

**BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING
JUNE 4th 2024**

ATTENDEES:

President	Bob Howard	1 st Vice	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice	Janet Gaylord	3 rd Vice	Kevin Offord
House & Property	Bill Beswetherick	Service Officer	Alf Read
Poppy Chair	Owen Fitzgerald	Youth Education	Joanne Lancaster
Ways & Means	Sandy Cleveland	LA President	Shirley Walker
Sgt at Arms	John Robertson	Br Manager	Ann DeWolfe
Secretary/Treasurer	Shirley Howard		

ABSENT:

Past President	Wes Rideout	Executive	John Beddows
Executive	Dan Beauchamp		

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on May 7th 2024 reviewed. Motion made by Owen Fitzgerald to adopt the minutes as presented and motion seconded by Alf Read. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard thanked the Executive Members for re-running again and retaining their chosen Chair positions and for supporting him again for another year.

Bob Howard announced that our Sunday Brunch which was to be held on Sunday June 9th is going to be postponed until Father's Day on June 16th due to a planned power outage announced by the town of Gananoque. Outage is planned from 7 AM until 4 PM.

President Bob has been in contact with Sharon Dano and he has started her generator once due to Gananoque Power having a 1 hour planned outage. Bob stated that there will be times that he will not be around, so he will write out the procedure for getting comrade Sharon Dano's generator up and running. For anyone who is willing to step up when he is not available, Bob will show them what the procedure entails.

We received an email from Cogeco offering to tape a 30 second Public Affairs/Infomercial about Branch 92. It would air on "Your TV" between regular programs. Bob plans to go ahead with this as it would be a great advertisement for the Branch's regular activities.

"Chase the Ace" which was presented at the last General Meeting - discussion at Executive Meeting entailed - Cost of the Licence which is \$ 5000 and if the prize goes within the first week or two, you need another licence. Also all the video and audio recording equipment that is required by the Ontario Gaming Commission is costly. The consensus by the Executive is that they wish to pass on this, at this time.

Shirley Howard received a call from Command regarding "why we sent in this year's Executive members that were elected in May 2024." She was informed that we hold elections every 2 years and this has been in effect since 2011. Command informed Shirley to discuss with President whether he wishes to hold elections on even or odd years and then let them know.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave the financial report for the month of April. It was dismal. We had a big loss in revenue of over \$10,000. Ann DeWolfe explained that some of this was due to Vacation payout to the Bar staff which must be paid out quarterly, as well as a 5 week pay period. Also there was an initial instalment for the first payment of Insurance for this year. The House & Property expense was probably the washrooms and the repair of the Draft machine and the last instalment for the winter snow removal.

All the Churches and Maverick's are now doing Celebrations of Life, so the LA has more competition and will probably get less bookings.

POPPY CHAIR:

Owen Fitzgerald made the suggestion that we have a group of people from our Branch to conduct a Memorial Service for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th. We would gather at **1030** at the Legion with the Service at **1100** on the 6th and we will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. Owen will invite John Beddows as Mayor, and any of his staff to attend if they wish.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker announced that as of June 1st, 2024, she will be resigning as Membership Chair. She will continue till the end of June and will assist to train whomever takes over, She will continue to do the Website and remain as 1st Vice. She will induct new members at the June 11th General Meeting.

SGT at ARMS:

John Robertson reported that there is a Dedication of Stones for Veterans at Carveth on August 14th at 2 PM. He will need a Colour Party.

At the Convention in Kingston, there was a resolution put forward from another Branch that Great- Great- Grandchildren get a Bursary. That was voted down. Also, another motion was put forward that anyone from the Military get a Volunteer Medal. That too was turned down. So, neither motions can proceed up the chain of command.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reported that Lorraine Payette will be here on Wednesday June 5th to take pictures of "Izzy Dolls" for the paper. They have been Blessed and are being shipped overseas in time for D-Day Services. Also, Lorraine will be in Gananoque for the Branch's Memorial Service at the Cenotaph on June 6th.

Movie night will be every 3rd Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. Lorraine Payette has purchased reusable containers for the popcorn.

HOUSE & PROPERTY & POPPY:

Bill Beswetherick reported that he has ordered poppies and wreaths for this year. He also stated that we really need to get someone to take over for 2025. Bill plans to be away at that time. The town Memorial needs to be refurbished for 2027 for our 100th anniversary. It was last refurbished in 2005. He spoke with a restorer to look at it and it would cost about \$12000 to do the restoration. We can use about a quarter of the Poppy Fund, and we can ask the Town to help with the costs as well. Maybe the Branch and the LA can donate \$ 500. Joanne Lancaster suggested that the Service Clubs could also assist with some of the costs.

Bill also suggested that we fly the Newfoundland Flag on July 1st to show our respect for the Unknown Soldier being brought back and buried in Newfoundland. All members agreed with this plan.

LA PRESIDENT:

Shirley Walker reminded of the Friday Lunch. Bob Howard mentioned that he would like a joint Executive meeting in September with the LA. Shirley Walker also asked if someone from the Executive could review the LA books. The report for this is due June 15th.

WAYS & MEANS:

Sandy Cleveland reported that the spaghetti night we had on May 24th we made \$487. We had 54 people attend. The Dance on the 26th of May we had 43 people attend and we made \$662.

Upcoming Dances: June 23rd from 1PM to 5 PM with Whisky Smoke; July 27th from 4 PM to 8 PM with 3 Amigos. There will be a Strawberry Social on June 29th from 4PM to 7PM. Sandy needs volunteers on the 28th to help prep the salads as well as help on the 29th serving.

Sandy is meeting with Olga regarding setting up on Saturdays at the town Craft Fairs from 10 AM to 5 PM. She is looking at having a Bar B Q and serving hamburgers, hot dogs and cold drinks. Also having a Legion banner on the table as well as information and application forms.

Sandy is working on a wine and cheese plus a beer and cider tasting in August. Petunia Wine bar is onboard. She is waiting for a confirmation from a brewery in Mallorytown, and she will hold it in the Webb Room.

She has a band booked for September 14th from 6PM to 10PM . On September 27th she is having a Pulled Pork dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. She is also having an Octoberfest dance on October 5th from 4 PM to 9PM with Tim & Terry. Ann DeWolfe will make up a German themed basket. Sandy is planning a "Breakfast with Santa "on December 15th and serving pancakes and sausages from, 9 AM to 12 noon.

A discussion was held regarding the Murder Mystery night November 9th but the cost was going to be \$ 750. It was decided that at this time, we would have to pass on this venture, so Sandy thought she might plan another dinner for that night.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read reported that he had 5 files open. One closed as the Veteran's claim was approved by Veterans Affairs, but he took on another one last week to keep him at 5. The Coffee Klatch is done for the summer and he hopes to start it up again in October. He is also working on a project for transportation costs to get Veterans to & from their medical appointments in Brockville and Kingston. It was suggested that he contact Pat Royale to see if anyone else has broached this concern. Also, Alf was stating the costs could be about \$ 70 per month for each Veteran and he has 3 Veterans needing this assistance. He is wondering if we could designate a fund for this from either our Poppy fund or our Lottery Fund. This will be followed up at the General Meeting.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster has nothing to report currently

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe had nothing further to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Offord has agreed to take over the Chair of Constitution and By-laws. It was suggested that he begin with updating the House Rules.

Alf Read brought up the possibility of approaching Provincial Command to investigate having Legion Branches being declared a Refuge Centre during Emergencies. If we don't receive anything back from Command, it was suggested that maybe we could approach the members of both Provincial and Federal Governments. Bob Howard stated he would draft up a letter to send to Zone Commander.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER