

**BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2023 AT 7 PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Alf Read	Veteran Affairs	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Ed
Kevin Offord	Executive	Mary Alguire	Executive
Dan Beauchamp	Executive	John Robertson	Sgt at Arms
Shirley Howard	Sec/Treas	Ann DeWolfe	Br Manager
Shirley Walker	LA President		

**ABSENT:**

Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	Wes Rideout	Past President
Ron Miller	L & D	Carla Nelson	Sports Chair
Chris Ormsbee	Executive		

Bob Howard first apologized for the confusion over the timing of the Executive Meeting. He was trying to accommodate those who had conflicts and ended up having more issues, so he decided that Executive Meetings will be the first Tuesday each month at 7 PM. Review of last month's minutes from the Executive Meeting. Alf Read had a question regarding GIC investment and President Bob stated he would try to look into this from all 3 Banks in town this week. It was stated that we must have access to this in case of an emergency and not a "Locked-In" account. John Robertson moved that the Minutes be adopted as read and motion seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Motion Carried.

John Robertson and Anne Parker noted that having the minutes read through the computer was much better than displayed on-screen.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS"**

Bob stated he would go through the Executive as it stands at present. President - Bob Howard; Secretary/Treasurer - Shirley Howard; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Anne Parker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Janet Gaylord; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice was left open and Kevin Offord said he would step in to that position. Bob asked if there were any objections and there were none, so Kevin Offord is now 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice; Shirley Walker was nominated for an Executive position and since it has now opened up, she can fill this position if she wishes. Bob also stated that he feels the LA should be a part of our Executive and have one voice at our meetings. The LA President or her designate should be present at our meetings. After a brief discussion, and some emphasis placed on communication between both Executives, it was agreed that this would now be in effect. Now because there is a vacancy on our Executive, John Beddows sent in a notice that he would be willing to step into this position. This now completes the Executive.

Finally Bell got back to Bob regarding the Lease. They have to do a "Publication" and there is nothing that anyone at the Legion needs to do, but they do not anticipate shovels in the ground in 2023.

Saturday's Fun Golf Day (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) for Legion members. We had 21 members participate. At the end of the Day, after expenses and prizes, we had a profit of \$180.75 Everyone seemed to have a good time, and the weather co-operated.

That's all that Bob has for tonight. So he's asking each member individually to bring up anything they wish at this time.

**Dan Beauchamp** – nothing at this time

**Mary Alguire** – nothing at this time

**Shirley Walker** – asking for the address for Service Dogs. The LA voted to donate to them, and she needs the correct address. Dan Beauchamp suggested contacting Veterans Affairs

**Joanne Lancaster** – nothing at this time

**Anne Parker** - she is preparing for the June 13<sup>th</sup> swearing in of new members at 6:30 PM for finger foods prior to the General Meeting. She has sent out 174 emails & so far has had over 30 replies. She is working on 50 to 60 people and Ann DeWolfe and Shirley Walker are assisting her in preparing the trays of food.. Those Legion members who will be involved are to be in “Full Dress” even though “Summer Dress” is in effect. National Legion Week is Sept 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and she would like to ask the Mayor to “Dedicate” the whole town to Legion week. She also would like our member volunteers to step up and plan something happening each day to Commemorate during Legion Week as it is National not just Regional.

Anne noted that she is also starting up Friday night Fun Dart league in September. She has a long list of names already and will only allow 24 to participate each Friday, as she cannot control 3 rooms at a time. So they will all be upstairs.

**John Robertson** – nothing at this time

**Alf Read** – He is reporting that he has been told about the Craft Sale going on at the Town Hall Park and that some Crafters are encroaching upon the Cenotaph. Alf has volunteered to speak with whomever is responsible at Town Hall to have them address those involved and correct this problem. Remind those that this is a “War Memorial” and Sacred Ground. Alf also was asking about the \$10 charge for Brunch and whether we should raise our prices. Are we really making enough of a profit at that price. Ann DeWolfe brought out the Brunch binder and showed that we always made money on our Brunches. Most of our profits were \$300 to \$400 each month with some months being \$800 to \$1200. General consensus was that we would keep prices the same and advise those who made the comments that we are not charging enough, that we have a “Donation” box available. It was also suggested that notices be placed on tables of the charities we donate to, to help encourage donations.

**Janet Gaylord** – reported that the Film Festival held at the Royal Theatre made \$380 and it was donated directly to the Festival.

**Ann DeWolfe** – Reports that we did get a refund on our Water Bill of \$1062.13 which will be on our next Bill. Also Hamilton/Smith maintenance were in and installed new filters. They also suggested getting a new Econo Motor at a cost of \$1800 plus HST. They said it was not a “must-have” but would improve air circulation. On hold for now. Also discussions about any upcoming events over the summer. Ann reported that bookings are scarce usually over the summer.

Dan Beauchamp asked who oversees the signage on the outside of the front door. It is very badly out of date.

**Owen Fitzgerald** - 1. He spoke with the Police Sgt. that gave a talk about Scams and Phishing. She is very willing to do so again for us and Owen is planning for September.

2. Carleton Place is having a musical tribute to Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign. It is a type of Military Band Tattoo and is being held at noon at the Legion in Carleton Place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. Chairs will be provided. There will be a Food Tent. Bev Miller has a contact with McCoy's and the cost would be \$52 per person. Owen informed Bev that that price was too much.
3. Owen and Bill Beswetherick are starting to work on the Poppy campaign. Poppy Day is going to be advised and agreed upon by everyone. Owen wanted President Bob and other Executive members to again go with him and Bill in mid-August to places of business in the town and arrange the placement of poppy boxes at the appropriate time. Owen hopes to run the campaign for 10 days or so before Remembrance Day and again do that day in shifts. He found that it was well received by the volunteers to work 9 to 1230 and 1PM to 4 PM with the LA providing a hot lunch to both groups.

Owen is also enquiring about the tap boxes for poppies and also mentioned that the cost of wreaths has gone up almost double the amount of last year. He's concerned no one will buy them at that price. John Robertson reminded Owen and everyone else of the Ceremony of the Stones at Carveth this summer.

**Kevin Offord-** nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, Smoked meat luncheon. Running from 1130 AM to 130 PM

Bob is requesting volunteers to assist cleaning and spray painting the pipes on the roof.

Hamilton/Smith maintenance suggested we do this before they are inspected. If not, when inspection occurs, we will have to replace the pipes and Hamilton/Smith states they are still in good shape.

Also Bob is requesting someone to make a motion at the General Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to hold off the General Meetings for July and August and also a motion to give the Executive the power to conduct business during those months.

**JOHN ROBERTSON** requested that the Colour Party for June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting be in Full Dress Uniform, and Bob Howard said it would be nice if the Executive were in Full Dress Uniform as well. John asked if it would be possible for us to make a Resolution to go up the chain of Command to have the Canadian Flag applied to Summer Dress Uniform.

Meeting Adjourned

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**