

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING JULY 2nd 2024

ATTENDEES:

President	Bob Howard	2 nd Vice	Janet Gaylord
Poppy Chair	Owen Fitzgerald	LA President	Shirley Walker
House & Property	Bill Beswetherick	Service Officer	Alf Read
Ways & Means	Sandy Cleveland	Sgt at Arms	John Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer	Shirley Howard	Branch Manager	Ann DeWolfe

ABSENT:

Past President	Wes Rideout	1 st Vice	Anne Parker
3 rd Vice	Kevin Offord	Executive	John Beddows
Youth Education	Joanne Lancaster	Executive	Dan Beauchamp

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on June 4th 2024 were reviewed and Sandy Cleveland noted that the band for September 14th has not been confirmed. Motion to adopt the minutes as corrected made by Owen Fitzgerald and seconded by Sandy Cleveland. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The afternoon celebration for Murray Salter went over quite well. Not as many attended as we had hoped, but Murray was thoroughly pleased, and had a good time.

Bob went to Cogeco and recorded a 30 second info commercial for Branch 92. Cogeco plans on starting to air this in the fall when they start airing the hockey games.

We had 49 people attend the \$ 15.00 Smoked Meat Lunch on July 1st. There were a few take-out meals and we did not give out bar tickets for those meals. Bob made a special trip to Costco on Sunday so the Rye bread would be fresh, and we found part-way through the lunch that some of the bread had mould on it.

The last Sunday Brunch we had was very successful. We had 187 people attend and we had a nicer profit in June.

FINANCIAL:

Shirley Howard gave the financial report as of May 31st 2024. We had a better month but we were still in the negative.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read brought forward a motion to provide the VSO a transportation account to compensate volunteer drivers who volunteer to take veterans to medical appointments in Brockville and Kingston. After a short discussion, it is noted that the Poppy Fund may be used for this purpose, up to a certain amount per km. Proof of Expense will be provided. Notice will be posted on the Legion website looking for volunteer drivers. Also, maybe post on the Legion's bulletin board that drivers are needed.

Alf Read has 3 active files in process at present. One file recently closed as veteran's application was approved.

Coffee Club 92 Tuesday Mornings: the plan is to re-commence in October – depending on the level of interest by area veterans. He will send out notices and advertisements.

Alf offered a **BIG THANK YOU** to Poppy Chair Owen Fitzgerald to his determination in pressing on to ensure that Murray's celebration was held.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reminded everyone about the Movie Night being held on July 17th . She also praised Tammy Serson (one of our Bartenders) for putting so many of our functions on FACEBOOK.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe stated that there will be a Meat Draw on July 26th and that it is also Ernie Dickson's Birthday. Possibly planning something for him.

WAYS & MEANS:

Sandy Cleveland reported that on the 23rd of June, Whisky Smoke played and there were 43 people in attendance. She had a profit of \$ 967.

The Strawberry Social was OK but the turnout was limited by both the weather and by Rib-fest. We had a profit of \$ 151.

Starting on July 13th, she is having BBQ's on the property in front of the Town Hall. She has a schedule and is looking for volunteers.

On July 27th , there is going to be a dinner and dance with 3 Amigos playing. It will be from 4 PM to 8 PM

Sandy also has a friend who has a 4 yr old chest freezer she would like to donate to the Legion. She plans to check it out on Wednesday and get back to the Executive.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

Shirley Walker made a motion for the Branch to donate \$ 1000 to Homes for Heroes Kingston Village. This was seconded by John Robertson and the motion was carried. Also it was suggested that the Afghans that Alf Read has collected from Rona Offord be donated to Homes for Heroes Kingston Village as well.

SGT at ARMS:

John Robertson stated that the Newfoundland flag was at half-mast from Friday to Tuesday in honour of the unknown soldier who was laid to rest on July 1st. John also reported that we have new flags up as the others were quite worn.

John reminded everyone of the Dedication of Stones at Carveth on August 14th at 2 PM

POPPY REPORT:

Bill Beswetherick and Owen Fitzgerald are hoping that the Town of Gananoque will approve their contributions to the refurbishing of the Monument.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER