

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING NOVEMBER 7TH 2023

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Ed.
Alf Read	Service Officer	Bill Beswetherick	House & Property
John Robertson	Sgt. at Arms	Shirley Walker	LA President
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer	Ann DeWolfe	Br. Manager
Sharron Dorey	Guest.		

ABSENT:

Wes Rideout	Past President	John Beddows	Executive
Mary Alguire	Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
Chris Ormsbee	Executive		

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting presented and reviewed. Motion by Shirley Walker to adopt the minutes as presented. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes: Bob Howard will contact Lynsay Dickson regarding her information presentation about phone scams and phishing. He will arrange for her to do this presentation in the New Year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

First of all, an update on Zone Commander Rob Fernell. For those who attended the last General Meeting here will remember that he was quite unwell. He has been admitted to hospital in Kingston in the ICU. The report today is that he is up in a chair today for the first time, so is improving somewhat though slowly. He did report prior to hospital admission that Br 92's inspection was completed and had no issues.

Bob thanked Owen for the excellent job he did with the Poppy Campaign up to and including last Saturday. John Beddows sent information for Remembrance Day Ceremony. He and Bob met with 2 representatives from the Queen's Band and 1 representative from the Military. The Military are bringing in 2 platoons. For those wishing to be on parade are to be at the Legion for 1030 and in full uniform. We will form up at the top of King St at Stone and parade down to the Cenotaph. Bob will then dismiss the parade so they can join family members or sit on chairs provided etc. If anyone know of a veteran who wishes to parade with us, they are more than welcome and do not have to be a Legion member. When the service is over, everyone will be invited back to the Legion for a chili lunch and social time. There should be John Beddows, Bill Beswetherick and Bob Howard helping with the laying of the wreaths. John Robertson mentioned that flags will be lowered Friday evening and raised again Sunday morning. The Remembrance Day Service at Carveth will be at 2 PM. The service will be inside. Lansdowne Service will be on Friday Nov 10th at 1045. The Brockville Rifles will be there. We also received an e-mail from Robyn Ableson of Gananoque Intermediate and Secondary School regarding their Remembrance Day Service on Friday Nov 10th at 9:30 AM. They also invited any of our members to attend and also offered their assistance on Saturday, Nov 11th.

Regarding the couple of pamphlets "Leave the Streets Behind" also "Operation Service Dog" obtained from the Convention in Orleans, the biggest question was with Operation Service Dogs. They were wondering why someone who has been accredited with Wounded Warriors in our area, we could

not donate straight to them. You could write a cheque to Wounded Warriors Canada, and state to whom you wished the cheque to go to, but could not write to that specific designation as they wish to ensure the monies are going to the right area and that they are doing their service properly and effectively.

The last item is Sports related as we do not have a Sports Chair at present. There will be Zone Cribbage in Seeley's Bay on November 25th. Sign up is down now & is past due. The next item is Sr. Darts on Dec 9th in Portland. Posting will go up soon as deadline is Nov 18th.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave her report on the finances and discussion followed. A motion was made by Alf Read that we discontinue the publication of our financial statement on the website. He stated that our Financial Statement should be marked as "Confidential". It will be available during the meetings but not for the general public. This was seconded by Sharron Dorey. After some discussion the motion was voted on and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We have a Thank You card from Jen McMaster of Linklater School for our donation of \$ 500. We also have a request from "Wheels of Care" in Gananoque for a donation. Shirley Walker made the motion to donate \$ 500 to them and Joanne Lancaster seconded that motion. After some discussion that the monies would remain in Gananoque, this was voted on and carried. We are also looking at donating to the Salvation Army in Gananoque. We last donated at about this time last year. We will table this until next month.

Bill Beswetherick talked about the Honouree of the Year which will be the "Food Bank". He made the motion to donate \$ 1000. to the Gananoque Food Bank and suggested that the cheque be presented at our New Year's Levee. The motion was seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried.

We also have a request from Lynda Garrah for a donation to the "Christmas for Kids" annual Toy Drive. This will be brought up at the General Meeting.

We have received a tax receipt from Leeds & Grenville Interval House. Bob has a request from the "Police Retirees of Ontario" who give out Teddy Bears to Kids in traumatic situations. He wants to talk with Gananoque Police to see if they have a similar program and then we can donate to them. So Bob will table this request until next month.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord has nothing to report at this time.

POPPY CHAIR:

Owen Fitzgerald reports that we are almost at the end of the Poppy Campaign. He has placed 35 boxes at 35 locations in Gananoque. They are doing very well. He restocked them this morning. He is planning to have a count of proceeds around the 15th of November. Owen will be collecting the boxes on Nov 13th. He reports that the Mayor of the Town has volunteered the use of their coin machine. The machine counts, separates and wraps the coins which is a godsend for us. Thanks for all the volunteer helpers and especially Bill Beswetherick.

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Bill Beswetherick reports nothing at this time.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Shirley Walker stated that the LA are having their "potluck" Christmas Dinner on Dec 8th and the Branch Executives are invited. Bring anything you wish except Turkey & Ham. Her secretary should be sending out the invitation. Social Hour at 5 PM and eating at 6 PM

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read reports that he has 1 file open at present. Coffee Club Tuesday mornings at 10 AM there are just 3 attending at present, although 8 tentatively signed up. He is going to send out e-mails to see if more might be interested. He feels that the minimum number attending should be at least 5. Owen Fitzgerald questioned Alf Read whether Legionnaires could attend the Coffee Club and Alf readily agreed that they may attend. Shirley Walker drives the Wheels of Care bus and has volunteered to drive any of the Veterans from Carveth to Alf Read's Coffee Club once a month. Owen Fitzgerald

mentioned also that there are Veterans at Stocking Hill that might be interested in attending.

Alf Read went to see Rona Offord today, who is the lady who made the Afghan blankets for Veterans. She donated another 3 Afghans for a total of 10 that he has now. He presented her with the "Appreciation Plaque". They had a discussion as to where these Afghans could be presented as there are no more veterans in this area in need. Bob Howard offered in his position of Zone Poppy Chair, to contact the different Branch Poppy Chairs and let them know of these Afghans.

Alf Read was in visiting Murray Salter and he seems to be improving. He gave Murray and his daughter the information about "Wheels for the Wise" and they both seemed to be appreciative.

Bob Howard was hoping to get John Beddows, Dan Beauchamp, & Owen Fitzgerald together to arrange getting Dan's "Quilt of Valour" presentation to Murray Salter.

Alf Read also mentioned regarding the High School's interest in Remembrance Day, he thought that it might be a good idea to present to the teacher involved a list of books and movies that could be recommended to their students. It could provide more accurate information of WWI and WWII. He agreed to put this list together.

SGT. at ARMS:

John Robertson has the Colour Party arranged for November 11th. Hoping that Carl Duff can be here as his daughter is ill out in Calgary.

Robbie Burns is well underway. John has most of the items for the Raffle basket. Kevin Offord is arranging the Pipers. There will be 6 pipers, and 2 drummers.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster reported that Sharron Dorey picked up 232 submissions from the 3 schools. Pat Fitzgerald, Judy Horton, Sharron Dorey, and Joanne Lancaster will be judging the submissions at 9 AM Thursday morning. Presentation of Certificates in late November.

KEVIN OFFORD: nothing at this time. Will volunteer for one of the Chairs that is open.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe states bookings for Darts on Nov 18th, Ladies Craft Sale on the 25th and we have some Christmas parties coming up.

Motion to Adjourn

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER