

## **Nanaimo Navy League Branch Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2026**

### **Members Present:**

Alicia Clemance, Nicole Ginter, Natalie Lambert, Dana Swarts, Charlotte Davis, Trevlyn Baerg, Joseph Kong, Mike Boucher, Stefan Jaeger, Patricia Vollmer, Darlene Davis, Dez Mudryk, Melissa Boucher, Darrell Dudley

The meeting was called to order at **6:32 PM**, followed by a land acknowledgment, with **Scot Rounding** in the chair.

### **Additions to the Agenda**

- No additions
- February/March: focus on recruiting new cadets and collecting fees

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda

**M/S/C:** Alicia / Tricia

### **Review of Previous Minutes**

Minutes previously posted on [nanaimonavyleague.ca](http://nanaimonavyleague.ca) website.

**Motion:** To accept the previous meeting minutes

**M/S/C:** Mike / Alicia

### **Next Meeting**

To be announced / as posted on website

## **REPORTS OF PRESIDENT, TREASURER, CORPS & SUBCORPS**

### **President's Report**

- No written report currently
- Scot reports feeling optimistic despite financial challenges

### **COs Reports**

#### **Stefan – JP Bell Navy League**

- Enrollment has reached maximum capacity (70 cadets) based on current Officer numbers
- Request to review screening lists to identify potential training officers
- Upcoming:

- January 23 – 25 Seamanship Weekend
- February 27 – March 1 – Port Alberni Sports Weekend
- March 27 - 29: Officer Training Weekend
- May 2 - Drill and band competition
- Band, drill, and range programs continue to run well
- Question raised regarding a CFMTR working group; no information available at this time
  - Action: Darrell to check with VID

### **Danielle – Amphion Sea Cadets**

- 2 new cadets; currently there are approximately 45–50 cadets
- 7 adult staff
- Weekly schedule:
  - Mondays: Band, Guard, Drill
  - Saturdays: Marksmanship
- Upcoming activities:
  - Mandatory training Thursdays until March 12
  - Optional training starts April 2
  - Senior Development Weekend and Pirate Mess Dinner with other Island corps (Branch funded)
  - Area-directed activity weekends
  - March 28: RCSU walking tour of downtown Nanaimo
  - Whaler sail day
  - Fitness Friday (pool) in March
  - April: Band on board, marksmanship competition, CanSail
  - May: Elemental weekend; ACR preparation, Drill team practice day and competition on the 9th
  - June: ACR and Pride Parade

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Bookkeeping up to date through December
- Account balances to be distributed as soon as possible
- Expenses since July 1, 2025: approximately \$11,000 (building expenses)
- Income: \$19,000
- Total expenditures: \$27,000
- Fundraising revenue included in income figures

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer’s Report

**M/S/C:** Tricia / Mike

## **CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Bottle Drive**

- Ongoing planning discussed

### **Grants**

- Nanaimo grant not received; learning opportunities identified for future applications
- New grant application for the Society in February

### **Screening – Dana**

- Screening cards received for Dez, Clara Jaeger, and Don Hurd
- Screening updates ongoing

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- PRN vessel no longer available
- Branch has been offered a new keelboat
- Mess Holiday Dinner reported as successful and cost-neutral

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Partnership Proposal – Lighthouse Rotaract Club**

- Scot presented a summary of Rotaract-led bottle drive fundraising
- Proposal includes use of Branch facility and seacan, with Rotaract leading operations
- Branch to provide two teams of two volunteers onsite
- Discussion included:
  - Volunteer and parent capacity
  - Sorting, storage, and hauling logistics
  - Weekend building usage conflicts
  - Exit strategy and contractual considerations
  - Revenue potential and consistency
- General consensus that additional fundraising and parent engagement are needed

**Motion:** To pursue the partnership further and gather additional information, including truck pickup logistics

**M/S/C:** Trevlyn / Mike

**Whalers:** No report

## **Fundraising Initiatives**

**February 14 Bottle Drive** (10:00 AM–2:00 PM), led by Darlene

- Navy League youth canvassing; cadets sorting
- Pre-canvassing suggested
- Darlene seeking a successor for next year
- Identified needs:
  - Galley Lead (possible: Adrian)
  - Marketing and flyer creation (Tricia)
  - Radio, advertising, and Facebook promotion
- Northfield Road identified as a secondary location

**Raffle:** Melissa to launch raffle; target later than February 1

**April 11:** Beer & Burger Night – Legion 256 (raffle and 50/50 only)

**May 22:** Golf Tournament – Cottonwood

- Louise leading; volunteers needed (12–14)
- Target revenue: \$21,000
- Interested members to contact Dez

## **Additional Notes**

- Some members still require Navy League email accounts rather than personal emails

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn at **8:24 PM**

**M/S/C:** Dez / Mike