

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting/Elections  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 12 April 2016**

**Committee Members Present**

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| President                      | Cliff Weir        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Ron Miller        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Jerry Witkowicz   |
| 3rd Vice President             | John Robertson    |
| Executive Members              | Janet Gaylord     |
|                                | Dan Spencer       |
|                                | Ron Knapton       |
|                                | Wes Rideout       |
|                                | Glen Parker       |
|                                | Anne Parker       |
|                                | Harold Miller     |
|                                | Alfie Read        |
|                                | Larry Scott       |
|                                | Bev Miller        |
| Secretary                      | Bill Beswetherick |
| Manager                        | Ann DeWolfe       |

**Committee Members Absent**

John Petch  
Charlie Burridge  
Ross Richardson  
Murray Salter

**Introduction** There were 28 members present including executive members. Cliff Weir noted the annual elections will be held 10 May and that he intended to run again as President.

Bill Beswetherick recommended that those who were considering nominating a member for a position on the Executive to approach the individual to determine if he/she was willing to run. Those who cannot attend the elections and wish to run for a position on the Executive are required to submit a letter to the Secretary.

**Treasurer** Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch Building Fund has \$28,511.67 and the General Fund account has \$68,009.94 for a total of \$96,521.61 that can be used for maintenance and operations.

**Lottery** The Lottery Fund has \$5,465. Jerry Witkowicz proposed a grant of \$500 to the

St John Ambulance Training Dog Programme that, among other things, arranges therapy visits of dogs to places such as Carveth Lodge and Long-Term Care and Fox Run. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Bill Beswetherick noted that the last of the annual Branch, Ladies Auxiliary, and Poppy contributions to the Brockville General Hospital will end this year. As 2017 is the Branch's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, perhaps a more specific local project could be selected for next year.

**Poppy** Bill Beswetherick noted that Poppy Chair Jerry Witkowicz will be presenting a check for \$750 to the St Lawrence Medical Centre in Lansdowne on 20 April. The grant was approved at the last General Meeting and also was approved by Ontario Command.

**Veterans Service Officer** Dan Spencer noted that while he had been working on a chair lift system for a widow Ken Stewart had been able to provide one for the lady.

**Sick and Visiting** Bev Miller visited Alfie Read after his return from hospital. She noted that Bill Harper is not doing well. She had planned on visiting Mary Rochefort and other people living at Carveth but there was a lock down because of the flu.

**House and Property** Cliff Weir noted that the next major project involve replacing the kitchen gas grill stove which is quite old and parts are not available. He estimates that the cost of replacing it would be less than \$8,000 but asked for approval of a motion to spend up to \$10,000 as there may be costs involved with the gas lines. Seconded by Dan Spencer. Carried. In the near future Cliff will have an idea as to what costs would be involved in improving the bar area.

Stu Hill has removed the speakers that were located in the ceiling tiles in the bar area and has moved them to the walls. This has greatly improved the sound quality in the room. Stu also has begun putting a new ceiling and floor in the basement office.

**Sergeant at Arms** Glen Parker noted that summer dress comes into effect on 1 May but that full dress is to be worn for the elections on 10 May.

**Membership** Anne Parker was happy to see that work was being done on the office in the basement. She noted that those who have not renewed their 2016 membership will be receiving letters from Dominion Command.

Anne reminded members, and in particular those who organize events, that more use should be made of the Branch Newsletter, Website and Facebook pages to advertise events. The website gets over 300 'hits' a month so there is considerable interest in what happens at Branch 92.

There is a Legion online contest that members can enter. The prize is two tickets for a train trip Toronto to Vancouver and back valued at \$13,000.

**Sports** Not actually a sports event, but Larry Scott is arranging another 'Pub Crawl' for June. Details will be out shortly.

**Manager** Ann DeWolfe noted there will be a Super Friday 29 Apr with a meat draw and a fish fry occurring 5 - 7 pm. She is working on having entertainment most weekends until the summer.

### **New Business**

Larry Scott asked if it was possible to have Happy Hours on a regular basis, say from 5 to 7 pm. Different beers, wines, or other drinks could be featured. Manager Ann DeWolfe stated she was available to discuss the proposal in more detail immediately following the General meeting.

Larry Scott also asked if it was possible to have a sign outside the building similar to the one at outside the Boat Line. The town has no objection to such a sign. The issue will be investigated further.

It is expected that the newly designed placemats that Wes Rideout mentioned at the March meeting will be available shortly.

Bill Beswetherick noted that 2017 will be a busy year. It is the Branch's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will host the 2017 District G Convention. In addition, it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deaths of Lt Col Britton and of Private Harry Brown, VC.

Bill Beswetherick noted that the Town Heritage Committee has given approval in principle for the project to improve the war memorial. The project involves installing an interlocking brick or stone apron around the base of the memorial and a short, chain-link fence. In the spring the town will examine the large tree that overhangs the war memorial. The tree has a very large split in the trunk that extends up and along the branch that overhangs the war memorial.

**Branch Adjournment** At 7:35 Ron Knapton made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

**Cliff Weir**  
**President**

**Bill Beswetherick**  
**Secretary**