

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 1 February 2022**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston

Committee Members Absent

Wes Rideout
Anne Parker
Ron Miller
Bev Miller
Scotty Stoness

Members	Alf Read Joanne Lancaster Owen Fitzgerald Sharron Dorey Janet Gaylord
Secretary/Treasurer Manager	Bill Beswetherick Ann DeWolfe

President Attending the meeting was Shirley Walker, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, representing her members. The main purpose of the meeting was to get the Branch prepared to fully open to its members and the public. As of 31 Jan the Branch could open with 50% capacity although with the vaccine certificate and will be open 21 Feb with 100% capacity and with masks and the vaccine certificate.

The next Executive Meeting will be 1 pm Tue 1 Mar. It will be part of a combined Branch and Ladies Auxiliary Executive meeting. There will be a General Meeting 7 pm Tue 8 Mar. The next Branch will be Sun 13 Mar. We will have to consider raising the price of the brunch as it has been at \$10 for adults and food prices have risen significantly in the past few weeks.

There was a discussion about the Branch Election. Since 1997 it has occurred in May during the Annual General Meeting. It was decided that Branch elections will occur Tue 12 Apr.

The Branch still has not received a response from Ontario Command concerning the Bell Mobility Tower lease in which the company requested the use of a small portion of our parking lot for a communications tower and a small building.

Our 2020 and 2011 Levee's had to be canceled because of the epidemic. The plan is to have a Levee event at the Legion on Canada Day, Fri 1 Jul, in which we will present the Gananoque Honouree of the Year Award.

PR It is planned to have Gananoque Reporter Lorraine Payette do a major article on the Legion centering on what the Branch, the Poppy Fund, the Lottery Fund, and the Ladies Auxiliary do to support the community.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted there was \$136,760 General Fund and \$74,049 in the Building Fund for a total of \$210,809 to operate the Branch.

Honours and Awards The General Meeting on 10 May will include the presentation of awards such as service pins.

Lottery Bill Beswetherick put forward a motion to donate \$250 to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Approved.

PRO Janet Gaylord explained a rain barrel sale being delivered Friday 17 May 2022 and available the next day. The Branch is teaming-up with the Knights of Columbus in Kingston in order to share the delivery truck as we need a certain amount to make the purchase possible. In addition to selling the barrels at the Legion, we can set up a sales area in a place such as the Lou Jeffries Memorial Centre parking lot at a time when the Horticultural Society has its spring sales. Most sales will be by pre-order, but we will order more barrels based what happened during the two previous barrel sales. We will begin advertising these pre-sales in late February.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey and Joanne Lancaster reminded members that Public Speaking has been canceled for 2022.

Sick and Visiting Owen Fitzgerald presented Anne and Glen Parker with small comfort gifts following an automobile accident. Everyone said Hi to Anne and Glen.

Veteran Services Alf Read updated members on one file on which he currently is working. Rhona Offord has knitted another seven large knitted comforter afghans to be presented to veterans. Certificate of appreciation to Rhona will be presented shortly. She made seven others which were presented in 2020.

Manager Ann DeWolfe is talking about the second water meter in the building which is responsible for our very high water bill. The second meter was installed in 1980 and is largely responsible for the high water cost. Ann noted that the Branch will be paying vacation pay to employees that were due to them even during the covid lock-down. This expense will show on our next financial statement.

Ann noted the increase of minimum wage to \$15 an hour will require the Branch to raise bar prices. This is a decision made entirely by the Executive. The increase will come into effect 2 Jan 2022.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Bob Howard. Seconded by John Robertson. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary