

BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13TH 2024

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education	Shirley Walker	LA President
John Robertson	Sargent at Arms	Ann DeWolfe	Br. Manager
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
Wes Rideout	Past President	Alf Read	Service Officer
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	John Beddows	Executive
Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair	Mary Alguire	Executive
Dan Beauchamp	Executive	Chris Ormsbee	Executive

Minutes of the December 12th 2023 meeting presented and reviewed. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Ed Harding and seconded by Sandy Cleveland. Carried
January General Meeting on January 9th 2024 was cancelled due to snowstorm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard reports that the Branch had an incident that came up in the late fall but was only brought to his attention in December. It carried on into the New Year. He had an Executive Meeting last week and at this meeting he stepped aside and brought forward a motion. A non member of Branch 92 posted on-line very disparaging and vulgar remarks about an employee who also happens to be a Life Member of this Legion. After a thorough and healthy discussion, a motion was put forward and carried that this person would be banned from this Legion for 5 years.

We are hosting the Service Clubs annual dinner and meeting this year here at our Branch. Bob has tentatively set the date for the 4th Monday in April (the 22nd). He will have to hear back from the other Service Clubs. Also he will meet with the Ladies Auxiliary to plan the meal. Anne Parker asked if uniforms are to be worn and response is YES. It isn't necessary, but the other Service Clubs wear theirs so we should as well.

New Year's Levee went well. The MP and MPP did not attend. They were busy in other areas of their District. It was well attended, more than we have had in the past few years.

The P R O for the Teddy Bears Campaign was brought up at the Executive Meeting and they passed a motion to donate \$250 to the Lansdowne detachment of the OPP. The money sent there will remain in this area. The reason for money and not actual Teddy Bears is that the OPP buy all the same Teddy Bears with OPP shirts. We will arrange a photo opportunity when we present the Cheque.

Robbie Burns afternoon was an excellent day and everything went well. We had 65 people attend with several new faces, who all said they would be back again next year. The Executive passed a motion to donate \$400 to the PWOR Pipe & Drum Corp. We also planned on donating to the McLeod dancers, but we were told that they were donating their time. A Thank You letter has been sent to the McLeod Dancers as well as the PWOR Band. Both the Dancers and the PWOR Band stated they would love to return again next year.

Sunday Brunch this past Sunday was very busy. We served 183 people. It would be wonderful if we could serve that many each time. Amy Running ran a Super Bowl Euchre in the afternoon and had 17 tables for a count of 68 people. 50/50 brought in \$250. The Super Bowl party later held in the

Bar side went quite well, too. The Bar sold 4 or 5 pages for the Football Pool. All monies went to the winners. The Bar made over \$2000 on Sunday.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard reports that our finances remain about the same. We are still having some losses each month. Fortunately, we have been given some donations from some families. The unfortunate part is that they are in memory of a member who has passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you notes have been sent to families who donated to our Branch.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker reports that 2023 was a pretty good year. We have to date 220 members paid up. According to Command, we have 248 members, so 86% of our membership is paid up for 2024. We have also had quite a few new members this year. She has printed off a new Nominal Roll for the book at the front. She does this twice a year in July and January.

WEBSITE:

Anne Parker reported that the website is doing well, getting around 1000 hits per month now. She works on it daily and if you have something you feel needs to be mentioned, please contact her.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster reports that they are all ready for Sunday February 18th for the Public Speaking being held in our Webb Room. They still need the Certificates (approximately 20) for the day. Bob Howard hopes to bring back the Remembrance Day Posters from Zone Council on Feb 18th.

SPORTS:

Since we still do not have a Sports Officer, Bob Howard announced that Gananoque Br 92 is hosting Mixed Darts on March 30th. The posting is up on the Bulletin Board. Zone Euchre was held in Mallorytown on January 27th one of our teams took 1st place and a second team also qualified. They will both advance to District Euchre being held April 13th, 2024, in Chalk River.

SARGENT at ARMS:

John Robertson stated that, as has been previously reported, Robbie Burns went really well. We cleared over \$800.

Zone Convention will be held September 15th, 2024. and will be here at our Branch. It will be at 10 AM .

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe stated that we had an amazing weekend with the Brunch and Superbowl functions. Thanks to Amy Running for the Euchre. We have a Celebration of Life here tomorrow and another huge one on Saturday. Ann also got a call from the group Mrs. Roper (from the TV show – 3's Company) They are up to 100 people . What it is, is 5 groups of 20 women rotating through 5 different bars from 5 to 8 PM.

She has contacted the plumber, and they are going to give us a quote regarding a backflow from the Town.

Up Coming: Meat Draw on February 23rd. St Patrick's Day on March 17th with Tim Hallman, playing in the Bar, from 1:30 to 5:30 PM. The LA are putting on a stew.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anne Parker asked about the Bell Tower Lease. Response from Bob – Because we did not get Command's approval and return the contract by January 1st, 2023, we were not put on their list for 2024 construction projects. The only hope is if one of their projects finishes ahead of time, or if there happens to be some type of complication happening at a site that prevents completion. We are greatly hoping for shovels in the ground for 2025, but only after their environmental study is completed but even that is not a promised date. Bob has stressed that we are hopeful that it happens sooner rather than later, and Bell has responded in the same manner. They are still planning and our site is rather a

small project as it requires only a base pad and a free standing tower. Once Bell starts construction, we will receive the first payment.

Joanne Lancaster asked when we will take down the picture of the Queen. Response from Bob – We have not received the directive from Command as to which picture of King Charles is to be displayed.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER