

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 13 Nov 2018**

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
1st Vice President Janet Gaylord
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
3rd Vice President Ray Foster

Executive Members Alf Read
Anne Parker
Doug Johnston
Owen Fitzgerald
Gloria MacMillan
Jim McGee
Deborah McGee

Secretary Bill Beswetherick
Manger Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Cliff Weir
John Robertson

President There were 35 members in attendance. The meeting was preceded by a spaghetti dinner at 5 pm. The meeting started with the induction of veterans Paul Wehmeier and Terry Montague.

Wes read a letter from Janet Gaylord, the chair of the Lansdowne Veterans Memorial project. She thanked the Gananoque Legion Poppy Fund for donating \$750.00 to the project. Janet, in turn, thanked Alf Read and Bill Beswetherick for their support of this important remembrance project and reminded members when in Lansdowne to visit the Memorial and the Memorial Garden.

Treasurer The Branch did quite well in Sep having a net income of \$5,098.88. As of 13 Nov the Branch has \$65,997.87 in its General Fund and \$78,240.27 in its Building Fund for a total of \$144,238.14 that can be used for operations and upkeep. This is an increase of \$8,012.89 since the last General Meeting.

Lottery There was \$11,774.20 in the Lottery Fund. Doug Johnston made a motion to donate \$350 to the Christmas for Kids Program and \$250 to the Linklater Breakfast Club. Seconded by Anne Parker, Carried. Bill Beswetherick noted that for more than 20 years the Queen's University Band has participated in the Gananoque Remembrance Day ceremony. He put forward a motion to donate \$350 to the Queen's Band. Seconded by Al Read. Carried

Poppy The first poppies were presented to the veterans residing at Fox run on Fri 26 Oct by Wes Rideout, Murray Salter and Owen Fitzgerald. Murray thanked the many members who volunteered to offer poppies on Sat 3 Nov despite the poor weather.

A final count of funds raised through the offering of poppies and the sale of wreaths in 2018 has not yet been made but the Poppy fund will have raised about \$9,500 this year, about \$500 better than last year. Most of the funds raised come from the offering of poppies as wreaths are sold at slightly more than we pay for them.

The Branch Poppy Fund has acquired ribbon-making machine.

Over the past ten years the Poppy fund, Ladies Auxiliary, and Branch Lottery Fund have made donations to local hospitals. Bill Beswetherick received a letter from the Lansdowne Community Medical Centre requesting funds to acquire a blood pressure monitoring machine valued at \$3,725.84. He recommended that the Poppy fund donate \$2,000 towards the purchase of this equipment and the Branch Lottery Fund donate \$1,275.84. Seconded by Janet Gaylord. Carried

Membership Anne Parker noted that the Early Bird ends 30 Nov. At the 11 Dec meeting we will have 4 draws for a Legion Brunch and one for \$55. Anne announced the reinstatement of veteran Bruno Mathieu.

House and Property Wes Rideout noted that the closet used to store Bingo supplies has been insulated to a degree to assist with the problems experienced by Bingo Players of the Webb Room being cold. In addition, additional storage has been created.

Youth Education Judging for Remembrance theme posters occurred Sat 10 Nov. Janet asked for \$450 from the Poppy fund for prizes. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried.

Honours and Awards Alf Read reminded members of the 1 Jan 2019 President's Levee to which all members and their spouses are invited. We will hear end-of year updates from our MP, MPP, and local mayors as well as name the Gananoque Honouree of the Year and the Legionnaire of the Year. Event starts with a Meet and Greet at 10 am with the ceremony starting at 11 am followed by a light meal at about noon.

Service Officer Alf Read noted that four files involving local veterans are with the Ontario Command Service Officer. Alf is looking for Legion magazines to give to our veterans at Carveth Care Center.

Sports Bob Howard noted that a Golf Luncheon was held on 27 Oct for the participants in the Summer Legion Golf Program. \$100 was raised for the Legion Sports Fund. Branch 92 team of John and Marg Robertson and Shirley and Bob Howard brought home the \$60 prize and plaque. On 15 Dec there will be a Zone G-2 8 Ball tournament at Brockville. Bob will be starting a Dart League in the near future for Branch members. Details to follow.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted that a plumber will be replacing the toilets on the upper floor of the Legion. Parts are no longer available for the current toilets.

New Business Sharon Dorey outlined upcoming Sun afternoon dances. The 28 Oct dance was very well attended and featured The Reasons. Joanne Lancaster, Sharon Foley, Donna Gray, and Fred and Jenn Ubdegrove assisted. The dance raised \$403.23 plus bar profits. Tim Hallman, Doug Gravelle, and Terry Hoffman will perform Sun 18 Nov. Please come out to these dances. A small cover charge and light meals are served.

Adjournment At 7:55 Ray Foster made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Howard.
Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary