

**Minutes of a General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 10 Apr 2018**

**Committee Members Present**

President	Wes Rideout
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Janet Gaylord
	Bob Howard
	Charlie Burrige
	Doug Johnston
	John Robertson
	Alfie Read
	Harold Miller
Sgt-At-Arms	Glen Parker
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

**Committee Members Absent**

Ron Knapton
Cliff Weir
Anne Parker
Dan Spencer
Heather Thompson

**President** The meeting began with the talk by Mikayla Johnston that won her the recent District G speaking contest. She will now speak at the Area contest in Port Perry.

Wes Rideout noted that the Easter Brunch went well with just over 200 in attendance. He thanked all who volunteered to assist in a busy day.

The Branch election of a new executive will be on Tue 8 May. If you want to nominate someone for one of the positions up for election, it is requested that you approach the individual to confirm that he/she would be willing to serve if elected.

The election is the time when chairs of various Branch activities (e.g., Poppy, Youth Education, Service Officer, etc) give summaries of the year's activities.

The Dominion Convention is in Winnipeg in June but the cost to send a Branch representative, about \$1,600, is too expensive. It is hoped that the Convention in two years will be in Ontario and be close to Gananoque.

The District G Convention is in Cornwall next weekend. Wes Rideout, Sports Officer Bob Howard and Youth Education Chair Janet Gaylord will attend. John Robertson will attend as the Chair of the meetings.

In keeping with Ontario Command regulations the Branch will form a team to audit the Ladies Auxiliary. The audit team will consist of Deborah McGee and Alfie Read.

**Treasurer** Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that as of the date of the General Meeting the Branch has \$79,863.22 in its Building Fund and \$48,856.52 in its General Fund for a total of \$128,719.74.

**Raffle** Bill Beswetherick said that there was \$9,951.88 in the Raffle Fund. John Robertson put forward a motion to donate \$750, the cost of an Ontario bursary, to the Ontario Command Bursary Fund. Seconded by Alfie Read. Carried.

**Youth Education** Janet Gaylord noted that Mikayla Johnson and her family will be required to travel to Port Perry, a distance of about 250 kilometres each way to attend the Area speaking contest. Janet put forward a motion to provide the Johnston family \$200 to defray the costs of the trip. Seconded by Alfie Read. Carried.

Janet updated members about the 22 Sep 2018 dedication of a war memorial at the Lansdowne school. She is awaiting word from Veterans Affairs Canada about three requests for funds for the project,

**Honours and Awards** Alfie Read reminded members about Legion Week in Sep. He also reminded members to consider deserving members who should be honoured and to submit their names to him with supporting material.

**Membership** In the absence of Anne Parker, Glen Parker gave her report. There are 280 paid up members. Glen then outlined the many benefits of Legion membership. It is a way to show support to veterans and to the community. Legion members have access to Legion sports and the ability to have a Mastercard with no annual fees. All current membership benefits can be found on the Branch website [www.rclbranch92.com](http://www.rclbranch92.com).

**Poppy** Owen Fitzgerald reminded members that there are 12 veterans/Legion members people at Fox Run. The plan is to have a gathering at Carveth and at Fox Run in the Christmas period that would involve veterans and Legion members. Bill Beswetherick stated there was just over \$10,000 in the Poppy Fund. He recommended that \$1,000 be donated to the Homeless Veterans Fund. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Bill also outlined a plan by the Legion Riders to erect a large (6 feet by 4 feet) granite slab in the Legion Rider's Park to be engraved with the CAF crest and the UN and NATO crests. The stone would commemorate all who served and are serving. Bill requested approval to ask Ontario Command to approve such a grant. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried. A Special Use Request will be submitted to Ontario Command for its approval. The intent is to dedicate the memorial stone on 1 July.

**Sports** Bob Howard noted that the remaining sports tournaments are Horseshoes in Delta 26 May, Washer Toss 23 Jun in Westport, and Golf 7 Jul which this Branch hosts.

Bob indicated that he is planning on having a golf league for the Branch to run all summer. He is awaiting dates and pricing. More details to follow.

**Sergeant at Arms** Glen Parker noted that summer dress comes into effect 1 May and lasts until 30 Sep and that for the 8 May elections to vote members require their membership cards.

**Entertainment** Sharon Dorey is part of a committee consisting of Bev Miller and Larry

Scott. The idea is to hold Sun afternoon dances on the afternoon of the last Sun of each month with a cover charge of \$8 to \$10 depending on whether a small lunch/buffet is offered. The first event was held Sun Mar 25 with 52 people attending, most of whom were not Branch members. The cover charge and 50/50 draw totaled \$486.00. The lunch was provided by the committee members. The next dance will be 22 Apr from 1 to 5 pm with dances 27 May and 24 Jun.

**Manager** Ann DeWolfe noted the upcoming Meat Draw Fri 27 Apr which will include a draw for a BBQ valued at over \$500. We are planning a fish fry in early May

**New Business** Wes Rideout noted that he had purchased a warming lamp for the 1 April Brunch without first obtaining the required approval of the executive. He made a motion to approve the expenditure. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

**Adjournment** At 8:15 John Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary