

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 8 Jan 2019**

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
1st Vice President Janet Gaylord
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
Past President Cliff Weir
Sgt At Arms Jim McGee

Executive Members Alf Read
Anne Parker
Doug Johnston
Deborah McGee
John Robertson
Murray Salter
Secretary Bill Beswetherick
Manager Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Ray Foster
Gloria MacMillan
Owen Fitzgerald

President There were 17 members in attendance. Wes Rideout thanked Alf Read for organizing an excellent New Year's Levee. Wes noted that the Honouree of the Year was presented to the son of the late MP Gord Brown as well as a check for \$1,500 towards the Gordon Brown rink, Meritorious Service medals were awarded to Cliff Weir and Carl Duff, Legionnaire of the Year to Bob Howard, and Certificates of Merit to Murray Salter, Karen Rideout, and Lori Fletcher.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there was \$75,706.41 in the General Fund and \$78,332.07 in the Building Fund for a total of \$154,038.484. That is an increase of about \$10,000 from the December General Meeting. The Ladies Auxiliary in Dec gave the Branch a donation of \$7,000 in Dec, and the Branch hosted many large events, especially the very successful New Year's party. Bill noted that in early 2019 the Branch will receive back its 2018 Town municipal taxes, about \$8,000.

Lottery There was \$11,303.68 in the Lottery Fund. There were no requests for funds.

Membership Anne Parker noted that 214 members are paid up with 18 members having paid online. Our 2018 membership was 297. Anne reminded members that Dominion Command has allowed an extra month to pay dues but that they need to be paid in order to allow members to participate in Legion sports events. Anne noted that the Branch website was doing very well with about 30 to 40 'hits' a week. If Anne has your E Mail address she will ensure you are sent a copy of Legion newsletter.

Poppy Murray Salter noted that the Poppy fund has \$10,159.2 in the bank and that in December \$2,000 had been donated to the Lansdowne Medical Centre.

Honours and Awards Alf Read reminded members that if they believe another member is deserving of recognition or an award that they should contact him.

Service Officer Alf Read noted that there were delays in getting issues involving veterans addressed at Ontario Command because of personnel shortages.

Youth Janet Gaylord read out the names of winners of the poster, essay, and poetry contest at Zone G-2 level. The Gananoque Legion speaking contest, involving the three local schools and the school in Lansdowne, will occur at the Branch Sun 17 Feb and that there will be a long article by Lorraine Payette about the contest in the Gananoque Reporter. Janet asked for volunteers to assist in the contest and requested \$375 from the Branch to pay for prizes and a light meal. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried. As Zone PRO, Janet noted that Lorraine Payette of the Gananoque Reporter is considering doing a series of stories on local veterans.

Sports Bob Howard stated he will start a Branch Dart League Sat 26 Jan. It will start at 6 pm, will cost \$5 a week for 18 weeks or until the end of May, and there will be a weekly 50/50 draw. This weekend, 12 Jan, the Branch will host Zone Senior Darts. Come out and cheer your Branch. The Branch will send four members to District Cribbage Jan 19. Bob made a motion for \$200 to cover the cost of mileage and meals for the team. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried. The next Zone sports is Euchre in Kitley-Toledo 16 Feb.

Manager Ann DeWolfe said the New Year's Party was sold out and that next year she may reduce the number of tickets sold to ease crowding. There were many activities in December that greatly helped bar sales. The next Meat Draw is 25 Jan.

Entertainment Sharron Dorey stated that the Sunday dances are very well attended. The next dances are Sun 24 Feb with Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman, 31 Mar again with Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman, and 28 Apr with The Reasons. There is a small cover charge and a light meal is served.

New Business John Robertson raised the issue of donations to a cause supported by the family of a deceased veteran and that \$50 should be granted. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Adjournment At 7:36 Bob Howard made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary