrade Tammy Wheeler, Executive Director provided the daily credentials reports.

	Saturday, 8 June	Sunday, 9 June
<i>Observers**</i>	30	30
<i>Voting Delegates</i>	294	294
<i>Proxies</i>	369	369
Totals**	663	663

**Total does NOT include Observers.

5. President's Report

Motion #1: The motion to adopt the President's Report as circulated (Attachment 1, p. 1) was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

5.1 Communications and Training Committee

Comrade Jones briefly outlined the proposed new committee structure to combine function and reduce duplication of services.

Motion #2: The motion to adopt the Communications and Training Report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.4) was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

5.2 Restructuring Presentation

5.2.1 Executive

- eliminate one vice-presidential position
- replace Treasurer with a Finance Committee consisting of the President, 1st Vice-President, and one other board member; the Executive Director and the Command Accountant
- Reduce number of council meetings per year

5.2.2 Committees

- Honours & Awards – the President will appoint the Chair
- Constitution and Laws

5.2.3 Districts – a total of 17 districts, from 9

5.2.4 Sports – area sports discontinued immediately

5.2.5 Benefits

The presentation was cut short as comments from the floor indicated the membership wanted to have a look at the whole proposal in advance to the motion coming to the floor, and that overnight review was insufficient to give the proposal the attention it deserves. Further comments indicated that the membership preferred the matter be dealt with in Districts and Rallies prior to the next Convention.

Motion #3: The motion to table the proposed motions for restructuring of the Command executive as circulated (Attachment 1, p.53) until the 49th Biennial Convention in 2015 was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

5.2.6 Information session

The chair agreed that an information session with input from the floor could be held. Information on restructuring was provided to all the spring rallies. However; what about the cost if a larger number of district commanders had to go to the East Coast for convention? Concerns were expressed about lack of camaraderie, financial costs, less support, etc.

6. Explanation of Non-Concurred Resolutions

Comrade Wayne Freestone explained how non-concurred and late resolutions will be handled.

7. Resolution of Loyalty from the Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary Madame President Sharon Fedak was escorted to the podium and brought greetings from her Council and members. Madame Fedak presented the Ladies Auxiliary Resolution of Loyalty to the Branch, which was accepted with thanks.

8. Elections

Comrade Harvey Shevalier, Elections Chairman, read the nominating and voting instructions from Attachment 1, p.iv.

8.1 President

Comrade Shevalier made first call for nominations of President:

Wayne Donner
Bobbi McCoy
Rex Tryhorn
Dave Horrocks - declined

Following second and third calls for nominations for President, nominations were closed. With Comrade Horrocks declining, the other nominees accepted their nominations and each gave a brief presentation of their attributes.

Comrade Shevalier advised the attendees that with 621 ballots cast, and 5 spoiled, **Comrade Wayne Donner** is the **President** for 2013-15.

8.2 1st Vice President

Comrade Shevalier gave first call for nominations for 1st Vice President:

Chris Strong
Bobbi McCoy
Bill Dunbar
Norm Sandahl - declined

Following second and third calls for nominations for Vice-President, nominations were closed. Norm Sandahl declined; the other candidates accepted their nominations and each gave a brief presentation of their attributes.

Comrade Shevalier advised the attendees that with 503 ballots cast, and none spoiled, **Comrade Chris Strong** is the **1st Vice President** for 2013-2015.

8.3 Vice-Presidents

Comrade Shevalier gave first call for nominations for the positions of Vice Presidents:

Barry Lazoruk
Dino Michaud
Audrey Ferguson
Bobby McCoy
Karen Shaw - declined
Bill Dunbar
Joe Brink
Jim Stewart

Following second and third calls for nominations for Vice-President, nominations were closed. Comrade Shaw declined; the other candidates accepted their nominations and each gave a brief presentation of their attributes.

Comrade Shevalier advised the attendees that the **Vice Presidents** (in no particular order) for 2013-2015 are:

Bobbi McCoy
Joe Brink
Barry Lazoruk

8.4 Treasurer

Comrade Shevalier gave first call for nominations for the position of Treasurer:

Robert Jensen - declined
Bill Dunbar - declined
Malcolm Hughes - declined
Mark Barham – by acclamation

Following second and third calls for nominations for Treasurer, nominations were closed.

With three out of four candidates declining, Comrade Shevalier advised the attendees that **Comrade Mark Barham**, by acclamation, is the new Command **Treasurer** for 2013-2015.

8.5 Chairman

Comrade Shevalier gave first call for nominations for the position of Chairman:

Wayne Freestone
Bob Gray

Following second and third calls for nominations for Chairman, nominations were closed.

Comrade Shevalier advised the attendees that with 607 votes cast and 3 spoiled, **Comrade Wayne Freestone** is the new Command **Chairman** for 2013-2015.

Motion #4: The motion to destroy the election ballots was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

9. 1st Vice-President's Report

Motion #5: The motion to adopt Vice President Wayne Donner's Report (Attachment 1, p.9) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

9.1 Poppy Committee

Motion #6: The motion to adopt the Vice President's Poppy Committee Report (Attachment 1, p.10) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #7: Poppy Trust Funds (Attachment 1, p.54)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should a Branch utilize the services of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to assist in their Poppy Campaigns, the Scouts and Guides should be rewarded in the same manner as is presently established for Cadet Corps;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poppy Manual be amended to reflect this Resolution;
and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Bylaws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended to reflect this Resolution.

The motion was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.**

Motion #8: Poppy and Remembrance (Attachment 1, p.54)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion expand the Remembrance Day Contests to include the mediums of computer generated and audio visual presentations using the guidelines of the BC-Yukon Command Guidelines.

The motion was **MOVED, SECONDED and TABLED** to 2015 Convention.

Motion #9 Legion Logo (Attachment 1, p.55)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Legion adopt one logo to be utilized on all letterhead, buildings and business cards; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Command, all Branches and Poppy Fund Offices phase in the new logo within 2 years.

The motion **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.**

9.2 Youth Committee

Motion #10 The motion to adopt the Vice President's Youth Committee Report (Attachment 1, p.11) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

10. Vice Presidents' Reports

10.1 Vice President Sandahl's Report

Motion #11: The motion to adopt Vice President Sandahl's Report (Attachment 1, p.12) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

10.1.1 Sports Committee

Motion #12: A motion to adopt Vice President Sandahl's Sports Report (Attachment 1, p.13) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #13: A motion to have Athletics Alberta select the Alberta-NWT Command track and field team for the Dominion Meet was
MOVED, SECONDED and DEFEATED.

Motion #14: A motion to use Valley National Eight-ball Association (VNEA) scoring for 8-ball pool was
MOVED SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #15: A motion to use World Pool Billiards Association (WPA) rules for 8-ball to harmonize with Dominion Command's format was
MOVED, SECONDED was CARRIED.

Motion #16: A motion to have the Alberta-NWT Command Sports Officer, or their representative, as the only person to adjudicate at District and Areas sports events and can change times and competition format to accommodate weather or other unforeseen circumstances was
MOVED SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #17: A motion to drop mixed and senior's shuffleboard from the Alberta-NWT Command sports program and retain men's and ladies was
MOVED SECONDED and DEFEATED.

10.2 Vice-President McCoy's Report

Motion #18: The motion to adopt Vice President McCoy's Report (Attachment 1, p.14) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

10.2.1 Pass the Torch Committee

Motion #19: The motion to adopt the Pass the Torch Report (Attachment 1, p.14) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #20: Free One Year Membership to Newly Retired Veterans (Attachment 1, p.57)
(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the free one year membership to newly retired veterans program be continued; however, the membership should be at the Branch nearest to the declared address on release, or at a Branch of the member's choice. Upon

receipt of the one year free membership card, it would then be that Branch's responsibility to conduct the initiation ceremony, including the declaration of loyalty.

The motion to continue the free year membership to newly retired veterans as outlined was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #21: Transferring Years of Continuous Membership for Ladies Auxiliary Members
(Attachment 1, p.58)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the event of a Ladies Auxiliary surrendering its Charter, and a member of the Auxiliary joining a Branch, that proof of the member's years of continuous service be carried over to the Branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the years of continuous service reflect on the Branch membership card; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Ladies Auxiliary member is a dual member that the years of service reflect the greater number of years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review its current policy.

The motion to adopt the transferring years of continuous Membership for Ladies Auxiliary Members as stated was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #22 Years of Continuous Service (Attachment 1, p.59)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that these voting members with years of service be accredited fully with their accumulated years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an affidavit is filled in by the Branch verifying that the member has the years that should be issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those years of service changes will be accepted until the end of the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a charge of \$10.00 per application is payable by the member, to membership of Dominion Command; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review is current policy.

The motion to adopt the years of continuous services as stated was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #23: Membership Years (Attachment 1, p.50)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if a member has been a Royal Canadian Legion member in any Legion Branch throughout the world, they maintain their years when moving from on Royal Canadian Legion Branch in one country to another Royal Canadian Legion Branch in another country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members do not lose their collective years due to changes from Legion policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Members do not lose their collective years due to changes in members' qualifications for any category.

The motion about maintaining years of membership from different countries was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #24: **Membership Categories** (Attachment 1, p.60)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that New members from an allied country are considered as members of our Legion in Calgary without delay and are to be considered for the category they are applying for; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the category "Affiliate Non-Voting" is deleted from the category list.

The motion to delete Affiliate Non-Voting from Membership categories was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

10.3 Vice-President Strong's Report

Motion #25: The motion to adopt Vice President Strong's Report (Attachment 1, p.17) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

10.3.1 Veterans, Service and Seniors (VSS) Committee

Motion #26: The motion to adopt the Sports Report (Attachment 1, p.18) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

11. District Commander's Reports

11.1 District 1 – Barry Lazoruk

Motion #27: The motion to adopt the District 1 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.34) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

11.2 District 2 – Audrey Ferguson

Motion #28: The motion to adopt the District 2 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.35) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

11.3 District 3 – John DeMerchant

Motion #29: The motion to adopt the District 3 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.36) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

11.4 District 4 – Jim Stewart

Motion #30: The motion to adopt the District 4 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.37) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

11.5 District 5 – Dino Michaud

Motion #31: The motion to adopt the District 5 Commander’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.37) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

11.6 District 6 – Karen Shaw

Motion #32: The motion to adopt the District 6 Commander’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.38) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

11.7 District 7 – Tracy Cross Gauthier

Motion #33: The motion to adopt the District 7 Commander’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.39) and presented by President Jones was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

11.8 District 8 – Ted Latimer

Motion #34: The motion to adopt the District 8 Commander’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.40) and presented by President Jones was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

11.9 District 9 – Deanna French

Motion #35: The motion to adopt the District 9 Commander’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.41) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

11.10 TVS Representative – Eric Adams

Motion #36: The motion to adopt the TVS Representative’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.41) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

12. Chairman’s Report

Motion #37: The motion to adopt the Chairman’s report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.19) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

12.1 Constitution and Laws (Attachment 1, p.20)

Motion #38: **REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A BRANCH** (Attachment 1, p.56)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for hypothecating, mortgaging, pledging, leasing, selling, conveying or otherwise disposing of the Branch’s real or personal property outside ordinary and usual course of activities:

- a) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,
- b) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least ten (10) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
- c) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
- d) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the General Membership, all documents and information pertaining to the transaction will be sent to Alberta-NWT Command for conditional approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the completion of any transaction all documents will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for review and final approval.

The motion was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**.

Motion #38A: A motion to amend section (b) from 10 days to 14 days was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

The main motion relating to real and personal property of a branch as amended was **CARRIED**.

Motion #39: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to bring the motion back for re-consideration.

Motion #39A: It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to amend the final "...be it further resolved..." as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the branch must submit a copy of the offer letter from the financial institution will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for review and final approval."

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

Motion #39B: A motion to remove the last "...be it further resolved..." was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

The main motion, as amended, was **CARRIED**.

The main motion now reads:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for hypothecating, mortgaging, pledging, leasing, selling, conveying or otherwise disposing of the Branch's real or personal property outside ordinary and usual course of activities:

- a) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,
- b) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
- c) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
- d) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the General Membership, all documents and information pertaining to the transaction will be sent to Alberta-NWT Command for conditional approval."

Motion #40: **Dissolution of a Branch** (Attachment 1, p.55)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for dissolution of a Branch:

- a) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,

- b) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
- c) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
- d) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members by way of motion will vote on the disposition of the assets of the Branch in accordance to the Act to Incorporate and The General Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Branch President submit the decision of the membership to Alberta-NWT Command for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signing authorities remain until the conclusion of all the business of the Branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for cancellation.

The motion to adopt procedures for dissolution of a Branch was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**

Motion #41: **Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office at Branch Level** (Attachment 1, p.56)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that those members [permanent residents of Canada who are a citizen of an Allied Country who have resided in Canada a minimum of ten (10) years and who further have served The Royal Canadian Legion for a minimum of five (5) years] be eligible to vote at the Branch level; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such members be eligible to hold office at the Branch level.

The motion regarding eligibility to vote and hold office was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #42: **Legion Dress** (Attachment 1, p.57)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Legion dress will only be required for formal functions and functions where non-members are present; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to change the Ritual and Insignia Manual to make the Legion Dress optional when the Ritual is performed; and
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review its current policy.

The motion for Legion Dress to be optional when the Ritual is performed, except for formal events or events where non-members are present was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED**.

12.2 Constitution and Laws – Motions to Amend the Bylaws

- Motion #43:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that all references (Attachment 1, p.21) to “Sub Executive Council” in the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws be replaced with “Senior Elected Officers”.
- Motion #44:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that all references (Attachment 1, p.21) to “*Per Diem*” in the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws be replaced with “*Out of Pocket Expenses*”.
- Motion #45:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that **Bylaw 311(b)** (Attachment 1, p.21) be changed from:
“*Newly elected District Commanders will not assume office until installed at the Command Convention.*”
to
“*Newly elected District Commanders will be installed at District Rallies they are elected at.*”
- Motion #46:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
“**Bylaw 702(b)** (Attachment 1, p.21)
The duties and responsibilities of a Branch President absent for 7 or more consecutive days will become the duties of the Branch Vice President.”
- Motion #47:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
“**Bylaw 416** (Attachment 1, p.22)
The Royal Canadian Legion will be governed by An Act to Incorporate The Royal Canadian Legion, the General Bylaws and these Bylaws.”
- Motion #48:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
“**Bylaw 417** (Attachment 1, p.22)
To comply with the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, in an off-Convention year at Command level, there shall be an annual meeting held which will have as a minimum the following agenda:
a. Presentation of the audited financial statements, and
b. Approval of the auditors.”
- Motion #49:** It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to add
“**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**
Bylaw 418 (Attachment 1, p.22)
In the case of Alberta-NWT Command, notice shall be provided in a Legion Magazine issue not more than 90 days and not less than 21 days before the annual meeting. The notice shall specify:

The Alberta-NWT Command Executive Council of The Royal Canadian Legion hereby gives notice of an Annual Meeting of the organization which will take place at (time), (date), (location).

Agenda for the meeting:
a. Presentation of the audited financial statements; and

b. *Approval of the auditors for (years).*

This meeting is being held to fulfill the requirements of the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. Members wishing to make comment or raise questions on these two items may do so by written submission to Alberta-NWT Command, 202 15 St NW, Calgary, AB T2M 3N8 to be received no later than (date 30 days prior to the meeting).

Documentation pertaining to the annual meeting shall be made available on the Legion website at www.abnwtlegion.com at least 21 days prior to the annual meeting or upon written request by a member enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope received at Alberta-NWT Command at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Motion #49A: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED** to amend the time by which Command must receive documentation pertaining to the annual meeting from 14 days to 21 days.

The main motion was **CARRIED**.

Motion #50: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add

***“Bylaw 419** (Attachment 1, p.22)*

Members may make submissions on the agenda items in writing to Alberta-NWT Command which will be considered at the meeting if received at least 14 days prior to the meeting.”

Motion #51: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add

***“Bylaw 420** (Attachment 1, p.22)*

A quorum for the meeting shall be 2/3 of the number of members of the Executive Council of the Alberta-NWT Command.”

Motion #52: A motion to approve the Constitution and Laws report (Attachment 1, p.20) as circulated, and as amended, was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

13. Executive Director’s Report

Motion #53: The motion to adopt the Executive Director’s report (Attachment 1, p.30) as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

14. Treasurer’s Report (Attachment 1, p.23)

Motion #54: The motion to appoint Rustam Kassam, CMA as the auditor for 2013 was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

14.1 Finance and Operations Committee (Attachment 1, p.26)

Motion #55: A motion that Alberta-NWT’s per capita tax be increased by \$2.00 from \$11.50 to \$13.50 per annum, beginning with the 2013-2014 membership year, was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**.

Motion #55A: A motion to reduce the increase from \$2.00 to \$1.00 was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

The main motion to increase the per capita tax by \$1.00 from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per annum, beginning with the 2013-2014 was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #56: A motion that the annual \$1.00 currently taken from the per capita tax and applied to sports should be moved to the general funds was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED**.

Motion #57: The motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as circulated and amended was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

15. Immediate Past President's Report – Bob Gray

Motion #58: The motion to adopt the Past President's report (Attachment 1, p.6) as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

15.1 Honours and Awards (Attachment 1, p.7)

It was recommended that the name of this committee be changed to Ritual and Awards Committee to harmonize with Dominion's decision to change the name of this committee.

Motion #59: **Branches Let Fly of Colours** (Attachment 1, p.60)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legion policy pertaining to Colour Party Drill be amended as presented; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we fly our Colours proudly to celebrate our national heritage and to pay our respects to our Fallen Comrades, during the singing or playing of O Canada, God Save the Queen, and Last Post.

The motion to adopt the resolution that allows Branches Let Fly of Colours from the carry at the halt was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #60: **Eligibility for Veteran's License Plate** (Attachment 1, p.61)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all who qualify as Ordinary Members and therefore as Veterans under sections 206(a), (b), (c), (f), (g), and (h) of the membership Eligibility Guide be eligible to proudly display a Veteran's license plate on their vehicle(s).

The motion to change the eligibility for veterans' license plates as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED**.

Motion #61: The motion to adopt the Honours and Awards Committee report as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

16. Million Dollar Lottery (Attachment 1, p.47)

- Motion #62:** A motion that Alberta-NWT Command retains the ownership of the Legion Lottery branding so that if and when obtaining an ALGC license becomes a viable option, we are in possession of the appropriate branding was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

17. Ladies Auxiliary Resolutions

- Motion #63: Life Membership**
The Ladies Auxiliary motion that an Auxiliary member must have 10 years membership before being eligible for a Life membership was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #64: Convention Chairman**
The Ladies Auxiliary motion that the Immediate Past President performs the duties of the Convention Chairman for future Conventions was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

18. Service Bureau Report – Comrade Gerry Finlay

- Motion #65:** A motion to adopt the Service Bureau Reports (Attachment 1, p.42) as circulated and presented was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

19. Poliomyelitis Foundation Report (Attachment 1, p.46)

The Poliomyelitis Foundation report was adopted as circulated for information only.

20. Old Business

None brought to the floor.

21. New Business

- 21.1 No presentations were held regarding Convention 2015 – an information booklet on conventions will be sent out to all the Branches, and everyone will have the opportunity to make submissions. Provincial Command is preparing a new Terms of Reference. Command will be paying for the facilities, bussing, hotels, etc.
- 21.2 Disposal of Canadian Flag
A motion to direct Dominion Command to develop a national policy to develop a policy to deal with discarded Canadian flags was out of order, as directions for disposal are already in the Ritual and Awards book.

22. Greetings

- (a) Saskatchewan Command – Comrade Brent Wignes, President
- (b) Manitoba-NW Ontario Command – Comrade Rick Bennett, President
- (c) Ontario Command - Comrade Bruce Julian, President
- (d) New Brunswick Command – Comrade Clayton Saunders, Immediate Past President
- (c) The American Legion – Comrades Ralph Gardner, Shirley Ellison, Bob and Sylvia Beales
- (d) Fenety Marketing – Mark Fenety

23. Presentations

- (a) Veterans Affairs Canada – Charlotte Bastien, Director General Field Operations
- (b) Million Dollar Lottery
- (c) Military Rehabilitation Chair – Dr. Elizabeth Taylor, Dr. Ibolja Cernak
- (d) Nijmegen March Report – Comrade Joe Brink
- (e) Report from Dominion President – Comrade Gordon Moore
 - Donations totaling \$7,813 were accepted, with thanks, on behalf of the RCEL
 - Other cash donations totaling \$21,690 combined for Poppy, Service Bureau, Sports, Polio, Youth, were accepted, with thanks
- (f) Marketing and Membership Dominion Command – Comrade Scott Ferris, Director
- (g) 2011 Pilgrimage of Remembrance – Comrade Sheila Donner

24. Workshops

June 8, 2013:

- (a) Sysco Food – meal planning, marketing
- (b) Employment Standards

June 9, 2013:

- (c) Moving up the Ranks – Comrade Gordon Moore
- (d) Pass the Torch – Comrade Bobbi McCoy
- (e) Service Officer Workshop – Comrades Gerry Finlay and Mike Burgess

25. Installation of the 2013-2015 Command Executive

Installations were performed by Dominion President Gordon Moore.

26. Closing Ceremonies

Closing ritual was performed and the convention adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

Summary of Resolutions

- Motion #1:** The motion to adopt the President's Report as circulated (Attachment 1, p. 1) was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #2:** The motion to adopt the Communications and Training Report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.4) was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #3:** The motion to table the proposed motions for restructuring of the Command executive as circulated (Attachment 1, p.53) until the 49th Biennial Convention in 2015 was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #4:** The motion to destroy the election ballots was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #5:** The motion to adopt Vice President Wayne Donner's Report (Attachment 1, p.9) as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #6:** The motion to adopt the Vice President's Poppy Committee Report (Attachment 1, p.10) as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #7:** **Poppy Trust Funds** (Attachment 1, p.54)
(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should a Branch utilize the services of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to assist in their Poppy Campaigns, the Scouts and Guides should be rewarded in the same manner as is presently established for Cadet Corps;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poppy Manual be amended to reflect this Resolution;
and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Bylaws of the Royal Canadian Legion be amended to reflect this Resolution.
The motion was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #8:** **Poppy and Remembrance** (Attachment 1, p.54)
(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion expand the Remembrance Day Contests to include the mediums of computer generated and audio visual presentations using the guidelines of the BC-Yukon Command Guidelines.
The motion was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **TABLED** to 2015 Convention.
- Motion #9** **Legion Logo** (Attachment 1, p.55)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Legion adopt one logo to be utilized on all letterhead, buildings and business cards; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Command, all Branches and Poppy Fund Offices phase in the new logo within 2 years.
The motion **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #10 The motion to adopt the Vice President's Youth Committee Report (Attachment 1, p.11) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #11: The motion to adopt Vice President Sandahl's Report (Attachment 1, p.12) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #12: A motion to adopt Vice President Sandahl's Sports Report (Attachment 1, p.13) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #13: A motion to have Athletics Alberta select the Alberta-NWT Command track and field team for the Dominion Meet was
MOVED, SECONDED and **DEFEATED**.

Motion #14: A motion to use Valley National Eight-ball Association (VNEA) scoring for 8-ball pool was
MOVED SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #15: A motion to use World Pool Billiards Association (WPA) rules for 8-ball to harmonize with Dominion Command's format was
MOVED, SECONDED was **CARRIED**.

Motion #16: A motion to have the Alberta-NWT Command Sports Officer, or their representative, as the only person to adjudicate at District and Areas sports events and can change times and competition format to accommodate weather or other unforeseen circumstances was
MOVED SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #17: A motion to drop mixed and senior's shuffleboard from the Alberta-NWT Command sports program and retain men's and ladies was
MOVED SECONDED and **DEFEATED**.

Motion #18: The motion to adopt Vice President McCoy's Report (Attachment 1, p.14) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #19: The motion to adopt the Pass the Torch Report (Attachment 1, p.14) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #20: Free One Year Membership to Newly Retired Veterans (Attachment 1, p.57)
(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the free one year membership to newly retired veterans program be continued; however, the membership should be at the Branch nearest to the declared address on release, or at a Branch of the member's choice. Upon receipt of the one year free membership card, it would then be that Branch's responsibility to conduct the initiation ceremony, including the declaration of loyalty.

The motion to continue the free year membership to newly retired veterans as outlined was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #21: Transferring Years of Continuous Membership for Ladies Auxiliary Members
(Attachment 1, p.58)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the event of a Ladies Auxiliary surrendering its Charter, and a member of the Auxiliary joining a Branch, that proof of the member's years of continuous service be carried over to the Branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the years of continuous service reflect on the Branch membership card; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Ladies Auxiliary member is a dual member that the years of service reflect the greater number of years of service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review its current policy.

The motion to adopt the transferring years of continuous Membership for Ladies Auxiliary Members as stated was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #22 Years of Continuous Service (Attachment 1, p.59)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that these voting members with years of service be accredited fully with their accumulated years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an affidavit is filled in by the Branch verifying that the member has the years that should be issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those years of service changes will be accepted until the end of the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a charge of \$10.00 per application is payable by the member, to membership of Dominion Command; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review is current policy.

The motion to adopt the years of continuous services as stated was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #23: Membership Years (Attachment 1, p.50)

(note: From 2011 Provincial Convention not addressed at Dominion 2012 Convention)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if a member has been a Royal Canadian Legion member in any Legion Branch throughout the world, they maintain their years when

moving from on Royal Canadian Legion Branch in one country to another Royal Canadian Legion Branch in another country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members do not lose their collective years due to changes from Legion policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Members do not lose their collective years due to changes in members' qualifications for any category.

The motion about maintaining years of membership from different countries was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #24: **Membership Categories** (Attachment 1, p.60)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that New members from an allied country are considered as members of our Legion in Calgary without delay and are to be considered for the category they are applying for; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the category "Affiliate Non-Voting" is deleted from the category list.

The motion to delete Affiliate Non-Voting from Membership categories was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #25: The motion to adopt Vice President Strong's Report (Attachment 1, p.17) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #26: The motion to adopt the Sports Report (Attachment 1, p.18) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #27: The motion to adopt the District 1 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.34) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #28: The motion to adopt the District 2 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.35) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #29: The motion to adopt the District 3 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.36) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #30: The motion to adopt the District 4 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.37) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

Motion #31: The motion to adopt the District 5 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.37) was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.

- Motion #32:** The motion to adopt the District 6 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.38) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #33:** The motion to adopt the District 7 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.39) and presented by President Jones was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #34:** The motion to adopt the District 8 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.40) and presented by President Jones was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #35:** The motion to adopt the District 9 Commander's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.41) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #36:** The motion to adopt the TVS Representative's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.41) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #37:** The motion to adopt the Chairman's report as circulated (Attachment 1, p.19) was
MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.
- Motion #38:** **REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A BRANCH** (Attachment 1, p.56)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for hypothecating, mortgaging, pledging, leasing, selling, conveying or otherwise disposing of the Branch's real or personal property outside ordinary and usual course of activities:
- e) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,
 - f) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least ten (10) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
 - g) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
 - h) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon approval by the General Membership, all documents and information pertaining to the transaction will be sent to Alberta-NWT Command for conditional approval; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the completion of any transaction all documents will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for review and final approval.
The motion was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**.
- Motion #38A:** A motion to amend section (b) from 10 days to 14 days was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.**
- The main motion relating to real and personal property of a branch as amended was **CARRIED.**

Motion #39: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to bring the motion back for re-consideration.

Motion #39A: It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to amend the final "...be it further resolved..." as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the branch must submit a copy of the offer letter from the financial institution will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for review and final approval."

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

Motion #39B: A motion to remove the last "...be it further resolved..." was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

The main motion, as amended, was **CARRIED**.

The main motion now reads:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for hypothecating, mortgaging, pledging, leasing, selling, conveying or otherwise disposing of the Branch's real or personal property outside ordinary and usual course of activities:

- e) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,
- f) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
- g) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
- h) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the General Membership, all documents and information pertaining to the transaction will be sent to Alberta-NWT Command for conditional approval."

Motion #40: **Dissolution of a Branch** (Attachment 1, p.55)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws include the following procedure for dissolution of a Branch:

- e) A Notice of Motion be presented at a General Meeting of the Branch,
- f) All members in good standing of the Branch will be notified, by regular mail or email and notices in the community at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Special General Meeting at which it is to be discussed,
- g) Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the District Commander and Command Office prior to the special meeting, and
- h) A 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members by way of motion will vote on the disposition of the assets of the Branch in accordance to the Act to Incorporate and The General Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Branch President submit the decision of the membership to Alberta-NWT Command for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signing authorities remain until the conclusion of all the business of the Branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter will be forwarded to Alberta-NWT Command for cancellation.

The motion to adopt procedures for dissolution of a Branch was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**

Motion #41: **Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office at Branch Level** (Attachment 1, p.56)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that those members [permanent residents of Canada who are a citizen of an Allied Country who have resided in Canada a minimum of ten (10) years and who further have served The Royal Canadian Legion for a minimum of five (5) years] be eligible to vote at the Branch level; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such members be eligible to hold office at the Branch level.

The motion regarding eligibility to vote and hold office was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

Motion #42: **Legion Dress** (Attachment 1, p.57)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Legion dress will only be required for formal functions and functions where non-members are present; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to change the Ritual and Insignia Manual to make the Legion Dress optional when the Ritual is performed; and
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that Alberta-NWT Command petition Dominion Command to review its current policy.

The motion for Legion Dress to be optional when the Ritual is performed, except for formal events or events where non-members are present was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED**.

Motion #43: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that all references (Attachment 1, p.21) to "Sub Executive Council" in the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws be replaced with "Senior Elected Officers".

Motion #44: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that all references (Attachment 1, p.21) to "*Per Diem*" in the Alberta-NWT Command Bylaws be replaced with "*Out of Pocket Expenses*".

Motion #45: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that **Bylaw 311(b)** (Attachment 1, p.21) be changed from:
"Newly elected District Commanders will not assume office until installed at the Command Convention."
to
"Newly elected District Commanders will be installed at District Rallies they are elected at."

Motion #46: It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add **"Bylaw 702(b)** (Attachment 1, p.21)
The duties and responsibilities of a Branch President absent for 7 or more consecutive days will become the duties of the Branch Vice President."

- Motion #47:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
"Bylaw 416 (Attachment 1, p.22)
The Royal Canadian Legion will be governed by An Act to Incorporate The Royal Canadian Legion, the General Bylaws and these Bylaws."
- Motion #48:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
"Bylaw 417 (Attachment 1, p.22)
To comply with the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, in an off-Convention year at Command level, there shall be an annual meeting held which will have as a minimum the following agenda:
c. Presentation of the audited financial statements, and
d. Approval of the auditors."
- Motion #49:** It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to add
"NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Bylaw 418 (Attachment 1, p.22)
In the case of Alberta-NWT Command, notice shall be provided in a Legion Magazine issue not more than 90 days and not less than 21 days before the annual meeting. The notice shall specify:
- The Alberta-NWT Command Executive Council of The Royal Canadian Legion hereby gives notice of an Annual Meeting of the organization which will take place at (time), (date), (location).*
- Agenda for the meeting:*
c. Presentation of the audited financial statements; and
d. Approval of the auditors for (years).
- This meeting is being held to fulfill the requirements of the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. Members wishing to make comment or raise questions on these two items may do so by written submission to Alberta-NWT Command, 202 15 St NW, Calgary, AB T2M 3N8 to be received no later than (date 30 days prior to the meeting).*
- Documentation pertaining to the annual meeting shall be made available on the Legion website at www.abnwtlegion.com at least 21 days prior to the annual meeting or upon written request by a member enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope received at Alberta-NWT Command at least 14 days prior to the meeting.*
- Motion #49A:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED** to amend the time by which Command must receive documentation pertaining to the annual meeting from 14 days to 21 days.
- The main motion was **CARRIED**.
- Motion #50:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
"Bylaw 419 (Attachment 1, p.22)

Members may make submissions on the agenda items in writing to Alberta-NWT Command which will be considered at the meeting if received at least 14 days prior to the meeting."

- Motion #51:** It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to add
"**Bylaw 420** (Attachment 1, p.22)
A quorum for the meeting shall be 2/3 of the number of members of the Executive Council of the Alberta-NWT Command."
- Motion #52:** A motion to approve the Constitution and Laws report (Attachment 1, p.20) as circulated, and as amended, was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #53:** The motion to adopt the Executive Director's report (Attachment 1, p.30) as circulated was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #54:** The motion to appoint Rustam Kassam, CMA as the auditor for 2013 was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #55:** A motion that Alberta-NWT's per capita tax be increased by \$2.00 from \$11.50 to \$13.50 per annum, beginning with the 2013-2014 membership year, was
MOVED and **SECONDED**.
- Motion #55A:** A motion to amend the increase from \$2.00 to \$1.00 was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.
- The main motion to increase the per capita tax (as amended) by \$1.00 from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per annum, beginning with the 2013-2014 was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #56:** A motion that the annual \$1.00 currently taken from the per capita tax and applied to sports should be moved to the general funds was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **DEFEATED**.
- Motion #57:** The motion to adopt the Treasurer's report as circulated and amended was
MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED**.
- Motion #58:** The motion to adopt the Past President's report (Attachment 1, p.6) as circulated was
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- The motion to adopt the resolution that allows Branches Let Fly of Colours from the carry at the halt was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #60: **Eligibility for Veteran's License Plate** (Attachment 1, p.61)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all who qualify as Ordinary Members and therefore as Veterans under sections 206(a), (b), (c), (f), (g), and (h) of the membership Eligibility Guide be eligible to proudly display a Veteran's license plate on their vehicle(s).

The motion to change the eligibility for veterans' license plates as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED and DEFEATED.**

Motion #61: The motion to adopt the Honours and Awards Committee report as circulated was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.**

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Motion #64: **Convention Chairman**
The Ladies Auxiliary motion that the Immediate Past President performs the duties of the Convention Chairman for future Conventions was

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.

Motion #65: A motion to adopt the Service Bureau Reports (Attachment 1, p.42) as circulated and presented was **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED.**



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June 8th – 10th, 2013

APPROVED on behalf of the Alberta-NWT Command of The
Royal Canadian Legion

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Donner".

Wayne Donner, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Wheeler".

Tammy Wheeler, Executive Director

Dated at the City of Calgary in the Province of Alberta
on the 5th day of September, 2013

CORPORATE SEAL