

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 12 April 2022**

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	Bev Miller
	Ron Miller
	Alf Read
	Joanne Lancaster
	John Robertson
	Sharron Dorey
	John Beddows
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Shirley Howard
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Wes Rideout
Scotty Stoness

President The meeting started at 7 pm. LA President Shirley Walker attended to represent the Ladies Auxiliary and brief them. In attendance for the election were 29 voting members, including 13 members of the Executive.

Following the opening ceremony, President Ray Foster introduced Zone-G-2 Commander Ralph McMullen who would conduct the election. Also attending was the newly elected Zone-G-2 Commander Rob Fernell. Maddie Fernell, the Zone-G2 Secretary will be the scrutinizer for the election assisted by one Ladies Auxiliary member and one legionnaire.

The following members were elected to take office effective 1 June 2022:

President	Bob Howard
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Janet Gaylord
3 rd Vice President	John Beddows
Executive Members	Sharron Dorey
	Bruno Mathieu
	Alfie Read
	Chris Ormsby
	Kevin Offord
Sgt at Arms	Dan Beauchamp
Secretary/Treasurer	To be appointed

While the election was being conducted, the President and Executive members gave their reports.

President Ray Foster noted, that at the 12 March General Meeting, that he stated he would be putting forward a motion at the 12 April General Meeting seeking permission from members for approval, in principle, to lease small corner of our parking lot to Bell Mobility to erect a communications tower. The area is to be used to erect a 22 meters tall tower inside a 55 square meters enclosure - about 15 feet by 15 feet. The Branch annually would receive \$12,000 during the first five years period of the lease. If Bell and the Legion agree, the lease could be extended for up to three more five-year periods with the annual rent increasing with each extension. Work on the project will not commence until it is approved by Ontario Command, by the Town of Gananoque and by other government agencies such as Environment Canada. It is anticipated work would not start until late 2022 or early 2023.

President Ray Foster made a motion to accept, in principle, the Bell Mobility Lease. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried unanimously.

A reminder that Executive and General Meeting Minutes are on Branch Website at www.rclbranch92.com. For those who were not aware, in late 2020 the Gananoque Food Bank ceased using the Branch basement because of problems making it handicap accessible. Unfortunately, this meant that the Branch lost the \$500 the Food Bank donated to the Branch each month to defray our utility costs.

Ray Foster made a motion to approve reimbursing the newly elected President an advance of \$1,000 towards the final cost of expenses to attend the District Convention in Cornwall in April and the Ontario Command Convention in North Bay in May and reimburse him any expenses above the \$1,000. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Finances Bill Beswetherick noted that the annual cost of the Branch insurance has risen to \$13,265 from \$10,000. The Branch has \$113,861 in its General Fund and Building Fund \$74,090 in its Building Fund for a total of \$187,951. We are losing a significant amount of money every month.

Lottery There is \$14,250 in the Lottery Fund. Bill Beswetherick noted that St Joseph School has asked for support for an outdoor teaching facility. The Branch already had approved \$1,000 for a grant to Linklater School for a similar request. Bill put forward a motion to approve \$1,000 from the Lottery Fund to St Joseph School. Seconded by Shirley Howard.

Bill Beswetherick made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Lottery Fund to the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Approved. The Ladies Auxiliary already had donated \$500 to a similar Ukrainian Fund.

Membership Anne Parker reported there are 227 paid up members out of 303 members listed on our nominal roll. The Branch website get from 20 to 30 "hits" each day.

Ways and Means Sharron Dorey noted that her group has received funding to hold a free Welcome Back Dance Sun 24 Apr. Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman will entertain 1-4 pm. Doors open 12:30. Congratulations to Sharron for her efforts to get funding for this event

Veteran Service Officer Al Read noted that over the past year he has handled ten cases.

PRO Janet Gaylord reminded members of the Rain Barrel sale.

Sports In the absence of Scotty Stoness, Ray Foster noted that despite the fact most sports have been canceled for 2022 there will still be outdoor sports such as golf, washer toss, and horseshoes.

Manager Ann DeWolfe stated the next Meat Draw will be Fri 29 Apr. There will be an Elvis dinner/dance 13 May, Jeff Code 28 May.

New Business John Beddows put forward a motion to send a letter from the Branch to Queen Elizabeth to mark her Platinum Jubilee marking her 70 years as Queen. Seconded by John Robertson. John Beddows offered to draft the letter.

Anne Parker noted that members had complained about the appearance of the front of our building. She suggested removing the strips of decayed wood and erecting a mural or painting the front.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary