

**Minutes of a General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 13 Feb 2018**

**Committee Members Present    Committee Members Absent**

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| President                      | Wes Rideout       | Ron Knapton      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Anne Parker       | Owen Fitzgerald  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | Janet Gaylord     | Dan Spencer      |
| Sgt-At-Arms                    | Glen Parker       | Harold Miller    |
|                                | Charlie Burrige   | Heather Thompson |
|                                | John Robertson    |                  |
|                                | Bob Howard        |                  |
|                                | Doug Johnston     |                  |
|                                | Alfie Read        |                  |
|                                | Harold Miller     |                  |
| Secretary                      | Bill Beswetherick |                  |
| Manager                        | Ann DeWolfe       |                  |

There were 23 members present. Prior to the start of the meeting, President Wes Rideout and Membership Chair Anne Parker inducted Howard Hunter as a new member.

**President** Wes Rideout noted that he was seeking clarification from Zone and District as to which version of the Financial Review Committee Guidelines we are to use.

He noted that the Ladies Auxiliary is organizing a series of Feb Fest event spread over the week of 18 to 24 Feb.

Wes noted that because of the mandated Ontario government increase in minimum wage, the bar will operate from 11 am to 1 pm and be operated by the Branch Manager and then re-open at 3 pm. Bar hours will again be reviewed at a later date.

**Treasurer** Secretary Bill Beswetherick stated that the Branch has \$79,835.10 in its Building Fund and \$48,280.71 in its General Fund for a total of \$128,115.81.

**Raffle** Bill Beswetherick said that there was \$9,583.29 in the Raffle Fund. The Branch received a thank you letter from the Gananoque Humane society for the \$500 donation that the branch recently made to the Society. There were no new requests for raffle funds.

**Membership** The names of those members not in good standing (i.e., paid up for 2018) have been removed from the Toonie and 50/50 draw jars. The Branch Website and the Branch Facebook are excellent means for members and for committee chairs to disseminate information

**Youth Education** Janet Gaylord noted that the youth public speaking contest will be held at the branch on Sun 25 Feb starting at 1 pm. Winners will receive certificates and

cash prizes (\$25 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$15 3<sup>rd</sup> place). Janet made a motion to spend up to \$400 for the competition to be used for prizes and food. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried. Janet noted that the speaking contests are an excellent way for the community to interact with the Branch.

There will be a National Canadian film day Wed 18 Apr. (Secretary's note. The film to be shown that day will be Men with Brooms). The free event will be open to the public.

Janet outlined the progress of work on the Lansdowne Veterans Memorial at the local school. She is being assisted by Alfie Read and Bill Beswetherick. A letter has been sent to the Governor General asking her to preside at the dedication ceremony.

**Honours and Awards** Alfie Read noted that he, Owen Fitzgerald, and John Robertson recently had presented a Legion 150 medal to Christine Forman of Forman farms near Seeley's Bay. For the past nine years she has been donating tomatoes to the monthly Legion brunches.

Plans are underway for a Friends of the Legion Appreciation Night at which the Branch recognizes the many people who make the Branch a success.

**Sports** Bob Howard noted that four Branch members – John Robertson, Mike Battams, Bob Howard, and Brian Thompson - will attend Ontario cribbage competition in Toronto on 10 Mar. If the branch team should win, the Zone competition would be held in Gananoque in 2019.

Mike Battams, Brian Thompson, Kelly Burt, and Robert Randall Burt on one team and Doug and Fay Johnston and Bob and Shirley Howard on another team will attend Zone Euchre to be held in Brockville this coming weekend.

**PRO** Bill Beswetherick noted that recently the Branch had received the medals awarded to Private Fletcher of Gananoque who was killed in action in late 1918 as well as a medal awarded during the Boer War.

**Bursaries** John Robertson noted that Ontario bursaries have been increased from \$500 to \$750. the bursary application forms are available on line at the Ontario Command website.

**Manager** Ann DeWolfe noted that the bar would operate Mon to Fri from 11 am to 1 pm and then close until 3 pm. This is being done partly to offset the recent legislated increase in minimum wages as well as the reduced use of the bar in the early afternoon.

There will be a Fish Fry and a Meat Draw on Fr 23 Feb. There will be entertainment for St Patrick's Day 17 March.

She noted that doors to the Legion will be locked during the times when there is not a bartender at the bar.

**Adjournment** At 7:50 John Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Howard. Carried.

Wes Rideout  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary