

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 9 Apr 201916**

**Committee Members Present**

President	Wes Rideout
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Bob Howard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Ray Foster
Past President	Cliff Weir
Executive Members	Alf Read
sub/Secretary	Anne Parker

**Committee Members Absent**

Janet Gaylord  
Gloria MacMillan  
Doug Johnston  
Deborah McGee  
Jim McGee  
Owen Fitzgerald  
John Robertson  
Murray Salter

The meeting started at 2 pm. The following issues were discussed/decided.

A unanimous decision was made to increase individual bar drink prices by 50 cents and a bottle of wine to \$19 effective 1 May. Ray Foster was concerned that a proposed Ontario Government legislation to offer lower prices to Ontario Legions may affect this decision. It was pointed out that this legislation, even if approved, could take many months to come into effect. Water and food prices at the bar remain unchanged.

Wes noted that the annual Gananoque multi-service meeting/dinner will occur at Tue 30 April.

The east door on the main floor leading to the bar has to be replaced. There has been considerable corrosion of the aluminum frame and the door itself should be widened to accommodate some of the newer and wider wheel chairs. Two estimates have been received which involve replacing the current door, the floor-to-ceiling glass window, and the metal frame. One estimate is for \$4,237 including taxes and one is for \$5,158 including taxes. In both cases the estimates include retaining the present mechanical door opener. Funds can be used from the Poppy Fund (up to 50% of the current Poppy Fund balance) and the sale of barrels. The expenditure for the door would require approval at a General Meeting. There would be some painting required and some work on the entrance to the Legion were there has been water and salt damage to the cement.

Concern was expressed about the grate at the bottom of the accessibility ramp leading to the east side door as there have been cases where the grate had made use of accessibility devices difficult. This will be investigated as an issue separate from the door replacement.

Wes put forward the idea of one-way glass on the top of the divider between the bar and the entrance alcove in place of the current wooden balusters. This would allow some privacy for bar customers, especially when the Web Room is used for public events such as celebrations –of-life, but the one-way-glass would still allow bar tenders and patrons to see into the entrance foyer. There was concern about the appearance of such large sheets

of glass. Cliff Weir noted that the glass, which for insurance and safety reasons would be tempered glass, would be quite heavy. He noted that the supporting wall itself would have to be replaced in order to support the weight. It was decided not to proceed with this project.

Wes noted that for safety and security reasons we need to improve the lighting coverage of the Legion parking lot. A rather long discussion followed. Wes and Bill Beswetherick have met with Town of Gananoque staff about the issue and will meet with Eastern Ontario Power representatives on Thu 27 Apr. Unfortunately, an initial proposal to the Town to place lighting on poles in the municipal parking lot which hopefully would include much of the Legion parking lot cannot occur until at least 2020 when Pine Street will be re-paved and the current electric poles replaced or relocated. A temporary solution may be to install a larger light to replace the current one that is on the Legion building. More to follow.

The Legion also needs something to direct to the public and emergency response drivers where our parking lot is. One solution may be to place a pole on the south end of the parking lot near the refuse container. The pole could include a sign to indicate the Legion parking lot and possibly also include a Legion flag. It may be possible to run power to the post from the Legion building. The issue will be investigated further as this has been a recurring issue for the past 15 years.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Wes Rideout  
President

Anne Parker  
Secretary