

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING SEPTEMBER 5TH 2023

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Alf Read	Service Officer
Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education	Chris Ormsbee	Exec
John Robertson	Sgt. at Arms	Shirley Walker	L.A. President
Shirley Howard	Sec / Treas	Ann DeWolfe	Br. Manager

ABSENT:

Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Dan Beauchamp	Exec	Mary Alguire	Exec
Wes Rideout	Past Pres	Ron Miller	L & D
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	John Beddows	Exec

GUEST: Sharron Dorey

Minutes of the August 1st meeting reviewed. Alf Read questioned if a date has been set for the movie presentation during Legion Week. Bob Howard stated he was planning on Wednesday, Sept 20th. After some discussion Joanne Lancaster moved to adopt the minutes as read. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Discussion followed regarding using the PA system at general meetings. Comrade Bob said that he will look into possibly using the portable/remote microphone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Comrade Bob stated he was totally disappointed in our Branch's representation. We had a Legion Service on Saturday, August 5th for the late Tom Tindal, a WWII Vet and a 77 year member of this Legion. We had only 5 members attend – the Sgt at Arms, John Beddows and Shirley Howard were the colour party, Bob Howard conducting the service and Owen Fitzgerald operating the player for “Last Post”. He can understand that those who are working are unable to attend. It wasn't just that service but also the Dedication of the Stones at Carveth on August 16th. The dedication was for 6 more Vets this year and we had 3 people show up. They were John Robertson, Sgt at Arms, and Bob and Shirley Howard for the Colour Party. The last Brunch, we were short volunteers. He doesn't know what can be done to increase participation. The Brunch at the moment is the biggest money-maker for the Legion.

Bob got a call from our Zone Commander who got a call from the District Commander who got a call from Provincial wanting to know what was going on in Branch 92. Apparently someone has gone to Provincial complaining about something going on here at our Branch. There is a “Chain of Command” to follow, with proper paperwork to be filled out. If you want to complain about the President of something going on here at the Branch, please do so in the proper manner. Janet Gaylord asked what the proper channels are and President Bob replied – first, the President of our Branch, and if you don't get a response or feel you can't go to that person, then you go to the Zone Commander. If you don't get a reply from Zone, then you can go to the District Commander.

It was suggested at this time by John Robertson that a “Complaint Committee” be formed and see if the complaint could be settled without having to go to the Zone Commander.

The President was hoping that Owen Fitzgerald would be present tonight as he said he had contacts at the Museum and they could set up a date to visit the Museum regarding the use of their Links Trainer. He will try to go himself and see what he can find out.

Also a reminder about notifying Bob in advance whether you are able to be present to help at the Brunch. He's in the Kitchen at 0700 Sunday morning and doesn't have time to make phone calls to find helpers and phoning at that time of day is kind of inconsiderate.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Shirley Howard reported that our accounts as of July 31st are as follows:

General Account	\$ 103,059.75	Lottery Account	\$ 11,703.62
Total Revenue	\$ 13,364.67	Total Expense	\$ 19,583.25
Net Income is	Negative - \$ 6,218.58		

Also, Shirley reported on the inquiry she had made from the Financial Advisor regarding investing approximately \$ 50,000. with them. They reported that what the firm would require would not make the investment worthwhile as it is possibly too short term. We will have to await what the Bank will offer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We donate regularly to "Perley House" and they have sent an invitation to their Open House and Information Session being held on October 2nd this year at Lupton Hall in Ottawa. Free Parking, coffee & tea available at 10 AM and a light lunch will be served. RSVP by Friday Sep 22nd.

Request for donation from Mya Dickson and Trent Dickson for both Girls and Boys Junior Hockey. We have donated in the past at the Silver level for the girls and the Bronze level for the boys. Motion from Anne Parker to donate \$250. to Mya and seconded by Chris Ormsbee. Carried. Motion by Joanne Lancaster to donate \$250. to Trent and seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Motion by Sharron Dorey to donate \$500. to Interval House in Brockville. Seconded by Chris Ormsbee. Carried. We last gave \$ 500. to Interval House on Feb 23rd 2021.

P.R.O.:

Janet Gaylord asked if the Town has done anymore about getting the Legion to replace the trees that were damaged. Response – Bob was told by John Beddows that the Town would send a letter and it has not yet arrived.

Janet will ask Lorraine Payette to be present at Sep 12th meeting to cover the special presentation.

She is also suggesting we refer John Beddows' request to place a wreath on Sugar Island to the Thousand Island Boat Museum as they have a Cafe that is totally dedicated to Canoe Club people. They also have a boat that they can go out to the island. They can also get together with the American people involved.

Regarding the "Battle of Britain" movie on Sept 20, 2023, do we want this to be Public?

Response – Yes. Time is 7 PM and no cost.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker reports we have 233 members in good standing. She has sent 188 e-mails last week reminding members of the Sept 12th meeting. She will be sending out more this week and will mention the Brunch.

The 50 / 50 and Toonie Draw jars have been updated, using the Nominal Roll.

The Friday night Fun Darts are organized. Anne will not be managing it, but she will be going out Friday nights & looking after it until we have a new manager for the Darts. She reported that they did have a meeting and all the rules that were made up before are still being used and the only thing that was changed was starting at 6:30 PM instead of 7 PM. She has 27 people signed up for Darts.

Anne also reported that Ron Miller is in hospital and was in really bad shape. Bev Miller told Anne that they were not sure what was the health issue, but that Ron had infection in his blood.

SGT at ARMS:

John Robertson is asking for a new flag – Union Jack as this one is pretty faded.

John has asked Chris Ormsbee to be Sgt at Arms for the October meeting so that he can take over when

needed. He will probably take over in the future sometime. Also between Sept 18th and Oct 2nd John will not be available for the Sgt at Arms.

There is a Zone G2 Convention which will be held in Mallorytown on Sept 17th. At that time, Youth Education will be discussed and John mentioned to Joanne Lancaster and Sharron Dorey that it would be appreciated if they could attend. They could be picked up here and returned to town and the meal will be provided to them there.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Joanne Lancaster thanked Bob Howard for picking up the Youth Ed. Package. They are going ahead with plans. Also asked when will we be taking the black drape off the Queen's portrait. Response – When we are sent the official portrait of King Charles.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

Shirley Walker has nothing at the moment.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read stated that he is going to be contacting Provincial Headquarters about the VIP program for one of our members.

Alf will bring in the DVD “ Battle of Britain” for Bob Howard on Wednesday. Also is wondering about showing the movie “ First of the Few” about the Spitfires – possibly showing it in October or November.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe reports that there's not a lot coming up. This Saturday there's the Muskie Dinner for 40 people. The LA are doing the dinner. There's a Buck & Doe on the 30th of this month and a Psychic Fair on the 30th from 10 AM to 4PM. It is an all day event. Also there is a Meat Draw on Sept 29th.

Meeting Adjourned

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER