

**Minutes of a Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 Jul 2018**

Committee Members Present

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

Executive Members Anne Parker
Doug Johnston
John Robertson
Alfie Read
Owen Fitzgerald
Jim McGee
Gloria MacMillan
Deborah McGee

Secretary Bill Beswetherick

Manager Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Cliff Weir

President There will be a brunch Sun 5 Aug.

There was a financial review seminar held on 16 Jun at Kitley-Toledo on Branch Financial Review procedures which noted that only the last page of the reduced checklist is to be submitted to the Zone G-2 Commander during his visit in Sep.

Branch 92 still requires a chair and two members for the Review Committee. It was suggested that Jerry Witkowicz be approached to chair the Committee and for him to select two members. Wes Rideout indicated that the Review should include an inventory of major items such as computers, tables, and chairs.

It is expected that the Audit of the Ladies Auxiliary will be submitted to the Branch Executive and the General Membership in Sep.

There was a discussion about extending the parking lot. The concept was approved in principle. An estimate will be obtained from the contractor who is doing the town paving and be discussed at the next Executive Meeting. As any cost likely would exceed the executive's \$500 spending limit, approval would require approval at a General Meeting. Also held in abeyance was the issue of oiling the surface and re-painting the lines.

Wes stated that there was a Workman's Safety and Insurance Board requirement that staff receive first aid training. Cost would be \$95 per person which would involve \$600 or more for staff and for any Executive members plus the cost of salary for staff. The

Ladies Auxiliary would be approached to participate at its expense. As the cost of the training for staff and wages cost likely would exceed the \$500 Executive Committee approval level, the issue will be discussed at the Sep General Meeting for approval.

Wes reminded members a stone dedication ceremony 10 am on Wed 22 Aug at Carveth. A cheque for \$400 from the branch will be presented to assist in defraying the cost of the stones that honour veterans who have passed away.

In order to make our financial status clearer to members, it is proposed to have a monthly 'running total' by month of major costs/expenses and revenue.

Treasurer Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch audit for Fiscal Year 2017/18 will be available shortly. There has been a delay because of the failure of the Manager's computer which has been replaced and the financial program reinstalled.

Membership Anne Parker recommended that the Branch present Tom Whaley his 60 year bar at the reception following the ceremonies at Carveth veteran stone dedication which starts 10 am on the 22 August. All members are invited to the ceremony and the reception that follows. Anne also asked for approval to pay for another year for the branch website. Approved.

Anne requested that the branch obtain a resupply of ribbons so that they can be made available to visitors and to members. Bill Beswetherick will investigate.

1st Vice President Janet Gaylord noted that plans are proceeding with the dedication of a veterans war memorials in Lansdowne Sat 22 Sep. The event will start 11 am and include a reception/meet and greet after the dedication ceremony.

Honours and Awards In the past, Honours and Awards Nights, unless there are special awards to be presented, attracted very few even of those members eligible for pins/bars. It was decided to send letters to all recipients of pins and advise them to pick their service pins up at the bar although some may be presented at a General Meeting.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald noted that any Branch activities involving Carveth should also include veterans/Legionnaires at Fox Run where currently ten reside.

Manager Except for the monthly dances which ended in June, attendance at the Legion on Sundays continues to be very low and seldom even pays the bartender's wages.

New Business

Wes noted that as a principle, the President of the LA should be invited to attend all Branch General Meetings. Executive members concurred.

Bill Beswetherick has indicated that he will not be available to assist in organizing or in running either the 2019 Poppy Campaign or Remembrance Day. He has prepared a check list for both events and has placed draft copies of all letters, etc on a memory

stick. Jim McGee indicated interest in taking on some Remembrance Day activities and Deborah McGee in assisting with Poppy.

The next Executive Meeting will be 7 pm Tues 14 Aug.

Adjournment At 8:15 Ray Foster made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary