

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 11 Feb 2020**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston
Past President	Wes Rideout
Members	Alf Read
	Shirley Howard
	Sharron Dorey
	Murray Salter
	Joanne Lancaster
	Scotty Stoness
	Murray Salter
	Owen Fitzgerald
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Gloria MacMillan
Ron Miller
Carl Roehl
Bev Miller
Charlie Burrige
John Robertson

President There were 24 members in attendance. 2nd Vice President Bob Howard conducted the meeting. Anne Parker noted the passing of Connie Budd, a 98-year-old WW2 veteran of Bomber Command. The meeting began with the induction of new members Chris Ormsbee and Jennifer Hughes.

Minute of 4 Feb Executive Meeting. The following requests for lottery funds were made at the Executive Meeting for approval at the General Meeting:

Bill Beswetherick proposed that the Poppy Fund donate \$500 to the Cadet Corps. Seconded by Anne Parker and \$1,500 to the Ontario Command Bursary Fund. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried.

Ray Foster proposed that the Branch pick up the \$225 for the cadets who attended the Cadet Xmas Dinner. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Owen Fitzgerald made a motion for a donation of \$250 to the association of retired emergency workers - fire, police, and ambulance workers - who collect and distribute teddy bears to be given to young children affected by an accident of a fire. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried.

Wes Rideout made a motion to spend \$45 for golf items to support the Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction 16- 22 Feb during Feb Fest. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried.

Ray Foster made the following points. The Legion is planning for the 75th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on Fri 8 May which coincides with the anniversary of the liberation of

the Netherlands. The idea is to have a ceremony at the war memorial at 11 am and return to the Legion possibly for an afternoon meet and greet with snacks.

There was a request from one of the PROUD members at Casino for the Legion to sponsor a Programme involving the collection of items for Value Village. Until we receive more details the issue is in abeyance.

On Wed 22 Apr the Branch will host the Gananoque Service Club Meeting involving the Legion and the Lions, Rotary, and Kinsmen clubs. The theme will be German food in a buffet format. The event would be open to all members of the branch at a cost of \$15 a person.

Treasurer's Report There is 94,313.25 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$173,017.29. There is \$11,823.66 in the Lottery Account.

Membership Anne Parker noted the Branch has 238 members in good standing. Total membership is 290. Members in good standing will be eligible for the Toonie and 50/50 Draws. Anne has the E mails of 143 members. She reminds them of upcoming meetings. She needs more input for the website from members, especially the Ladies Auxiliary. It is a great way to advertise what is happening in the Branch. Photographs are especially welcome.

Sports Scotty Stoness noted that District Euchre is 29 Apr.

Lottery Doug Johnston noted that the Branch received thank you letters from the Ultimate Horse Group in Lansdowne and Almost Home for our recent donations to their groups. Doug put forward the following requests for lottery funds.

Gananoque Minor Hockey Club \$300. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

The Gananoque Humane Society \$500. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Thousand Islands Youth Boxing Club \$300. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

\$300 for the Christmas Angel Tree gift Programme for needy families. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

Donation of \$500 to Lorraine Payette who recently suffered the loss of all of her belongings in a fire. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried.

Bill Beswetherick requested \$300 for meals for about 30 high school students who will be attending a presentation by Canadian War Museum military historian Tim Cook to be held at the Legion Fri 24 Apr. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

A request for funds to support the Thousand Islands Pride Organization was not supported.

Service Officer Alfie Read noted that Rhona Offord is knitting seven afghan shawls for residents of Fox Run.

Sick and Visiting Owen Fitzgerald noted that there are ten veterans living at Fox Run.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey reported that \$195 was spent on the Remembrance Theme school poster, essay, and poetry contests which attracted 222 entries. Three of the entries at Zone Level are going on to the District level. Sun 1 March will be public speaking at the Branch with registration at 12:30. Sharron asked for \$300 for the prizes and food. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey briefed members on a proposed Gananoque Boat Line Legion boat tour planned for Sat 12 Sep 6 to 10 pm. Entertainment by Chelsea Road. Buffet meal. Tickets would be \$45 each for Legion members and \$50 for non-members. She is being assisted by Bob Howard and Owen Fitzgerald. Ray will mention the event at the 16 Feb Zone Council meeting as it is open to all Legion members as well as the public.

Sharron also briefed members on a proposed inside garage sale Sat 4 Apr 10 am to 3 pm with tables being sold for \$10 each. Members are encouraged to donate good items with proceeds going to the Branch.

Manager Ann DeWolfe reported that we will list approved Lottery donations so bar patrons can see where these funds are going.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:13 by Anne Parker. Seconded by Shirley Howard.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary