

Zone G6 Convention Meeting
Branch 95 Smiths Falls
Sunday September 8, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Zone Commander, Rob Madore and declared open for business. Opening ceremonies followed.
2. Moved by Stan Lasenba, seconded by Bob Atkinson to adopt the agenda and permit deviations. Carried.
3. Zone Commander, Rob Madore thanked everyone for coming out today and thanks to the L.A. ladies of Branch 95 for the wonderful meal. It mentioned that it was not necessary for chairs to read their full report.
4. Bruce Irvin, President, Branch 95 thanked everyone for attending and brought out the kitchen staff and thanked them for the wonderful meal and Iris for working the bar.
5. Moved by Bob Atkinson, seconded by Stan Lasenba that the minutes of the previous convention meeting be approved, carried. There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. **In Attendance:** Sue McLean, Bruce Irvine, Tyrone Seeley, Donna Longmire, Bob Atkinson, Lorraine LeBlanc, Jeff Sumuara, Claire Husson, George Wood, Dennis Hearn, Terry Jacobs, Bruce Judge, Mary-Jo Gauthier, Bob Thomson, Ivan Cole, Donna Bell, Darleen Sargeant, John Sweeney, Rob Madore, Elaine Madore, Lorraine Lapensee, Ken Fleming, Brian Kilby, Kevin Francis, George Dolan, Pat Muldoon, Jim Wilson, Barry Pascoe, Stan Lasenba, Gary Garland and Terry Jacobs.
The secretary wishes to apologize for any misspelling of names.
7. Comrade Jim Wilson introduced Tyrone Seeley, 1st Deputy District G Commander as our guest speaker. Comrade Tyrone's notes can be read on **Attachment "A"**.
Comrade Rob Madore thanked Tyrone and informed him that a donation of \$50.00 would be made on his behalf to the Veterans Memorial Park.
8. Zone Commander, Rob Madore presented his report, moved it, seconded by Bob Atkinson, and carried.
9. Deputy Zone Commander, Jim Wilson presented his report, moved it, seconded by George Dolan.
10. Ladies Auxiliary Zone G6 Commander, Elaine Madore presented her report, moved it, seconded by Lorraine Lapensee and carried.
11. The Treasurer's report was presented by Claire Husson, moved it, seconded by Gary Garland and carried.
12. Public Speaking chair, Lorraine Lapensee presented her report, moved it, seconded by Mary-Jo Gauthier and carried.
13. PP&E chair, Donna Bell had no report but advised the branches that a package would be going out next week.
14. Membership chair, Jim Wilson presented his report, moved it, seconded by Bob Atkinson and carried. A discussion was held expressing concerns by Branches of not having received advance notice of Dominion raising membership fees, effective January 2025.

15. Honours & Awards had no report; however, he verified the Comrades who had not yet received their Zone Bars and/or medals.
16. Sports chair, Stan Lasenba presented his report, moved it, seconded by Barry Pascoe.
Motion: Made by Stan Lasenba that the Sports Fee Structure be changed:
 1. Zone Sports to \$10.00 per person and \$40.00 per team (golf is not affected),
 2. Teams advancing to District, Zone pay all entries fees to District, and
 3. Zone Sports subsize Branches \$100.00 per person for members going on to Provincial.Seconded by Barry Pascoe. Carried
17. Sgt-At-Arms, Bob Thompson presented his report, seconded by Keven Francis and carried.
18. Poppy Chair, Barry Pascoe had no report but reminded us that the Poppy and VSO seminar will be held in Smiths Falls on October 5 & 6. He also wanted all Poppy Chairs to be notified that the LCBO and Beer Store had to go in immediately to District.
19. Smiths Falls, Br 95 President Bruce Irvine, presented his report, seconded by Stan Lasenba and carried.
20. Arnprior, Br 174, President Donna Bell presented her report, seconded by Kevin Francis and carried.
21. Carleton Place, Br 192 President Kevin Francis, presented his report, seconded by Brian Kilby and carried.
22. Almonte, Br 240 Rob Madore presented his report, seconded by Barry Pascoe and carried.
23. Perth-upon-Tay, Br 244 President Ivan Cole, presented his report, seconded by Bob Atkinson and carried.
24. Lanark, Br 395 1st Vice President John Sweeney presented their report, seconded by Barry Pascoe and carried.
25. West Carleton, Br 616 President Kevin Johnson presented his report, seconded by George Dolan and carried.
26. Kanata, Br 638 President Mary-Jo Gauthier presented her report, seconded by Bruce Judge and carried.

New Business

Comrade Barry Pascoe, Poppy Chair, informed us that his email address is zoneg6poppychair@gmail.com

Dominion Vice-President, Gary Pond spoke to us about Equity, Diversion and Inclusion (EDI) and on Article III, mediation and arbitration.

Comrade Rob Madore thanked Branch 95 for hosting the meetings us all for coming out

today. He reminded us that Zone elections will be held in March 2025.

Motion of adjournment by George Dolan, seconded Bob Atkinson, carried.

Next Zone G6 Convention

Sunday March 9, 2025
Branch 395 Lanark

Zone Commander
Rob Madore

Secretary
Claire Husson

Greetings from District Commander Ken Heagle and Deputy Don Swerdfeger.

Some things which were brought forth at the PAC meeting held in August were:

1. Branches must start all meetings with Land Acknowledgments
2. A good note is that all branch regulations in District G are now completed, it took some time but are now done.
3. Please change any literature to be gender neutral (such as chairman to chair).
4. The class action suit against Aviva is still moving forward, Command stated we may have an offer by early next year.
5. Command is working with AGCO to put more money in the branches from draws and break-open tickets.
6. The amount for repairs and new projects without reporting to Command's Housing Committee has been raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000
7. No internet gambling or Texas-Holdem Poker is allowed in Legion Branches.
8. Please, any emails you as a President, Secretary, or executive member receive, you must forward them to your general membership as correspondence.
9. Make sure you keep up on renewing of licenses. Many branches are not and therefore they are running on expired licenses.
10. The Military Service Recognition Book needs submissions please let your members know.
11. Please Comrades follow the chain of Command which should be Branch President, Zone Commander, District Commander then Provincial Command. This is proper chain of Command. I remember when I was a Zone Commander having Provincial Command coming down on me for not looking into a problem in my zone. The problem was that the person with the problem went right to Provincial Command so I had no knowledge of their problem which could have been taken care of easily and quickly if they had of used the proper chain of command.

12. COMPLAINTS

Article 304 A i & ii - Mandatory Arbitration for:

i – Breach of clubhouse rules or privileges

ii – Profane or disorderly conduct in or about any place where any event is being carried on under Legion support or control

NEW Article 304 b ii

If the arbitration process is unable to resolve the complaint, then the arbitrator or arbitration team shall determine if the complaint has been substantiated and if substantiated may impose a disposition under 311b. If not substantiated it shall be dismissed.

NEW Art 304 B iii

The decision of the arbitrator or arbitration team is final unless an error has been made in the interpretation of these by-laws in which case an appeal can be filed with the Branch President within 10 days. The appeal will be heard by a committee of three branch members appointed by the President. The decision of the Branch Appeal Committee is final and cannot be appealed any further.

NEW 304b iv

Arbitration will not be offered for sections 304 A iii, iv, v, vi, or vii

Because of the aforementioned amendments section 311 b will be amended to read

NEW 311 b

Where a complaint alleges only a Breach of 304 a i and or ii, the charges may be dismissed, or if substantiated one or more of the following dispositions may be imposed
I & ii remain as written.

NEW 311 c

Where any disposition imposed under 311 b has not been fulfilled within 10 days or such other time as may have been set, the member is automatically deprived of clubhouse privileges until the disposition is fulfilled or 12 months expires from the date of disposition whichever occurs first.

Rename 311 c to 311 d

As a result of the previous amendments section 306 a, b, c, d, and e are no longer a requirement and will be deleted.

13. As of January 1st 2025, you will see a per capita increase of \$1.25 and an increase for the Legion Magazine of \$3.00. This was voted on at the Dominion Convention in Saint John and passed. Dominion Convention August 24-28/24 at Saint John, New Brunswick

- Branches get your credentials in to Provincial Command no later than May 31/24
- Voting will be online so you will need a smart phone or an I-pod to vote
- 100 Anniversary for the Legion 2025
- Branch inspection form
- Viva claim is ongoing moving very slow
- MSRB books getting damaged from the weather when left outside at the Branches.
Someone to have them delivered to their home instead of the Branch.
- Branches can now use a credit card (a copy of the form is attached hereto)
- Form needs to be filled out for every transaction
- Article III Mandatory mediation changes made to make easier
- Officer's Manual only printing amendments
- Provincial Command wondering if Branches have a vet that would be willing to do an interview with the media
- Poppy reports get them done and into District
- AGCO Liquor licence valid signature signing authority
- Chain of Command
- Branch survey not sent in to District G, 21 Branches

1st Deputy District Commander, Tyrone Seeley