

**Minutes of a General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 10 Sep 9**

**Committee Members Present**

**Committee Members Absent**

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Anne Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Bob Howard
Executive Member	Scotty Stoness
	Ron Miller
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Bev Miller
	Sharron Dorey
	John Robertson
	Carl Roehl
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick

Doug Johnston  
Alf Read  
Charlie Burrige  
Gloria MacMillan  
Joanne Lancaster  
Harold Miller

There were 23 members in attendance.

**President.** Ray Foster welcomed Zone Commander Ralph McMullen and Deputy Zone Commander Bob Fernell who were here to do the annual inspection of the Branch.

Prior to the start of the meeting Ray Foster and Membership Chair inducted Andre Dubois as a new member.

**President** Ray Foster noted there was a Zone convention Sun 15 Sep in Brockville. In addition to himself, Bob Howard, John Robertson, and Janet Gaylord who are members of the Zone Council, the following indicated they would attend: Ron and Bev Miller, Shirley Howard, Carl Roehl, and Scotty Stoness. Ray briefed members on a plan by Dominion Command and the government of the Netherlands to plant tulips to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands in May 1945. It is expected that Gananoque schools will receive some of these tulips.

Ray noted the results of the recent seminar on Violence and Harassment in the workplace. He asked for approval to post the documents resulting from the seminar throughout the Branch as they are official Ontario Command and Ontario Government policy. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried. The policies will be posted on the Branch bulletin board.

**Minutes of previous General and Executive Meetings** They were adopted with some grammatical corrections. Motion to accept moved by Glen Parker. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

There was a discussion about the condition of the windows in the landing between the main floor and the second floor. This work will require a contractor as the window seals are broken and the windows will have to be replaced.

**Correspondence** Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that the Shore Lines Casino is interested in sponsoring the Gananoque Legion in a series of events over the next year. We await details on this project. Perhaps any funds we receive could go towards the planned project to offer bursaries or scholarships to graduates of GISS post-graduate schools.

**Secretary/Treasurer** Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch had a profit of \$21,144.36 for the Fiscal Year 2018/19 which ended 30 May 2019. \$2,215.40 for the month of Jun. There is \$80,621.19 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$159,325.27 that can be used for operations and maintenance. In Sep 2018 the Branch had \$135,000 in its bank account. There is \$9,770.83 in the Lottery Fund. The Branch made a profit of \$726 in the sale of rain barrels on 18 May. Thanks to Janet Gaylord for her work organizing that event.

**Poppy** Murray Salter noted that all supplies have been received. Bill Beswetherick stated there was a sign-up board at the entrance to the bar for members to reserve a time slot to offer poppies on Sat 2 Nov. Poppies will be available in stores Fri 25 Oct.

**Membership** Anne Parker noted that the Early Bird contest has started and will last through 30 Nov 2019. The winner's name will be announced at the Dec General Meeting and receive his/her membership dues back. Eight veterans have applied for free membership. David Carter has transferred in from Alberta. Anne encouraged members to pick up their new cards and stickers that are at the bar. You may be eligible for a Canada Post Visa card worth \$500.

**Lottery** Bill Beswetherick noted that that the Branch received thank-you note from the Wheels of Care for its donation of \$500 to the Wheels of Care. The LA also made a donation of \$500. LA President Shirley Walker is one of the drivers. The Branch also received a thank-you note from Girls Incorporated of Upper Canada for our recent \$250 donation. Bill made a motion to donate \$350 to the Gananoque Salvation Army and St Joseph Autumn Fair. Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

**Constitution & By-Laws** Shirley Howard noted that the Branch wanted to make two changes to the current Branch Regulations which date from 2011: the motion is 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. Seconded by John Robertson. A directive is expected in early Oct at which time the amendments to our current Regulations will be submitted.

**Sports** Scotty Stoness noted that two golf tournaments held this summer raised \$1,000. The pool tables are being re-furbished. The Branch will host the Zone pool tournament 7 Dec.

**Leadership and Development** Ron Miller outlined the work he is doing to develop a programme for this Branch. He thanked Branch and LA members who attended the recent seminar on Violence and Harassment in the Workplace. The mandatory Department of Labour programme includes the duties and rights of workers which includes volunteers and part-time workers. Ron is aiming for a training seminar programme for 19 Oct specific to this Branch and for LA members. Those attending the seminar will sign documents confirming their attendance. Ron expressed concern about the cost of reproducing the necessary documents, about \$250. There was considerable discussion about the seminar and the cost and a decision on the expenditure was held in abeyance as well as the proposed seminar on 19 Oct. Carl Roehl asked whether there is a standard package that could be used/reproduced to reduce costs and ensure uniformity in the various Branch presentations. Deputy Zone Commander Rob Fernell noted that there will be more seminars at District level over the next while and a standard presentation will be made available to Branches

**Sick and Visiting** Bev Miller updated members on those who had visited. She again reminded members to keep her advised of any members she should visit. Bev noted that in lieu of a donation in memory of John Beubiah who passed away recently she made a motion that the Branch make a donation of \$50 to his wife. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

**Sergeant at Arms** Carl Roehl noted the participation of the Colour Party in funerals that honoured two recently-deceased veterans and a ceremony at Carveth Care Center to dedicate memorial stone that honour past veterans. Carl noted that it is Branch policy to conduct a tribute for a deceased member only on the request of the family. He noted that baseball caps cannot be worn, by men or women, in the bar area.

**Honours & Awards** Service pins and certificates of merit and appreciation will be handed out at the Honours and Awards night Wed 18 Sep.

**House and Property** Bill Beswetherick reported, in the absence of Charlie Burrige, that we are still waiting for the new accessibility door to be installed. Cement work will proceed after the door is installed.

**Ways & Means** Sharron Dorey made the following report: Because of the many events occurring in Gananoque on the same day, the Sat 24 Aug dance with Chelsea Road lost \$120, but without accounting for any bar sales. The following events are scheduled: Fri 20 Sep – The Reasons; Sun 29 Sep Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman, Sun 27 Oct The Reasons; Sun 18 Nov Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman. No event in Dec.

**New Business** Ralph McMullen, Deputy Zone Commander Rob Fernell reminded members of a Ladies Auxiliary Provincial convention in 2020. There will be a request to Branches and LA for advertisement for the Convention. Rob then gave a brief summary of his inspection of Branch 92. In general the Branch is going well.

Ron Miller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried.

Ray Foster  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary