

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 8 Oct 2019**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston
	Murray Salter
	Ron Miller
	Gloria MacMillan
	Harold Miller
	Alf Read
	Sharron Dorey
	John Robertson
	Charlie Burrige
Carl Roehl	Sgt At Arms
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick

Committee Members Absent

Bev Miller
Joanne Lancaster

There were 27 members in attendance.

President Prior to the start of the meeting Ray Foster and Membership Chair Anne Parker inducted Jennifer Roehl as a new member.

Ray Foster noted that he and Bill Beswetherick had met with a group of Shorelines Casino employees nicknamed PROUD. Over the past few years they have been raising funds for local organizations and this year have selected the Gananoque Legion as the group it will sponsor. The first event is a Gala Dinner Mon 28 Oct at the Casino. Tickets for the four course meal are \$50 each. The event is 5 to 9 pm.

Minutes of previous General and Meeting There was a discussion about the accuracy of the minutes as they relate to the development of a seminar on Violence and Harassment in the Workplace. It was confirmed that any seminar on the topic was being held in abeyance until more information is received from District G and from the Zone Deputy Commander Rob Fernell and a standard presentation applicable across the province is made available to Branches

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there is \$75,623.93 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$154,327.97 that can be used for operations and maintenance. There is \$9,997.48 in the Lottery Fund.

Membership Anne Parker noted that the Early Bird contest will last through 30 Nov. The winner's name will be announced at the Dec General Meeting and receive his/her membership dues back. Anne encouraged members to pick up their new cards and stickers that are at the bar. You may be eligible for a Visa card worth \$500. Paid-up membership cards for next year are available at the bar.

Poppy Murray Salter briefed members on the upcoming Poppy Campaign, and solicited volunteers to offer poppies on Sat 2 Nov and to assist in the selling of wreaths beginning mid to late Oct.

Poppies will be available in stores Fri 25 Oct. Bill Beswetherick thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for its donation of \$500 to the Poppy Campaign.

Lottery Doug Johnston made a motion to donate \$250 to the Linklater Breakfast Club. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey, in the absence of Youth Chair Joanne Lancaster, reported that all of the necessary supplies have arrived to start the programme.

PRO Anne Parker will MC the Remembrance Day. Bill Beswetherick asked for volunteers to assist in setting out wreaths at 8:30 on 11 Nov.

Sports Scotty Stoness noted that the pool tables have been re-furbished. On 26 Oct the Zone Euchre will be held in Lyndhurst with four Branch teams attending.

Sick and Visiting Charlie Burrridge read out a thank-you note from his wife Denise thanking Bev and Ron Miller for their visit while she was recovering from surgery and for the small gift from the Branch.

Service Officer Alf Read noted that he and Bob Howard had attended Service Officer and Poppy seminars 5 and 6 Oct in Smiths Falls. Alf noted that the Canadian Forces recently formed a special group to address the issue of PTSD and the issue of transition for those leaving the military or returning to his or her unit. DND and Veterans Affairs Canada together have created the OSISS - Operational Stress Injury Social Support programme to assist serving and retired members.

Alf requested that information about him being the Service Officer appear on the Branch web site. Anne Parker will ensure this happens. Alf also made a motion to send a letter to the Town from the requesting "offer free parking for veterans with a veteran plate". Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Honours and Awards John Robertson noted the 18 Sep Honours and Awards ceremony was a success. He and Wes Rideout then went through some of the Certificates of Appreciation and Certificates of Merit that were awarded that evening.

House and Property Charlie Burrridge noted that the new door has been installed. Cement work around the new door will occur when the mason is available on the weekends. Charlie has received a rough estimate of about \$1,000 to repair the two thermal-pane windows in the landing between the first and second floor. He is examining getting other options. The issue of the roof leaking was raised. Ann De Wolfe noted that we have not had leaking despite three major rain storms over the past few weeks. Charlie will contact the company that installed the roof over the Webb Room about five years ago.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey mentioned that the 29 Sep dance with Tim Hallman & Terry Hoffman attracted 36 people. Sharon Foley, and Judy Horton assisted Sharron with this event. Sharron also noted the excellent condition of the floor for dancing with compliments to Brad Ubdegrove. The next dances are 27 Oct with The Reasons and 17 Nov with Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman. There are no dances in Dec or Jan. (**note**: The dance on 27 October has been changed from The Reasons to Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman ...)

Constitution & By-Laws Shirley Howard noted that the Branch wanted to make two changes to the current Branch Regulations, which date from 2011 - to present, to increase the amount that can be

paid without issuing a check from \$50 to \$100 and increasing the amount that the Executive Can approve on its own authority from \$500 to \$1,000. It was seconded by John Robertson. The issue of amending the Branch By Laws is being held in abeyance awaiting confirmation on the amendment process with Ontario Command.

Sergeant at Arms Carl Roehl noted the need for more volunteers for the Colour Party, especially for the Remembrance Day ceremony.

New Business Ray Foster noted that the New Years Levee will start with the Meet and Greet starting at 11 am and the ceremony starting at noon. The Branch has ordered just over 100 special tulips to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. Details to follow.

Adjournment At 8:17 pm John Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary