

**BRANCH 92
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023**

ATTENDEES:

President:	Bob Howard	1 st Vice:	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice:	Janet Gaylord	L & D :	Ron Miller
Service Officer:	Alf Read	Exec:	Owen Fitzgerald
Past Pres:	Wes Rideout	Br. Manager:	Ann DeWolfe
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard		

ABSENT:

Sports Officer:	Carla Nelson	3 rd Vice:	John Beddows
Ways & Means:	Sharron Dorey	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
Exec:	Bruno Mathieu	Exec:	Kevin Offord
Exec:	Chris Ormsbee	Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson

Meeting commenced at 7 PM. With flags already in place.

Minutes of General Meeting, March 14, 2023 reviewed. Motion by Wes Rideout to adopt minutes as presented, Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

First of all, Bob thanks Anne Parker, Bill Beswetherick and John Beddows for looking after the Legion while he was on vacation, as well as the Sunday Brunch. This past Sunday we had about 104 people attending. Thanks to Wes Rideout, Ed Harding, John Beddows, John Robertson, Carl Duff, Bill Beswetherick, Peter Carbino, Tracey Foster, Shirley Walker, Shirley Howard for doing the work on Sunday. It's greatly appreciated.

Also, Bob has informed the Executive and is informing the General members that he is willing to have his name put forward to run for President again at the May elections. The General Meeting in May will be the elections and the Zone Commander, or his Deputy will be here to help run them. Bob will talk with the LA to request a couple of volunteers to act as scrutineers to do the ballots.

The District Convention is this coming weekend in Pembroke and just John Robertson and Bob Howard are attending. If we decide to donate money to District and or Ontario Command, Bob will take the cheques with him. Bob will also take Branch 92's flag as they usually have a parade, weather permitting. At the last Provincial elections, the only Zone G2 flags present was our flag from Br 92.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report from Jan 1st 2023 to Feb 28th 2023 General Account : \$123,368.19 Lottery
Account: \$10,263.51 Building Fund Account: \$74,348.06
Revenues: \$17,261.43 Expenses: \$21,485.42 Deficit of - \$4,223.99

Motion to adopt financial report as presented by Shirley Howard, seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

We have sent out a Thank you card to the Public Works Department of Gananoque as was suggested at the Executive Meeting, thanking them for keeping the sidewalks cleared and the snowbanks removed so effectively this past winter. Also, we sent a Thank you card to Lorne Running of Runnings' Auto Service for his generous donation of a 4 L container of pure maple syrup for our Brunches, the value of which is \$ 70.

PRO: Janet Gaylord reporting on the movie night on April 21st, 2023 – the National Film Board of Canada presenting “Night Raiders” which is an indigenous produced film.

It was shown to 21,000 individuals in the Toronto area including children, so is appropriate for that age as well. Admission is free, and donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated. There will be a cash bar. It is being held at the Royal Theatre and the doors open at 6:30 PM with the movie starting at 8:00 PM. Usher volunteers are required (in uniform if possible). Bill Beswetherick, Christina Gordon, Owen Fitzgerald, Shirley Howard and Bob Howard will volunteer.

Janet will put up posters for this event.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Parker says there is nothing currently.

LOTTERY: Bill reports no requests

SPORTS: Carla Nelson away. There is a June 3rd Fun Golf Day booked. 9 holes, Larry at the Golf course will get back to us with starting times. Sign-up sheet is posted. Also June 24th is the Zone Golf Tournament - 18 holes. Sign-up sheet is posted for that as well.

L & D: Ron Miller has put together a presentation on Health & Safety as well as Workplace Etiquette, abuse, discrimination, and harassment. Bob has scanned his presentation and put it on a thumb-drive and he and Ron will get together to go over it and work out how it will be presented etc. By doing it this way, there will be no cost to us for the presentation and only the cost of the certificates presented at the end of the presentation.

SICK & VISITING: Owen Fitzgerald reports that Sharron Dorey is still feeling under the weather, but said she didn't need anything.

VETERAN SERVICES: Alf Read reports he presently is processing 1 Veteran's file. Over the last 12 months he has processed 5 more Veteran's files. Last February, he established the Coffee Club 92 being held every Tuesday morning at 10 AM in the upstairs hall of the Legion for Veterans and it does include RCMP Veterans.

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Bill Beswetherick reports that we are going to have some major expenses coming up. The windows between the 1st and 2nd floor must be replaced and the gentleman asked for the quote estimated between \$6 and \$7 thousand dollars. The ceiling must be repaired – big chunks have fallen out and that will be about \$4000. The floors must be stripped and finished and polished and he doesn't have a cost estimate as yet. The toilets to be repaired will be a minimum of \$10,000. The funds for these repairs will be coming from The Building Fund Account which has had no money added to it since Cliff Weir and his crew were doing the metal recycling. Bill will be meeting with the plumber on Wednesday and hopefully the window gentleman as well. The toilets are the priority. Questions from the floor: Owen Fitzgerald asked if Provincial would offer any financial support? Response from Bob – Yes, they will offer a loan at a reduced interest rate. But we would have to look at whether it would be to our benefit to take a loan or use our own funds.

HONOURS & AWARDS: Bill Beswetherick reports he is working on 2 files. One for a Life Membership and one for MSM Award. He wants to go through the details again and will probably present them at the next meeting.

LA LIASON: Wes Rideout - nothing to report

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Shirley Howard – nothing to report.

WEBSITE: Anne Parker reports that there is a box on website saying “I am not a robot” do not click on that box, instead click on the X at top right of page. She States it is not phishing or Virus. She is working with our provider to try to get rid of this.

MANAGER: Ann DeWolfe said that the new coffee machine should arrive this week. Also, Ann said our bartender Sean is willing to do the floors and that Brad has stated he would help with them. We'll start with the hall, and we'll need 3 days to make sure it's dry. Also, Smart Serve cards are needed by June 1st and we have 5 people needing them. They will be good for 5 years.

GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS: The annual Service Clubs dinner is this Monday, April 17th at the House of Dragons. Cost is \$ 25. per person. Social hour is 6:30 PM and dinner is at 7 PM . Bob & Shirley will be attending. Anyone else wanting to attend, please let Bob know by tomorrow.

Wes Rideout brought up the possibility of purchasing 2 new benches which would be in the

Legion colours as well as having the Legion Crest. The cost would be \$4,004.72 which includes shipping, There would be 1 bench at the front of the Legion and the second bench would be placed in the Veteran's park. After some discussion, the general consensus was that we should hold off for now as we have major expenses coming up.

Motion by Bill Beswetherick to donate \$2,000. to Perley House. Seconded by Anne Parker, Carried

Motion by Bill Beswetherick to donate \$2,000. to Ontario Command Bursary fund. Seconded by Christine Gordon. Carried.

Anne Parker said that she has been approached by many people to re-start the Friday night Fun Darts. She will be setting up a meeting and she has 24 people already. She has it on the website. Scotty Stoness wants Anne to start it next month, but she would rather wait until fall, and the meeting will be in July.

Motion by Wes Rideout to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM Seconded by Alf Read

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER