

**BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024**

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Wes Rideout	Past President
Alf Read	Service Officer	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education	Sandy Cleveland	Ways & Means
John Robertson	Sgt at Arms	Ann DeWolfe	Branch Manager
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice	Bill Beswetherick	House & Property
John Beddows	Executive	Mary Alguire	Executive
Dan Beauchamp	Executive	Chris Ormsbee	Executive

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting held February 6th 2024 were reviewed. Motion to adopt the minutes by Wes Rideout and seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard reported that, as per Legion protocol, a letter was sent to the Seeley's Bay President regarding the incident involving one of their LA members which occurred at our Branch.

Bob also informed our Executive members that the Zone Secretary and Sports Officer is sending a letter to the Zone Commander that she will be stepping aside for the moment, partially because she doesn't have a phone or internet. To there is no way to get in contact with her. So in future, if you have any Zone sports related concerns, please contact Bob Howard, Shirley Howard or Ralph McMullen the Zone Commander. Also March 30th we will be hosting Zone Mixed Darts.

Sandy Cleveland has stepped up to be our Ways and Means Chair. Her committee at present consists of herself, Joanne Lancaster and Bob Howard.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reports that the Public Speaking held here was in the paper this past week and on the Facebook pages and Anne Parker posted it also on our Website. The Zone G2 was also on the Facebook page as well.

The group for "Support for Homeless People", Janet went as the Legion Representative to the "Night in the Cold" held at Town Hall.

Film Day is April 17th and since Janet had no response to choose which film will be presented, she has gone ahead and ordered "Being Canadian" on disc. She has put the "Time to be Announced", probably 7 PM and she needs clarification as to what we are serving eg Popcorn, Cash Bar, refreshments. Popcorn should be free. **By Donations** is what is advertised as that is easier for everyone.

Reminded everyone of the Rain Barrel sale on April 27th. Pick-up of Barrels same day as delivery to purchasers. She also provided the website to order barrels but suggested not to place orders until after March 22nd 2024. Here is the Website = <https://RainBarrel.ca/rclbranch92>

Friday Night Darts – Janet stated that they are starting at 7:00 PM because people couldn't get there earlier, therefore it runs later. The question raised to Janet was "Do we have to be out of the Legion by 9 PM even if we are not finished?" The response was NO. You can finish play. Also Anne Parker asked if they are having 50/50 Draws. The money is to be turned into the Legion. Maybe it should be happening. Anne Parker stated at tonight's meeting that she will not be doing the Friday Night Darts next year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard presented the balances for all 3 accounts. She also provided statements of January's Revenue and Expenses. Because of the generous donation from the LA at the Levee, we did not have a deficit for end of January.

Alf Read asked a question regarding the Insurance Company we are using and made the suggestion that maybe the Financial Committee when set up, look into a new provider.

Motion to adopt the report made by Alf Read and seconded by John Robertson. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a thank you from the Salvation Army for our donation last month of \$350. We also received an email note from the McLeod dancers who performed at the Robbie Burns dinner. We received a request from the Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce for financial assistance toward their Turkey Fair. After discussion, it was put forward that we decline at this time. Another request has been received from "The Marc Group" which has teamed up with the Gananoque Fire Department. They are handing out 2500 free reusable hand bags and are looking for financial support. Their basic program is \$ 550 and each level upwards is substantially more. After discussion, it was decided that we would approach the Gananoque Fire Department and talk with them as to what we might possibly be able to assist with rather than this program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker stated we have 2 new members. She hopes to have them installed at the next General meeting. Question to Anne was how many members do we have at present. Response – We have 228 paid.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT:

Wes Rideout reported that for the past while, there are 2 members who go to the Coffee House down at the Waterfront. They offer coffee, all types, for a donation from 9 AM to 12 Noon. It is fairly busy. There could be 20 – 25 people at a time. Nice, pleasant atmosphere.

POPPY CHAIR

Owen has nothing for the Poppy campaign.

SICK & VISITING:

Owen stated he has been in contact with Bill Beswetherick off and on and offered assistance. So far Bill has declined any offers.

VETERAN'S SERVICE:

Alf Read reported that he has 3 files underway at present. Things seem to be moving along reasonably well right now.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster reported there were 12 students on February 18th for Public Speaking. 9 from St Joseph's and 3 from Linklater. From that group 3 were picked to go on to Zone. One did not attend and of the other 2 , one placed first and the other placed 2nd.

WAYS & MEANS:

Sandy Cleveland stated that they are thinking of having a Pancake Breakfast on Good Friday, March 29th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. She is trying to have a Bunny Costume and they can have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and have Easter Eggs and such. We thought \$ 5.00 each for the Breakfast or donations. She is trying to get some new volunteers involved. Sandy will get Tammy to post something and maybe make posters. Sandy's contact info is slcleveland94@gmail.com If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact her.

Sergeant at Arms:

John Robertson reported that the reason the flags are at half-mast is for Brian Mulroney. They will remain so until sunset of March 23rd 2024. This is from Command.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe stated that the guy was here doing the survey for the backflow. Doesn't seem like it will be a huge issue, hopefully. The Town requires us to have it completed.

Cliff Edwards plans to run a Seniors group. Plans to use the Webb Room on Mondays from 2 PM to 3 PM to teach dance classes for Seniors and use the Upstairs on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 4 PM for guitar classes for Seniors. This is if he gets enough people signed up.

St Patrick's Day is a go and the LA are making the stew. It will be stew and a roll for \$ 5 if eaten in the Bar area. If in the Webb Room it will be stew, a roll, dessert and coffee/tea for \$ 8. Tim and Terry are playing. Mike Battams has volunteered to do a 50/50 draw.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Howard brought up the idea of placing new signs on tables at the Sunday Brunch for those patrons who wish to have second portions. The sign reads " So good you want seconds? Please support our cause with a small donation." There will be small ones in holders on the tables and a larger one either on the table where they pay or very close to the start of the line-up.

He's hopeful that will help with our costs without having to raise the price of the Brunch. By keeping the price where it is, fills our mandate that we assist our Veterans and community.

There is a Zone Convention on March 17th 2024 in Lyndhurst starting at 10 AM full uniform. Bob Howard, John Robertson, Alf Read, Wes Rideout, Owen Fitzgerald will attend.

Janet Gaylord asked Bob to bring up information about a Memorial for Veterans of Korean War Memorial. Bob will pass this along to the Poppy Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

John Robertson

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER