

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 2 November 2021**

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
	Ron Miller
	John Beddows
	John Robertson
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Sharron Dorey
	Shirley Howard
	Chantaille Buczynski
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Scotty Stoness
Joanne Lancaster
Wes Rideout
Janet Gaylord

President Attending the Executive Meeting was Claudia Castillo-Rivas who commands Gananoque's 492 Military Police Cadet Corps and Shirley Walker who attended as a Branch Member and also as the Ladies Auxiliary President.

There was a long discussion about whether the Canadian flag on Legion buildings would remain raised following Remembrance Day. The Canadian flag at Branch 92 was lowered on 31 May to mark the discovery of 215 aboriginal graves at a residential school. The flag was raised to full mast 215 hours later although they remained lowered on federal buildings. (Secretary's note. Flags were ordered at full mast on all federal buildings immediately following Remembrance Day ceremony 11 November 2021).

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted there was \$137,950 in the General Fund and \$74,024 in the Building Fund for a total of \$211,974 to operate the Branch. The Branch lost \$2,356 in September.

Membership Anne Parker stated the early-bird draw will occur early Dec and the winner would receive \$55 as an incentive for paying membership dues by 30 November.

Service Officer Alf Read outlines some cases he is working on, one involving a past member of this Branch.

Remembrance Day John Beddows, the Branch Remembrance Day co-coordinator, outlined what would happen 11 Nov. Changes likely will have to be made at the last moment because the constantly changing restrictions imposed by Covid-19. There are no limits on the number of people who can attend the ceremony. It is planned that the military will provide an honour

guard on the memorial. There will be participation by members of the Queen's Band. Most wreaths will be per-laid before the ceremony. Some Linklater school children will be attending and hopefully two GISS students will read the names of the area war dead. There will be a reception of some form at the Branch after the end of the ceremony. John noted that it would be announced at the ceremony that anyone visiting the Legion would have to show an identification and proof of vaccination.

Poppy In the absence of Wes Rideout, Owen Fitzgerald stated Poppy Day would be Sat 6 Nov. Owen has set up a sign-in board on which volunteers could select the area in town to offer poppies at places throughout the town.

Youth Education Joanne Lancaster and Sharron Dorey have visited area schools and collected Remembrance theme poster, essay, and poem submissions and completed the judging of entries.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted that the grate at the end of the walkway on the east side of the building that is just before the sidewalk must be repaired as it is loose (Secretary's note. The issue was recently resolved).

New Business President Ray Foster noted the first brunch of 2021 would be Sun 14 Nov. Shirley Walker outlined Ladies Auxiliary events to New Years Day.

Cadets Ray Foster clarified questions from the Officer Commanding of Gananoque's 492 Cadet Corps concerning the Legion if the Corps were to use any of the Branch's facilities, mainly the basement area which until recently had been occupied by the Gananoque and District Food Bank. As the Cadet Corps would be using only the basement there would be no need to close the bar during cadet activities, any drill activities would be in the basement area, because of insurance issues there can be no shooting, and because of the plan to use part of the Legion parking lot for a proposed Bell Mobility communications tower there would be no area to store the Cadet storage container. The basement offers at least two areas for an office. The issue of addressing the cost of the rent that the Cadets pay the Town should be addressed directly with the Town.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Bob Howard. Seconded by John Robertson.
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary