

## **BR 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **ATTENDEES:**

President:	Bob Howard	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice:	Anne Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice:	Janet Gaylord	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice:	John Beddows
Service Officer:	Alf Read	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
Sports Officer:	Carla Nelson	Br Manager:	Ann DeWolfe
House & Property:	Bill Beswetherick	Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard
Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson		

### **ABSENT:**

Past Pres:	Wes Rideout	Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald
Ways & Means:	Sharron Dorey	Exec:	Kevin Offord
Exec:	Bruno Mathieu	Exec:	Chris Ormsbee
L & D:	Ron Miller		

Minutes of Executive Meeting of November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 reviewed and motion to accept as presented : Motion by John Beddows and seconded by Anne Parker. Carried

Minutes of Executive Meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 reviewed and discussed. Motion put forward by Joanne Lancaster to accept as presented, and seconded by Alf Read. Carried

Minutes of Executive Meeting of January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 reviewed with some discussion. Motion put forward by John Beddows to accept minutes as presented, and seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried

### **PRESIDENT'S AGENDA AND REPORT**

President Bob Howard brought to the Executive's attention a pamphlet that he picked up from the Brockville Legion that they keep at their bar listing their regular activities, kitchen menu, etc. He was wondering if this would be something we could possibly do for our Legion. After discussion, it was determined that as we are a smaller Legion with not as many regular functions every month, we should continue putting announcements on tables as we have previously been doing, thanks to Bill Beswetherick. It was also suggested that we place these announcements at Fox Run, Carveth, both libraries in Gananoque and the Township and also the new Senior's Association.

The first Veterans' Coffee Club was held this morning and Alf Read will follow up with his report on how things went.

We need a new coffee machine in the kitchen. Ann DeWolfe has found a replacement and got a quote on it from Hendricks in Kingston. The quote is \$1347.53. Alf Read made the motion to have Ann DeWolfe purchase the coffee maker for the quoted price, and Carla Nelson seconded the motion, and motion Carried. It will be brought up at the General Meeting Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to be voted on.

There is a Zone Meeting in Delta on February 19<sup>th</sup> which Bob and John Robertson will be attending. Anyone from our Branch is welcome to attend to observe what occurs at these meetings.

Bob and Shirley will be heading on vacation on February 21<sup>st</sup> and probably away until mid March.

The last item Bob wanted to address is- the PWOR band that was here for Robbie Burns. John Beddows made the motion to thank the PWOR band and give an Honorarium of \$400. for their excellent performance at the Robbie Burns function and to assist with their costs of coming to this function. Motion was seconded by Alf Read. Voted on and carried.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Anne Parker reports that membership is not going well. We still only have 195 members in good standing. 10 members in attendance would be a quorum.

The Loonie/Toonie jar which is held at the Bar will be updated ASAP. Anne is having Owen and Pat Fitzgerald assist her. Also Bruno should be in attendance as he is being trained to take over Membership.

Comrade David Berezowski has moved to Ottawa and transferred his membership to Branch 641 Barrhaven.

## **HOUSE & PROPERTY:**

Bill Beswetherick reported that we will be at the Casino on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. The mayors of Gananoque and the Township along with Bill and President Bob Howard to take a picture of the Honouree Award to the PROUD group. This time there should be members of this group present to be included.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

Lottery:	\$11,383.42	General:	\$129,135.20
Building Fund:	\$74,729.52		
Total Revenue:	\$22,860.10	Total Expense:	\$17,348.79

Net Income: \$5,511.31 Anne DeWolfe reports that \$1000 of this was donations

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Salvation Army sent a thank you letter for our donation of \$350.

Christmas for Kids Toy Drive sent a thank you letter for our donation of \$350.

We received a Thank you card from Peter and Catherine Mills for 2 take-out meals from the Robbie Burns Event that they had always been a part of and to Owen Fitzgerald for the lovely container of fruit.

## **PRO:**

Janet reminded everyone of the many articles in the local paper over the past month. All these events have been posted on the Facebook page as well. Also to note Bruno Mathieu was featured at the Ottawa Senators hockey game.

Also up for discussion was the Rain Barrel sale this Spring. It was noted that this would be the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row and that the sales are gradually decreasing as people already have purchased them.

## **SERVICE OFFICER:**

Alf Read reported that there were 7 Veterans attended the first Veterans Coffee Club. 3 were new attendees, retired from the Armed Forces. He feels it is off to a slow but good start. He plans to do it again next Tuesday and hopefully every Tuesday. He will also pass along information to Tim at the radio station. 1 of the attendees mentioned about not being able to attend the Legion downstairs as he has a sensitivity to chemical odours. We will investigate the cleaning solutions used in the kitchen.

Alf will co-ordinate with Wes Rideout for the next LA meeting which is Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.at 2 PM

Alf reports as Service Officer he has 1 file active and will give a full report at the General meeting.

## **SGT AT ARMS:**

John Robertson reported that the Robbie Burns afternoon went much better than he had anticipated and thought everyone enjoyed themselves.

## **YOUTH ED:**

Joanne Lancaster reported that the Public Speaking will be Sunday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - registration at 12:30 PM and Speaking at 1:00 PM Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for each division for a total

of 12 winners. We have the 3 schools participating. 15 Certificates will be needed. Also, she will need a cheque for \$350. for the prizes

### **SPORTS:**

Carla Nelson reported that there are 2 teams going to Petawawa this coming weekend, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> for District Euchre. They are Mike Battams team and Bob Howard's team. Gananoque is hosting Zone G2 Golf on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Gananoque Golf Course. Other Sports dates were presented. Carla and Alf are looking to have a fun Golf Day this Spring and Alf will let Carla know what dates are available.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY:**

John Beddows was able to meet with the 2 representatives from the Queens Band and he hand delivered the cheque that our Branch issued to them for Remembrance Day Service and we are on their calendar for next year. John also plans to be involved with Remembrance Day again this year.

John also brought up for information to the Legion as well as other Service Clubs the town and township's initiative to draw attention to the attractiveness of this area. Also, he encouraged everyone to go to the town's website and fill out the survey regarding Transit options to Kingston for the town. It can be done online and is anonymous, but the more information the town receives, the better the options that can be looked into getting for access to services. This could be a benefit to everyone.

### **MANAGER:**

Ann DeWolfe reports that Super Bowl coming up this weekend along with Euchre which is usually well attended.

On Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> there are 2 huge events – Richard Piche coming in with 3 bands and are doing Jamming sessions which went over very, very well last year. Chris Shannon has booked another Dart Tournament. These are back-to-back and Sean is staying to help set up for it.

She talked with the lady about the parts for the Bathrooms as the guy who usually works on them for us is no longer with the company.

Ann also has the name of a person who needs volunteer hours, and she will give the name to both Joanne Lancaster for the Food Bank and to Bob Howard for Brunch volunteering.

Ann received a phone call regarding our parking lot. The gentleman is military and he & his wife have 2 vehicles but parking for only 1 and thought the Legion would help him as he is a Veteran. Discussion and general consensus was NO. This would be starting a precedent.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Robertson reported that it has come up in general conversations about there not being a “Handicap Parking” in the upper parking lot. After some discussion, it was decided that the sign for Branch Manager would be moved over and a Handicap sign placed in that first parking spot, It is not the correct size parking, but until a formal complaint is made, this is the best solution. We just paid to have the parking lot resurfaced and new lines painted on last summer. Hopefully this solution will suffice until the parking lot needs resurfacing and painting again. Then we will widen and mark it as “Handicap Parking.”

Alf Read – just a note about Veterans Golf match on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Veteran Appreciation Golf match in the Rideau Lakes area which he is attending and he thought it might be a great chance to introduce Veterans Appreciation Week and since he's involved with the Gananoque Golf course, offer 9 holes of golf at no charge to the Veterans.

Elections will be held in May this year. That will be May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**