

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 7 March 2023**

**Committee Members Present**

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Anne Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Janet Gaylord
Acting Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
John Robertson	Sergeant at Arms

Manager Ann DeWolfe

**Absent**

Bob Howard and Shirley Howard (on vacation)	
Wes Rideout	Alf Read
John Beddows	Joanne Lancaster
Owen Fitzgerald	Sharron Dorey
Chris Ormsbee	Carla Nelson
Bruno Mathieu	

The low turnout for this meeting occurred because some members did not receive the timing of the meeting – 2 pm rather than 7 pm on Tuesday. The following issues were discussed.

Although the Branch made a profit of \$1,230 in January, Ann DeWolfe noted a significant increase in the cost of gas to heat/cool this building which will affect our bank balance if the cost increase continues. Our gas bill for Feb 2023 was \$1,619 or \$55.85 per day, almost double from last year.

Ann noted the Town will no longer collect cardboard from businesses so we will have to arrange this service through a company.

PRO Janet Gaylord explained a programme from National Film Board of Canada in which we can show free movies in April. She is having discussions with the Gananoque Royal Theatre to use its facilities. The films would be advertised as a fund-raising event.

Bill Beswetherick noted that Ontario Command would not allow the Branch Poppy fund to be used to fund the bi-weekly veteran coffee gatherings or to donate to Operation Stress Campaign dog organizations which are not among the groups supported by Ontario or Dominion Command.

Bill also noted a request for funds to support hockey at the two Gananoque elementary schools to be discussed at the 14 March General Meeting.

The Branch is being asked to host a presentation by well-known Canadian historian Ted Barris on Friday 14 April. Our LA would be paid to provide a light-meal dinner before the

presentation at the Branch, like what was done about 4 years ago.

Bill also noted the Branch had sent a letter to the Town signed by him and Anne Parker stating this Branch would not adversely be affected by the erection of the proposed Bell Tower on our property.

There were discussions about how to attract more members to events and in particular to General Meetings.

Anne Parker  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Bill Beswetherick  
Acting Secretary