

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 5 October 2021**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
Members	John Robertson
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	Owen Fitzgerald
	Sharron Dorey
	Janet Gaylord
	Joanne Lancaster
	Chantaille Buczynski
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Doug Johnston
Bev Miller
Scotty Stoness
Bob Howard
Shirley Howard
John Beddows
Wes Rideout
Ron Miller

President Ray Foster reviewed Remembrance Day activities. There will be no reception at the Branch. Most wreaths will have been laid before the start of the ceremony. The cadets likely will not participate in Poppy Day or Remembrance Day. General Meetings are no longer allowed.

Tom Tindal will receive his 75 Year membership pin in a few days. He currently is residing at Carveth Care Centre.

Ray also noted this is also the 95th anniversary of the establishment of the Gananoque Legion in 1927.

The Smoked Meat dinner of Fri 1 Oct was a sold out success with 45 people attending

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 \$2,856 in August.

Membership Anne Parker stated that the Membership Early Bird draw began the 1st of September and will end 30 November, the draw will be held the first week of December and the lucky winner will receive \$55 as the incentive for paying their dues early.

Lottery Bill Beswetherick stated there was \$10,844 in the Lottery Fund. Bill noted that there was an old request from the Gananoque Salvation army requesting a donation but we have yet to confirm that it is still in operation. There was a request to sponsor a Gananoque hockey player Junior AAA Queen's Hockey team - sort of an elite team. The sponsorship allows the Legion to be mentioned in advertisements. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Approved. It should be noted that these sponsorships are meant for area residents.

A request for the Branch from the Lansdown Medical Center will be passed to Wes Rideout to consider a donation from the Poppy Fund.

Poppy In the absence of Wes Rideout Bill Beswetherick stated Poppy Day would be Sat 6 Nov. There will be few if any poppy boxes in area businesses as was the case in 2020 but it will be advertised that poppies would be available at the Legion from Fri 29 Oct. Again, as in 2020, rather than visit businesses to sell wreaths 70 letters were sent to businesses, service clubs, and schools asking them to purchase a wreath to be laid at the memorial on 11 Nov. Owen Fitzgerald volunteered to set up a sign-in board on which volunteers could select the area in town to offer poppies at places throughout the town.

The **We Will Remember Them** signs will be placed in about eight area stores to advertise Poppy Day and Remembrance Day. Three were given to Youth Chairs Joanne Lancaster and Sharron Dorey to place at area schools.

Remembrance Day We await further information from John Beddows on the day's event such as whether there will be participation by the military and Queen's University Band. There will be no parade or Gananoque Choir. Anne Parker will be the master of ceremony. It is planned on having an area immediately around the memorial restricted to those conducting the ceremony to ensure social distancing and to adhere to area health regulations. It is anticipated there will be few wreaths laid. Most will be laid prior to the ceremony.

Youth Education Joanne Lancaster and Sharon Dorey have visited area schools and handed out Remembrance Day contest information for the poster, essay, and poetry contests. There were 220 entries two years ago. Because of the epidemic there will be fewer judges. The Poppy stones done by the Linklater School will be placed on the memorial again this year.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Owen Fitzgerald. Seconded by John Robertson. Seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Ray Foster

Bill Beswetherick