

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 28 Jul 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
Members	Alf Read Bev Miller Murray Salter Ron Miller John Robertson Shirley Howard Owen Fitzgerald
Secretary/Treasurer Manager	Bill Beswetherick Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Wes Rideout
Carl Reohl
Charlie Burrige
Joanne Lancaster
Scotty Stoness
Sharron Dorey

President The meeting started at 2 pm. LA President Shirley Walker attended to represent the Ladies Auxiliary and brief them.

Ray noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to pass on information about the future of activities at the Branch. Reports were not expected to be made at the meeting. He also noted that what the Branch and LA is allowed to do largely is set by the Ontario Government and Dominion and Ontario Commands.

There will be no elections in the Branch and in the Ladies Auxiliary so unless current office holders object the current appointments will be in effect until Jun 2021.

The Branch is in a good financial situation with \$82,175 in the General Fund and \$78,400 in the Building Fund for a total of \$160,575. The Financial Statement for 31 May 2019 - 1 Jun 2020 show that the Branch made a profit of \$17,074. The previous Fiscal Year the Branch made a profit of \$21,144. The decrease is attributed to the fact the Branch was closed from 17 March until 31 May, the end of the Fiscal Year.

The Branch received a \$300 donation form the Gananoque Muskies group and will receive about \$680 from a lady who had a Tupperware fundraiser.

The bar opened Fri 24 Jul. Business is slow with 124 people signing in, although some of those were here only to purchase mask. We sold over 200 of the Legion masks and over 100 of the ones made by Shirley Walker.

All of the food in the refrigerators in the kitchen had to be thrown out after the compressor failed. It is estimated it will cost about \$800 to replace the items.

Ray noted that all sports and events involving buffets such as Celebrations of Life are not allowed. We are allowed up to 50 people in our establishment but all events such as Bingo and Meat Draws are constrained by the fact that the cards have to be sterilized and customers would have to maintain the six-foot distancing rule.

We await direction from Dominion and Ontario Command regarding the Poppy campaign and Remembrance Day. There are many hurdles to holding both events in the traditional manner.

The Food Bank will be moving out of the Branch Building. No date for this but it means the Branch will lose the \$500 we have received monthly over the past few years.

Ray brought up the feasibility of starting the monthly Sunday Brunches. He noted this would require a major change in the way we would operate as there could be no buffet. The menu would have to be simplified, such as eliminate pancakes. Condiments such as salt, pepper, butter would have to be in throw-away plastic containers and customers may not be able to pour their own coffee. Clients would make an order and pay at the bar or at a table. Food would be delivered to the customer's table and the table would have to be sterilized after each customer or group of customers has left.

Ann DeWolfe noted that the Web Room, with tables arranged in groups, and maintaining social distancing likely could handle about 50 people at a Brunch.

There was concern that social distancing rule would allow no more than two people in the kitchen area and that some citizens will be reluctant to gather for such events. It would be hoped to maintain the current price of \$10. A decision on the Brunch issue is being held in abeyance.

Ann DeWolfe noted that the Branch needs to repair/replace some of the washroom toilets on both floors. The systems are quite old and parts are difficult to obtain. Ann is obtaining quotes. The Web Room is being painted and the floor will be waxed. It is hoped to have the Webb Room chairs cleaned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary