

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 Dec 2019**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston
	Shirley Howard
	Sharron Dorey
	John Robertson
	Gloria MacMillan
	Owen Fitzgerald
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Bev Miller
Ron Miller
Murray Salter
Charlie Burridge
Joanne Lancaster

There were 23 members in attendance.

President

A reminder that in Jan 2020 Legion Brunches will be held the second Sunday of each month. The New Years Levee Meet and Greet will start at 11 am, a change from past years when it started at 10 am. Ray asked for volunteers to prepare and serve food for the Cadet Xmas dinner Wed 11 Dec.

The Branch is still examining the possibility of installing a chair-lift system. The Smiths Falls Legion had one for a few years but recently removed it and installed a small elevator system at a cost of about \$150,000 of which much was funded by Veterans Affairs Canada, the Ontario Trillium Fund, and donations from local businesses.

Ray said he and Bill Beswetherick will be at the Shorelines Casino 12 Dec to accept another check from PROUD, a group which consists of ten employees who each year select a local group to financially assist.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted there is \$100,547.02 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$179,251.06 which can be used for operations and maintenance. We received \$7,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary and about \$7,000 rebate for our taxes. There is \$10,576.54 in the Lottery Fund.

Service Officer Alf Read briefed members on many new developments in serving and retired members of the military.

Membership As of the end of Nov 131 members had been paid up. Anne Parker said that the

winner of the Early Bird Draw for his/her 2020 membership dues was Doug Johnston.

House and Property Bill Beswetherick read out a report from Charlie Burrige. The security camera for the parking lot has been fixed. Stu Hill will be putting a vapour barrier in the storage room at the back of the Webb Room in an effort to keep the hall warm. We are awaiting the arrival of urinal cartridges from the US at a cost of \$493.79 which is about \$500 less than buying them at Canadian Tire.

Entertainment The Robbie Burns afternoon will be Sun 19 Jan 1 to 5 pm. Tickets \$20 each.

Lottery Doug Johnston read out a request for funds to support the Ottawa Valley Ultimate Horse. Wes Rideout explained that it is a programme designed to encourage youth and family participation in the Lansdowne area. Grant request seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Service Officer Alf Read gave a summary of a Service Office seminar he recently had attended in Smiths Falls. Alf noted the Canadian Armed Forces Transition Group replaces and expands the Joint Personnel Support Group. Its aim is to support ill or injured personnel, their families, and the families of the deceased. The idea is to retain or release with support injured members.

Alf also noted a donation by Gananoque resident Rhona Offord of knitted, colourful, five feet by three feet afghan shawls to be donated to veterans living at Carveth.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald stated the Poppy Fund stands at \$9,500.

Honours and Awards There will be a Levee meeting 11 am Tue 30 Dec to finalize the event.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey, in the absence of Youth Chair Joanne Lancaster, requested a sum not to exceed \$400 from the Poppy Fund to pay for poster, essay, and poster prizes for the 2019 Remembrance theme competition. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried. There was great participation – 220 entries - from St Joseph and Linklater Schools. Sharron and Joanne were assisted in judging by Sam Noseworthy, Bev Miller, and Ron Miller.

PRO Members of PROUD from the Shorelines Casino have been invited to the Levee. So far they have donated \$4,500 to this Branch.

Sports Scotty Stoness reported that at the Zone G-2 Cribbage held 30 Nov 2nd Bob Howard, John Robertson, Marge Robertson, and Shirley Howard placed 2nd Alternative.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey updated members about the dances Sharron, Joanne Lancaster, and Nancy Goldbeck organize. dance Sun 17 Nov with Tim Hallman and The next dances are Sun 23 Feb - Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman- and Sun 29 Mar Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman.

Manager Ann DeWolfe reminded members that Scotty Stoness will perform at the Branch Sat 14 Dec, at the New Years Party, and at the New Years Levee. If there is enough interest, Amy

will hold a euchre on Boxing Day. Ann and Stuart are planning to have some special nights – fish fry and/or pasta nights.

Adjournment At 7:54 pm Bob Howard Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary