

BR 92 GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022

ATTENDEES

President	Bob Howard	1 st Vice	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice	Janet Gaylord	3 rd Vice	John Beddows
Poppy	Owen Fitzgerald	Exec	Bruno Mathieu
Exec	Chris Ormsbee	Exec	Sharron Dorey
H & P	Bill Beswetherick	Youth Ed	Joanne Lancaster
Service Officer	Alf Read	Sgt at Arms	John Robertson
Sec/Treas	Shirley Howard	Br Manager	Ann DeWolfe

ABSENT

L & D	Ron Miller	Sports	Carla Nelson
Exec	Kevin Offord	Poppy	Wes Rideout

Anne Parker, Membership Chair, did the Early Bird Draw at the start of the meeting and the lucky member is David Payne. He will receive his membership free this year.

President Bob asked if all had reviewed last months minutes and the Executive Meeting minutes and it was determined that not enough had reviewed them so it was voted to return to printing out copies of all meetings. Minutes will be revisited at the January Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bob wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Reminding everyone of the New Year's Eve Party. Tickets are at the Bar. Asking that tickets be paid for on or before Dec 27th. This enables us to know how many we are setting up for the night of Dec 31st.

The New Years Day Levee will be in the Webb Room at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome. MPP, MP, Mayors of the Town and Township have all been invited. Bill Beswetherick said he hoped to hear by Monday who of the governments will be attending as they have 7 venues to respond to for Jan 1st.

Ray Foster's Memorial is here in the Webb Room on Sat Dec 17th at 11AM. It is a full Legion Service, followed by a Celebration of Life. There could be up to 150 people attending. Bob requested permission to address the LA meeting this afternoon and was granted it. He asked if the LA would donate their time and work to prepare for The Celebration of Life for Ray Foster and that he would approach the Branch members to ask that the Branch pay the food costs so that the family will have no expense for this service. He asked for a motion from the floor and John Robertson moved that the Branch pay for the cost of the food. It was seconded by Alf Read. Voted on and carried. Bob also went to the Executive Secretary business and had 150 programs made for the service.

We are all individuals and have feelings. We all do or say things at times that people do not like, but it is best to keep it to yourself. We need to show respect for each other. He has had a few complaints about "Lack of Respect" happening in this building. He thinks it needs to be addressed here and is asking everyone to think before speaking, and also think before passing information along – "Would you want this known or discussed openly if it were about you?"

He spoke to the LA about the incident in the kitchen. It could have been much worse than it was and that someone could have been badly burned. He asked that new personnel be supervised when working in the kitchen.

A Dance group has approached Bob regarding rental of the hall every Sunday for the months of January and February to hold their own dances. Bob has informed them that the Hall rental is \$250.

and we will set up the tables as they would like them and there would be no kitchen privileges. He also stated that a Legion function such as a Celebration of Life would take priority over their dance. They would be responsible for Their Band bookings and payments, not the Legion. They seemed to be in agreement with this. Bob asked if there is anyone here that is totally opposed to this, and none was given. He will get back to this Lady.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Oct 31st the Lottery account has \$11,060.94 it has gone up a bit to \$13,000. approx.
The General Account is \$126,608.93

Our total Revenue for October was \$21,813.01 and our Expenses were \$20,200.30 Therefore a profit of \$1612.71

November and the early part of December have been busier, so we should be making a bigger profit before Christmas.

John Beddows asked if the General Account is sitting in a chequing account. Response- yes. He suggests that there may be an opportunity to increase our revenue using "Short -term or GIC's" The Banks are currently offering as much as 3 % for 6 month term deposit. Depending on what projected costs upcoming might be, it might be beneficial to put 50% of those funds into one of these. John Beddows put a motion on the floor authorizing the Treasurer to explore whether or not it would benefit us to put 50% of the balance of the General fund into a short-term Term Deposit not longer than 6 months should we need it. Find out what that would generate in revenue. Alf Read seconded the motion. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Linklater Breakfast Club request for donations. John Beddows made a motion to donate to Linklater Breakfast Club and St Joseph's Breakfast the amount of \$500. split equally. Seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried. John Beddows will look into 1000 Islands Elementary School to see if they take donations for a Breakfast Program.

Donations from Metro last month for \$1965.40 and a thank-you card sent. A third donation of \$100. from Peter & Claudine Kirkby received and a thank-you card sent.

MEMBERSHIP

Anne Parker introduced new members. Terry and Trish Hutcheon; Hugh & Judy Gaw; and Veronica Shepherd.

We have had about 20 new members sign up since Jan 1st 2022. Anne is going to try to start up Initiation of new members in the New Year. We have 180 active members so far for 2023 and are expecting more payments in the early new year. Those not paid are inactive and cannot vote.

We have had 2 good years despite the pandemic. We are up in membership about 20%. All Legions have added more new members during this time than any other.

POPPY

Owen Fitzgerald reported that the Poppy Campaign was an overwhelming success. We had a morning crew and an afternoon crew. Poppy fund is currently at \$15,150.. Thank you to the LA for the complimentary lunch at noon, the day of the campaign. Also Thank you to the town of Gananoque and the mayor for allowing us to use the coin counting and wrapping machine. We counted & wrapped nearly \$8000. in coin in 1 1/2 hours. It would have taken us nearly 2 days to do it by hand.

LOTTERY

Bill Beswetherick – Request from Leeds & Grenville Interval House which handles disputes within families, and abuse of women. Bill made a motion to donate \$250 to Leeds & Grenville Interval House. John Beddows seconded motion. Carried

YOUTH ED

Sharron Dorey reported that everything is done regarding the Remembrance Day Posters. 158

entries and we delivered the certificates to the 8 of them at the 3 different schools. The Secondary school did participate this year. We are just waiting to see how the ones who went on to Zone have done. We want to thank Owen & Pat Fitzgerald. Owen talked to the school children and made a wonderful impression in his Legion uniform. Also thank you to the Legion in giving financial support and the certificates that Bill Beswetherick made for the children. They really appreciate it, and think it is just wonderful.

PRO

Janet reminded everyone that if you want something put in the paper, it is Janet you go to. She needs to be informed prior to the event so she can report on it. Bill has been putting some information on "My FM". We have had 3 stories in the paper in the last couple of months and hopefully there should be one about the poster campaign in the next paper if it got in in time. She is also the one to contact for web page for the youth programs.

SPORTS

Carla sent her report to Shirley Howard

#1. Results from Zone Cribbage hosted by Delta in Toledo on Dec 3rd 2nd Place & advancing is Mike Battams team of Mike, Eleanor Brawley, Brian Thompson & Amy Running. 7th Place is Bob Howard's team of Bob, Shirley Howard, Carla Nelson & John Robertson. (first alternate team). District will be held in Smiths Falls on Jan 7th 2023

#2 Results from Zone Euchre hosted by Seeley's Bay on Nov 27th .. 5th Place is Bob Howard, Shirley Howard, Eleanor Brawley & Amy Running. 6th Place is Mike Battams, Brian Thompson, Robert Randall and Diane Battams (or her alternate) Both teams advance to District in Petawawa on Feb 11th 2023. First alternate is Shirley Walker, Mary Alguire, Veronica Shepherd & Carla Nelson.

#3 No teams from Gananoque entered the regular darts held in Westport on Dec 18th 2022

#4 Coming up in the new year is senior darts hosted by Brockville on Jan 15th 2023. Let Carla or Bob Howard know if you want to enter.

#5. Also coming up in the new year is mixed darts hosted by Lyndhurst on Jan 21st 2023. Again let Carla or Bob know if you want to enter.

SICK & VISITING

Owen Fitzgerald reported other than the memorial for Ray Foster, he has nothing to report

VETERAN SERVICES

Alf Read reports nothing new to report at this time and no requests for assistance.

LA LIASON

Alf Read reported he attended the LA meeting Tuesday Dec 13th at noon. It was well attended, the ladies enjoyed a light lunch and played Bingo with small prizes after the meeting.

HOUSE & PROPERTY

Bill Beswetherick reports that since we lost Brad as our custodian, our bar tender Sean has taken over. A lot of our ceiling tiles have been stained, and he has taken over painting the stains white. The lights over the medal display case he has replaced, and he's been doing a lot of the heavy work for Ann DeWolfe along with washing the floors and vacuuming.

HONOURS & AWARDS

Bill reports that the only thing is the Levee. No confirmation of the MP & MPP. He will phone them again tomorrow. They have 3 or 4 Legions, so Bill is not sure. We have the 2 mayors, John & Corrina and we have the honouree of the year. Bill will be on "My FM" regarding the New Year's Eve Party and the Levee

WAYS & MEANS

Sharron Dorey reported on the Dances held on Nov 12th and Nov 20th . Nov 12th had 38 people

attending @ \$15.00 for a total of \$575.00 The 50/50 draw was \$75.00 Total revenue was \$650.00
Expenses were \$500.00 (band) so a Profit of \$150.00 plus bar sales
Nov 20th dance had 29 people attending at \$10.00 for a total of \$290.00 The 50/50 draw was \$70.00
Total revenue was \$360.00 Expenses were \$250.00 Profit was \$110.00
There will not be any more of these dances until March of next year and depending on the weather.

President Howard stated that continuing about the New Year's Eve Party, he felt that people who were going out to celebrate New Years Eve would like to be assured that they have a definite place to go which is why he decided on having tickets. Tickets can be bought at the bar. Asking that tickets be paid for by Dec 27th /28th and if someone phones in and requests tickets and doesn't show up, we will have their phone # to contact and state that we reserved their spot for them and they did not cancel ahead of time, so maybe we can get some of our money. Limiting attendance to 100 people
Anne Parker has it on the website and a new poster has been put up.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Still a work in progress

WEBSITE

Anne Parker reported that the website is doing well. It has 200 hits in the last 2 weeks.

SGT AT ARMS

John Robertson reminded everyone that this Sat, Dec 17th is the Legion Service for Ray Foster. He had a meeting with the family last Sunday as to what they would like. This Friday will be the set up for the hall for the service. He is going with 2 colours, and it will be a full Legion Service., conducted by the Zone Padre Lillian McNamee.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ann DeWolfe – not as many Christmas parties this year but Probus was the big one. There's another one on Sunday Dec 18th . She mentioned that Sean has been doing an amazing job. She leaves him a calendar of what needs to be done and he's doing really well.

Bar hours - will be closed at 5 PM on Christmas Eve. Closed also on Christmas Day and on Boxing Day. Open on Dec 27th. The bar is picking up, getting more people in.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Howard said that a few of the Executives are having a problem making Tue night meetings, so what would everyone think of changing days and which one. He will bring it up in the New Year for discussion.

John Beddows stated he has all the Thank You letters made up and ready to be sent out to all those businesses who donated to our Remembrance Day. He also made a request for a cheque for the Queen's Band and asked for a 1 time amount of \$\$600. since they were here last year as well but because of Pandemic restrictions, were not supposed to play any function. Therefore they tore up the cheque we gave them last year so they would not be penalized for attending our Remembrance Day Service of 2021.

Motion by John Beddows to give a \$600. donation. Seconded by Alf Read
Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Alf Read, seconded by Ed Hardy

