

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 14 Aug 2018**

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
3rd Vice President Ray Foster

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

Secretary Bill Beswetherick

Committee Members Absent

Cliff Weir
Janet Gaylord
Alf Read

President There will be a brunch Sun 2 Sep. The Branch Financial Review will be done by Jerry Witkowicz and be completed by the end of Aug.

There was a discussion about extending the parking lot. The cost would be \$8,500 plus taxes or about \$9,775. The concept was approved in principle, but the project requires the approval of the General Membership. To re-coat the current parking lot and re-paint the lines would be \$1,225 plus taxes or about \$1,410. Again to be discussed/approved at the Sep General Meeting.

Wes again raised the issue of first aid training for staff and some executive members. Cost would be \$95 per person or about \$600 or more for staff and for any Executive members plus staff salary costs. Gloria MacMillan indicated that Ladies Auxiliary members also would be interested in getting the training. 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 about a stone dedication ceremony 10 am on Wed 22 Aug at Carveth and a Veterans Memorial dedication at Lansdowne Elementary School 11 am Sat 22 Sep.

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. To be discussed with the Manager what details are required.

Treasurer Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch audit for Fiscal Year 2017/18 will be available for the Sep General Meeting.

Membership Anne Parker noted that the Branch will present Tom Whaley his 60 year service pin and bar at the reception following the ceremonies at Carveth veteran stone dedication which starts 10 am.

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

New Business

The Zone G-2 Commander will visit the Branch Tues 11 Sep for his annual review of operations. In the absence of Wes Rideout, Ray Foster will handle the inspection and General Meeting.

Legion members from Nova Scotia complained about the negative atmosphere generated by some regular bar patrons who seemed to believe that certain seats are reserved. Bar staff will be reminded that the seats are available for use by all patrons.

Remembrance Day and Poppy Campaign. Both Bill Beswetherick and Owen Fitzgerald noted the need for more support for both events. On Poppy Days 2007 to 2017 there are not enough members volunteering to man the seven locations where poppies were offered during three 1 ½ hour shifts. Only three members volunteered to assist in the selling of wreaths to local businesses. The Branch will need to appoint a member to handle all aspects of Remembrance Day beginning in 2019. Bill Beswetherick noted that perhaps it is time to simplify the event. He proposed gathering interested members to discuss Remembrance Day 2019 which could involve eliminating the parade from the Legion to the memorial and thus eliminating the need for the Queen's University Band.

Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch is in discussions with the Town and with the Arthur Child Heritage Museum about the extensive Legion collection of medals. The intent is to have the town take ownership of the medals and photographs/prints in the event the Branch ever closes so that the items remain in Gananoque as a part of the Museum. This arrangement would require approval by Ontario Command.

Adjournment At 8:18 Ray Foster made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary