

BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING APRIL 9th 2024

ATTENDEES:

Anne Parker (chair)	1 st Vice	Alf Read	Service Officer
Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education
Sandy Cleveland	Ways & Means	Shirley Walker	LA President
John Robertson	Sgt at Arms	Ann DeWolfe	Br Manager
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

Bob Howard	President	Wes Rideout	Past President
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
John Beddows	Executive	Chris Ormsbee	Executive
Mary Alguire	Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property		

Minutes of the General Meeting held February 13th 2024 reviewed. Motion to adopt the minutes as presented 1st by Owen Fitzgerald and 2nd by Ed Harding. Carried.

Minutes of the General Meeting held March 12th 2024 presented and reviewed. Motion to adopt as presented made by Joanne Lancaster and 2nd by Ed Harding. Carried.

1st Vice Anne Parker chaired the meeting. She deviated from the usual format to install a new member, Gwen Hundrieser.

In President Bob Howard's absence, there was no President's Report, but he reminds everyone of the upcoming breakfast on April 14th and as usual is looking for volunteers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave the status of the accounts as of February 29th 2024. Unfortunately, we are still having a deficit each month. She also reported that we have a Financial Committee now set up consisting of Charles Burrige, Alf Read, Bob Howard, Jerry Witkowicz and Shirley Howard. One of their first priorities will be to investigate for a new Insurance Provider.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shirley Howard sent out Thank You notes to the Walker Family Farm for their donation of Maple Syrup to the Pancake Breakfast held March 29th. Also Thank You note sent to the Rotary Club for their donation of \$ 300 towards the Easter Candy given out at the Pancake Breakfast. Running's Auto donated to the Legion Brunch again and a Thank You note was sent. Shirley's understanding is that the Kinsman Club is donating \$ 300 to the Legion and she will send out a Thank You note to them as well.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker stated that we have 3 new members. They are Jason Westwood who came in under Jean Westwood – an Associate member. Also Ron LaMarsh – an ordinary member from the RCMP and Gwen Hundrieser an Affiliate voting member brought in by JoAnne Lancaster. We have 225 paid up members.

POPPY: Owen Fitzgerald reported that the campaign is over for this year.

YOUTH EDUCATION: Joanne Lancaster has nothing to report.

P R O: Janet Gaylord is reminding everyone of Film Night on April 17th here at our Branch. Asking everyone to talk it up and encourage attendance.

Lorraine Payette has put it in the Gananoque paper this week as well. Janet has the Rain Barrels ordered and they are being delivered on Friday April 26th and on Saturday April 27th. She needs the volunteers in the Legion back Parking Lot for the sale and pickup starting at 0930. She does have extra barrels.

SICK & VISITING: Owen Fitzgerald reports that Glen Parker is still in hospital. He's progressing and probably would like phone calls and visits from comrades. He is on Connell 10.

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Ann DeWolfe reports that the plumbers were in today. The Back flow Preventer was installed as requested by the Town. He did find a leak going out from the water-line to the main street. He tightened it but it's the Town's responsibility, so Ann will contact the Town tomorrow. We are also still waiting for the 2 toilets to arrive.

VETERANS SERVICES: Alf Read stated he has 4 files in progress and they are moving along quite well. Branch 92 Coffee Club has suspended operations here until September, but recently have been taking coffee down at the Boathouse Cafe at the waterfront from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Anyone wishing to attend is very welcome.

WAYS & MEANS: Sandy Cleveland reported that the Pancake Breakfast was quite successful with a profit of \$ 978.61. On Friday April 26th, we are having a Fish Fry from 4 PM to 8 PM. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years. On April 28th, there will be a dance here from 1 PM to 5 PM and the James Tryce Trio will be playing. May 26th there is another dance from 1 PM to 5 PM and the band will be Rewind. This is a 50's /60's theme and there will be prizes. There will also be 50/50 draws. Sandy is waiting for another band for June, which will be the last dance until the Fall. Also she is waiting to hear back from the gentleman who writes and produces Murder Mysteries, planned for the Fall as well.

WEBSITE: Anne Parker reports that the website is doing well. She has had about 430 hits in 1 week.

BURSARY: John Robertson will find out at the Convention next week-end in Kingston when the next Bursary meeting will be. The Convention coming up is Friday, Saturday and Sunday and is at Branch 560, Kingston.

SGT at ARMS: John Robertson stated that he had his Colour Party for the Quad Services dinner being held April 22nd. Full Legion Dress, or if you do not have a legion uniform, then appropriate attire, not casual attire.

Also at the last Executive Meeting, it was passed that Branch 92 would donate \$2000 to the Food Bank at the Quad Service dinner. John also mentioned that elections are being held at May's General Meeting and if you wish to be nominated for a position on the Executive and cannot attend the meeting, please send a letter stating you will stand if nominated. Otherwise, nomination will be invalid. Membership cards will need to be shown to vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Alf Read brought up that he is hoping that there will be at least one if not 2 Golf Tournaments for the Legion this summer. Ann DeWolfe told Alf she is waiting to hear from Larry.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st John Robertson

2nd Owen Fitzgerald

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER