

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 14 February7 2017**

Committee Members Present

President	Cliff Weir
1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3rd Vice President	John Robertson
Executive Members	Janet Gaylord
	Ron Knapton
	Anne Parker
	John Petch
	Alfie Read
	Dan Spencer
	Bev Miller
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Murray Salter
Harold Miller
Larry Scott

Introduction There were 22 members present including executive members and two new members to be inducted. President Cliff Weir announced that he would not be running as President. He believed that after ten years there needs to be a new direction in the Branch. He also noted that there needs to be new people on the Executive or at least volunteering to assist with the many tasks that have to be done to make the Branch a success. Wes Rideout announced that he would seek election as President.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch had a loss of \$1,056.62 for January. Although a loss, this was considerably less than the losses in Jan over the past few years. The Building Fund has \$79,382.61 and the General Fund account has \$59,167.62 for a total of \$136,550.23 that can be used for maintenance and operations.

Lottery The Lottery Fund has \$7,441.00. Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch has committed to providing a grant of \$2,000 to the Brockville General Hospital in early 2017. That would be the last of the five donations that the Branch agreed to provide to the hospital. In addition to the Branch donation, the Poppy Fund is committed to providing \$1,000. In the past, the Ladies Auxiliary also had provided a \$2,000 donation. It is expected that the Branch grants will be made in April together with donations from the Town.

Bill read letters of thanks from the Linklater Breakfast Club, the Book Drive, and the Toy Drive. He made a motion for a grant of \$250 to the Gananoque Minor Hockey Tournament to pay for ice time. Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

Membership The meeting began with the induction of Karen Rideout and Sharron Dorey as new members.

Anne Parker noted that at the end of Jan 2017 Branch 92 had a renewal rate of 99.49% for the year 2016. Our nominal roll shows 340 members. Anne reminded members that only the names of members whose dues have been paid are eligible for Toonie draw and the daily draw at the bar. She will be updating the membership book at the entrance to the bar. Her records show that in 2016 we had 47 new members, including reinstated members, transferees, and newly-inducted.

The Branch web site is an excellent way to inform members what is happening. During the past several years the site has had 20,000 'hits'. Anne also reminded those who want their events publicized to inform her at her E Mail at membership_92@hotmail.com or by calling her at 613-382-8936.

Friday night Fun Darts is going so well that she has had to limit the number of players to 32 per night. If you want to participate, contact Anne.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord reminded those members who had volunteered to assist with the youth public speaking that the event starts at 1 pm Sun 26 Feb. She requested \$400 from the General Account for prizes and light snacks. Seconded by Alfie Read. Carried. There was a discussion about including in the speaking contest students from Lansdowne Thousand Islands Intermediate and Elementary School because the Mallorytown Legion does not have the personnel to support the programme. Hopefully the issue will be resolved at the Zone G-2 meeting to be held 19 Feb.

House and Property Charlie Burridge noted that work is underway to fix the toilets on the main floor which often leak or fail to flush properly. He estimates that this would cost about \$3,500. He would like some time in the future to do the toilets on the second floor.

Work on the bar is being held in abeyance awaiting estimates from contractors. There is considerable rot in parts of the floor.

Service Officer Three veterans attend the Ontario Command Service Officer visit on 8 Jan.

Sports Larry Scott has resigned as Sports Officer. Dee Hill has volunteered to take over as Sports Officer.

Sick and Visiting Bev Miller visited Carveth for the Christmas gathering of veterans and Legionnaires. She visited Mary Battams-Rochefort in Kingston General Hospital and St. Mary's. Mary was Past Branch and past LA President, who recently passed away. Bev, along with Ron Miller, also visited Gerry Walker who is hoping to go to St Mary's for rehab, is able to accept visitors.

Manager/Entertainment Manger Ann DeWolfe noted that Feb has been a busy time with the Meat Draw and LA dinner/dance. On 18 Mar there will be a tour bus visiting the Branch with Legionnaires from the Cardinal Legion. All members are welcome to greet our visitors. St Patrick's Day should be quite a busy night as it occurs on a Fri, 17 Mar. There will be a fundraiser on Feb 25 Mar for Paul Brooks who recently underwent a double-lung transplant which will include a fish fry 4-7 pm, raffles, and entertainment.

PRO Plans are underway to mark the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge with a small ceremony at the war memorial.

New Business Wes Rideout outlined what will happen 21-23 April when Branch 92 hosts the District G Convention. Wes is the Convention Co-ordinator. We expect about 220 delegates. Registration will be at the Legion Fri evening and all day Sat as well as a the High School Sun am.

Delegates will gather at meetings throughout Gananoque and will attend a turkey dinner Sat evening. All Branch members are welcome to attend events and to meet the delegates from the 62 Legions in Eastern Ontario. There will be entertainment Fri pm as well as Sat pm and Sat evening. The LA will offer light meals Fri evening and throughout Sat. There will be a Remembrance ceremony at the war memorial about noon Sat 22 Apr. The dress for the Sat evening meal is casual. The Branch is allowed four voting delegates at the District G Convention elections to be held at Gananoque Sun 23 Apr.

Branch Adjournment At 7:58 Glen Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Petch. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary