

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 23 Feb 2021**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
Members	Murray Salter Owen Fitzgerald Sharron Dorey Shirley Howard Janet Gaylord John Robertson Alfie Read John Beddows Chantaille Buczynski Bev Miller Ron Miller
Secretary/Treasurer Manager	Bill Beswetherick Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Charlie Burridge
Wes Rideout
Doug Johnston

Scottie Stoness
Joanne Lancaster

The meeting started at 1 pm but because President Ray Foster would be delayed it was decided that the meeting begin with a discussion of the Town Park Revitalization Plan. John Beddows, the Branch Remembrance Day coordinator went through the five options contained in the Revitalization Plan. His main concern from a Legion point-of-view is that two of the five options would involve moving the war memorial from its current location where it has stood since 1920. Following a long discussion, John made a motion that the Branch Executive oppose any plan which would involve moving the memorial. All 15 Executive members in attendance supported his motion. When Ray Foster arrived at the meeting, he also agreed with the motion. John will prepare a letter from the Legion expressing this view, and it will be discussed at the 2 Mar Executive Meeting. John noted that Legion comments and those from individuals on the various revitalization proposals must be submitted to the Town by the afternoon of Sat 4 Mar. The Town website has the information on the plans and on how citizens can submit comments.

President Ray Foster arrived at 1:20 when the meeting officially began. He noted that there is no requirement to update our Branch Regulation and that there will be no annual General Meeting and Elections in May but that they may occur later in the year.

Treasurer The Secretary stated the Branch had \$106,717 in its General Fund and \$73,938 in its Building Fund for a total of \$179,655. The Branch received just over \$10,000 from the Federal Government in a fund controlled by Dominion Command. The Branch is expecting to receive a grant from the Provincial government of from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Ray recently

received, on behalf of the Branch, a donation from Gananoque's Metro Groceries of a donation of just over \$4,000. It should be noted, however, that over the past year the Branch has not been able to receive the large annual donation usually made by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Branch no longer receives the \$500 monthly donation from the Food Bank since its move out of the building in Sep 2020.

John Beddows asked if the Branch has any funds invested in GIC. The answer was no but this will be discussed at the 2 Mar Executive Meeting. Ray noted that the Branch may be facing some high expenditures involving the washrooms which may preclude being able to invest in GICs.

Lottery Fund the Lottery Fund has \$10,904. Bill Beswetherick put forward a motion in support of a request from the Gananoque and District Wheels of Care for a grant of \$1,000. Motion seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried. Sharron Dorey made a motion to give a grant of \$500 to Interval House. Seconded by Bev Miller. Carried.

Sharron Dorey asked that we publicize the Leeds and Grenville Seniors Support Center part of CPHC. It supports many area senior support agencies, including Gananoque, in part by providing inexpensive meals. Anne Parker will ensure the information appears on the Branch website.

Honours and Awards John Robertson noted that to be nominated for a Meritorious Service Medal the member has to already have been awarded a Life Membership and to have had that award for at least five years.

Rain Barrel Program Janet Gaylord outlined a plan to sell rain barrels the Victoria weekend of 22 – 24 May. Orders will be taken beginning 22 Mar. The Branch would make \$10 off each barrel sold and \$25 for a tank. She noted the barrels could be painted. The Branch will ask GISS students to assist so that they can gain their required volunteer hours. Where possible the Branch will arrange, for a fee, to deliver barrels to homes in the area. The barrels sale will be advertised on the MY FM, the Branch Website and Facebook, the farmers market if and when it opens, grocery stores, area churches, area horticultural societies, and notices will be sent to all Branches in Zone G2.

In addition to raising funds, the barrel sale will make the community more aware that the Branch is open for business and is doing something to help the community.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary/Treasurer