

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 13 January 2015**

**Committee Members Present**

**Committee Members Absent**

President	Cliff Weir	Glen Parker
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ron Miller	Charlie Burridge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Carl Duff	Ray Foster
Executive Members	Peter Mills	Bev Miller
	Al Read	
	Anne Parker	
	Janet Gaylord	
	Dan Spencer	
	John Robertson	
	Ken Stewart	
	Ron Knapton	
	Jerry Witkowicz	
	Ross Richardson	
Branch Chaplain	Harold Miller	
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick	
Manager	Ann DeWolfe	

**Introduction** There were 24 members present including executive members. President Cliff Weir noted that the 2015 Levee was the best attended for at least ten years with 92 members and the public in attendance.

He provided an update on the progress of installing a new rood surface over most of the building that is being funded by a recent Trillium grant of \$68,100. The work should be done by mid January. The roof project is being combined with the installation of a new venting system in the kitchen that includes a fire suppression system. This will allow the Branch to install a deep fryer.

**Treasurer** Bill Beswetherick stated that the Branch is doing quite well financially. October and November were good months with many activities. As a result, the Branch made a profit of \$7,424.

The Lottery Fund contains \$2,037.64. The General Fund had \$33,402.85 (there is an additional \$68,100 in the General Account from the Trillium Fund to pay for refinishing the roof) and the Building Fund had \$42,011.13 which gives the

Branch \$75,423.98 for Branch operations and maintenance.

**Lottery** Carl Duff read a letter of thanks from the Xmas for Kids programme. He proposed \$200 for the Salvation Army Winter Relief Programme and \$250 towards ice rental for Bantam Hockey. Seconded by Ross Richardson. Carried.

**Sick and Visiting** Wes Rideout noted that he had visited Fox Run just before Christmas and had delivered small gifts to 13 veterans and Legion members living there.

**Youth Education** Janet Gaylord stated that she is looking for volunteers to assist in judging the speaking contests Sunday, 15 February 2015 that will start with registrations at 12:30 pm.

She also noted that seven of Gananoque students in the Zone G-2 poster, essay, and poetry contests had advanced to District level competition. Two Gananoque students did quite well at District with one (Thomas Elkins) placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Black and White Posters and one placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Poems (Jordan Van Koughnett).

Janet generated considerable discussion about setting up a face book page on the Branch website. The issue will be investigated further by concerned parties.

**Honours and Awards** Chair Al Read noted the success of the New Year's Levee. We still await the Life Membership pins and certificates for Anne and Glen Parker.

**Membership** Anne Parker noted that we have 95% paid up membership as of 13 Jan. Letters are going out to those members who have not yet renewed their memberships.

In 2014 the Branch had 37 new members initiated. Four new members will be initiated 19 January. Their work prevents them from being initiated at a General Meeting.

**Sports** Ross Richardson noted that a District 8 Ball Tournament was held at the Branch on 10 Jan. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for having food available and the Branch for opening the upstairs bar. Two teams from Gananoque participated in the 8 Ball. One Branch 92 team, which included Ross and Sean O'Connell, will advance to Provincial Tournament in Toronto 27-28 March.

Super Bowl Euchre 1 February will be followed by the game.

Zone Darts 3 January in Brockville. The two Branch teams did not advance to the next level.

**PR** Bill Beswetherick noted that the Gananoque Legion will host the Zone G-2 Convention 15 March.

The Branch has been asked to participate in ceremonies, tentatively arranged for Friday 18 June 2015, marking the end of the War of 1812. There will be events at the Joel Stone Park and at International Square followed (tentatively) by a reception at the Legion on 18 June 2015. More details to follow.

**Manager** There will be Meat Draws in January and February. The increase in the number of Legion events shows in increased bar revenues. Anne reminded everyone of the Appreciation night to be held Saturday 17 January to thank everyone who support the Legion.

**Adjournment** At 7:55 p.m. Carl Duff Hale made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried.

**Cliff Weir**  
**President**

**Bill Beswetherick**  
**Secretary**