

**BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 1st 2024**

ATTENDEES:

President	Bob Howard	2 nd Vice	Janet Gaylord
Poppy Chair	Owen Fitzgerald	Youth Ed	Joanne Lancaster
House & Property	Bill Beswetherick	Vet. Services	Alf Read
Ways & Means	Sandy Cleveland	Br Manager	Ann DeWolfe
Sgt at Arms	John Robertson	Sec/Treas	Shirley Howard

ABSENT:

1st Vice	Anne Parker	3 rd Vice	Kevin Offord
Executive	John Beddows	Executive	Dan Beauchamp

Ontario Command has instructed all Legions to start the opening of all meetings with a “Thank You” to the Indigenous peoples for allowing us the use of their lands. When Bob Howard gets all the information together, he will begin all our meetings in that manner.

Minutes of the September General meeting were presented and reviewed. There was an amendment made and passed regarding the cost of daily operations of the Branch. The amendment was changed from \$ 3000. per day to \$ 800. per day which includes employees wages. Motion made to adopt the minutes as amended made by Carl Duff and seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried.

BUSINESS FROM SEPTEMBER'S MEETING: The Executive passed a motion to donate from the Lottery Fund an amount of \$ 250 each for 2 Minor Hockey players. Motion by John Robertson to donate the said monies and seconded by Alf Read. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard presented the 30 second infomercial made by Cogeco touting Branch 92 . It was made by Cogeco at no cost to the Branch. The plan is to air this during the hockey season. After some discussion, the consensus was to have Cogeco proceed with this infomercial.

Bob and Tammy Serson has made many tickets for both the \$ 10 and \$ 5 brunches. The plan is to leave some at the Bar to be purchased ahead of time for the Brunches. Ann DeWolfe used 2 \$ 10 tickets at the Meat Draw and made \$ 52. so we might do OK with this project.

We now have 1 picture of HRH King Charles and Bob will contact Command for a 2nd one which will be placed in the Bar area.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave August's Financial report and that month was a little brighter. We did not have a deficit that month. Motion by Ed Harding to accept the Financial Statement and seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

No report at this time as Anne Parker is away. Question from the floor re: installation of new members. Anne Parker will address this when she is available.

POPPY CHAIR:

Owen Fitzgerald reported on Poppy fund balance. He has the sign-up sheet ready for the volunteers on Nov 2nd. He'll place this in the foyer by the Bar for people to sign. He and some Executive members will be placing poppy boxes in the stores on Oct 25th. Nov 2nd is the actual Poppy Day. There will be approximately 26 positions going out from 9:30 to 12 noon, and the same number from 12 noon to 4 PM. On Nov 3rd Owen is looking for someone to volunteer to be at the High School during their Craft Sale. Owen said the Poppy boxes will be picked up on Nov 13th. Hopefully the Mayor will allow the Branch to use their coin counting machine. The L A are providing a Chili lunch on Nov 2nd. Owen moved to accept his report and seconded by Carl Duff. Carried

SICK & VISITING:

Owen has a card for everyone to sign to give to Anne Parker to take to Glen. Anne has mentioned that Glen is not doing well and is feeling quite low, so it would be nice to let him know we are thinking of him.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster reports that the Remembrance Day Literacy Poster are starting this month. Bill Beswetherick has offered one of his books to the schools to help get the students motivated and participate. The High School hasn't done much towards Remembrance Day. Joanne made a motion that we donate \$ 400. to cover the Youth Education costs which was already passed at the Executive Meeting. Joanne moved her report be adopted and this was seconded by Bill Beswetherick. Carried.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reported that Movie night will be Oct 16th and the movie is Hocus Pocus. The poster states to make sure you bring the children. Also the information will be sent to the schools.

Bill Beswetherick reminded as another PRO report that on Monday Oct 7th the restoration of the War Memorial will start. It will take about 7 or 8 days. The chap who is doing it did it about 15 yr ago and is retiring after the completion of the one in our town.

Janet reported that she has let Lorraine Payette know and she will be in town to do some Photo Ops of the ongoing work.

SPORTS:

Sean is working at his other job, so Bob Howard reported on the sports events. Bob will post the Zone Sports events on the bulletin board. The first event is Cribbage being held at Seeley's Bay on Nov 30th. Bob will put up the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board this week. Bob moved to adopt this report and seconded by John Robertson. Carried

VETERAN SERVICES:

Alf Read reported that he has 2 active files. Also his Coffee Club 92 will be starting up again on Oct 29th at 10 AM at the Legion. Depending on the turnout and their wishes, it may move down to the Waterfront coffee shop.

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Bob announced that the Men's handicap toilet is now working.

WAYS & MEANS:

Sandy Cleveland reported that there is a dance this Saturday night and she still needs 2 more volunteers.

Starting on Nov 8th she has arranged a Trivia Night and this will be held every second Friday night starting at 7 PM. She is also looking at starting Karaoke Night and if it goes well, hosting it regularly.

Sandy has made Volunteer forms so that she will know what jobs and when volunteers are willing to commit to. Bob wants these forms to be included with new membership applications. Sandy moved her report be accepted. Seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried.

SGT at ARMS:

John Robertson reported that the Dedication of Stones at Carveth was held on Sept 14th and there were 10 veterans in attendance. There was 1 Veteran honoured with a stone. John also confirmed Nov 11th at 2 PM for Remembrance Day Service. John moved this report and seconded by Ed Harding. Carried.

John is asking to be allowed to attend the District Convention in Cornwall Oct 18th to Oct 20th. He will accompany the Zone Commander and share accommodations with him, so will not cost the Branch anything. This was passed. He also made a motion to donate \$ 1000. from the Poppy Fund to “Leave The Streets Behind” to be presented at District Convention. This was seconded by Sandy Cleveland. Carried.

BURSARY:

John Robertson has not received anything thus far re: Bursary, but is hoping to learn more at the Convention in Cornwall.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe reports that dance lessons are starting here on Mondays from 1:30 PM to 3 PM and is being run by Cliff Edwards. Guitar lessons are upstairs on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. Pool League is starting next Tuesday. Meat Draw is on Oct 25th. Things are starting to pick up. Ann moved her report and John Robertson seconded it. Carried.

GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS:

Bob received an email from Rogers. They are putting on a “Red Wireless Program” for Legion members. They will provide Canada-wide talk and text starting at \$ 20. per month. They also have other plans available for members for in the U.S. The website is redwireless.ca/legion

Shirley Walker is still looking for 2 more people to work the big turkey dinner being held next Tuesday, Oct 8th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

1st Carl Duff

2nd John Robertson

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER

