



MOTIONS

MOTION #1

NLCC Program – Branch Funding and Participation (Treasurer)

It is moved that:

The Navy League of Ottawa fund the costs of their Navy League Cadet program with NLCC VADM KINGSMILL entirely from the Branch's own revenues from donations and eliminate the need for the NLC Corps to charge a separate registration fee for the service.

As additional revenues would still be needed by the Branch, participation should be restricted instead to individuals who have contributed \$20 or more (in total) to the Branch as recorded by the Branch Treasurer, unless otherwise approved by the Council.

- Beyond that criteria, approval would remain upon written administrative application to and approval by the CO, within the corps limitations he/she sets with the Council, for immediate dependents or legal charges of the donator involved, that qualify under NLC Ontario Division requirements.

Rationale:

- *There is no established requirement in the Branch or at Division for NLCC VADM KINGSMILL to charge a registration fee to join. It is advertised as a free program provided by the Navy League of Canada to youth of that age group.*
- *That ostensibly is primarily through the sponsoring Branch's fundraising efforts which, for many, is not enough. Hence this use of a registration fee which, while commonly used by many Corps to raise additional funds, as far as I can determine is an arbitrary amount and an inconsistently used process.*
- *Additionally, registration fees collected by the corps are turned over to the Branch. As the fee does not cover all the costs involved with maintaining and operating an NLC corps. they are used in the same manner as all donations to the Branch's requirements. But in doing so, it creates an additional separate accounting requirement with no increase in value for the effort and work involved.*
- *Lastly, an interpretation on Memberships in article 4.02 of NL21 Administration Orders needs to be kept in mind with this approach. Membership dues are only considered as gifts for which an Income Tax Receipt can be provided if they confer no more than the right to vote at a meeting and to receive reports of the charity's activities.*
 - *As much as NLCC parents are likely to best appreciate the value of this youth program to all kids in the long-run, and deserve a larger say in how it is run, participation should NOT be used as an organized incentive to membership.*

MOTION #2 –

Standing Membership/Donation Linkage

(Membership Director)

It is moved that:

Donations by individuals to the Navy League of Canada Ottawa Branch of \$20 or more automatically be used to meet the costs of an Individual Membership with the Ottawa Branch (currently \$10) unless:

- *requested otherwise on the donation form;*
 - *the individual is not eligible for an Individual Membership; or*
 - *the individual is already a member of any other membership category, or another Branch*
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- In practice, this is the manner in which our Membership/Donation forms are already structured and supports record keeping and reporting. Most new members make this distinction automatically with generous donations specified in addition to their membership fee. This motion allows donors to enjoy membership benefits (only a vote at meetings – allowing for a tax receipt) in a similar manner

Rationale:

- *Some bylaw definitions and relevant interpretations include*
 - *Members are persons of good character (other than a Navy League Officer, CIC Officer, Civilian or Cadet Instructors) who supports the Purposes and Objects of The League.*
 - *Individual Members **must** pay the fee (as set by the Branch), Those excluded above can be Associate Members, who are not obliged to pay a fee – but cannot vote at Branch meetings.*
 - *From the interpretations at article 4.02 in NL21 Administration orders, memberships are **ONLY** for the right to vote at meetings and receive reports (not otherwise charged for). It must remain so.*
- *Internally, the branch is obliged to keep separate records of members and donors, which is the way we solicit donations and memberships already. However, on the basis of that understanding, the combined total value of an individual's contribution (donations AND membership dues) is what is reported to Division for Income Tax Receipt purposes. This will remain the practice.*
- *Memberships established this way are not to be interpreted or used in any manner other than facilitating that right to vote. Ideally, some donors may become interested in the greater voice and engagement that vote can offer.*