

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 14 Jan 2020**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
	Alf Read
	Shirley Howard
	Sharron Dorey
	John Robertson
	Gloria MacMillan
	Joanne Lancaster
	Scotty Stoness
	Carl Roehl
	Murray Salter
	Owen Fitzgerald
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Doug Johnston
Wes Rideout
Charlie BurrIDGE
Ron Miller
Bev Miller

President The meeting was chaired by 1st Vice President Anne Parker. She and Ray Foster began the meeting by inducting a new member Tammy Tedford. Anne also mentioned Ted Davis being reinstated. He is transferring from Branch 560, is a 60-year member of the Legion and was born in 1929.

Ray Foster then gave his Presidents' report. About 70 people attended the 2020 New Years Levee. The following awards were presented at the Levee: Honouree of the Year to Shirley Walker, Legionnaire of the Year to 'Scotty' Stoness, and a Life Membership to Janet Gaylord. There will be a Roast Beef dinner Sun 19 Jan. Ray mentioned that the LA is planning another Feb Fest. We await the results of a meeting by the LA.

The issue of a chair lift continues to be investigated. Smiths Falls Legion had a chair lift but removed it recently and replaced it with an elevator system at a cost of about \$150,000. We are hoping to travel to Smiths Falls to examine how it obtained the funding as well as the issues of insurance, regular safety checks, and training for staff that is required.

Joanne Lancaster made a motion to accept the Dec 2019 General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Sharron Dorey. Carried.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch had a profit of \$11,913.25 in November partly as a result of having our taxes of \$6,327.21 reimbursed and also because of the \$2,000 donation from the PROUD group at the Shorelines Casino. There was 11,847.32 in the Lottery Account. There was \$101,990.01 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$180,694.05. Ray noted that the Ladies Auxiliary makes monthly donation of \$1,000 to the Branch and also presented an additional \$7,000 in Dec 2019.

Lottery Sharron Dorey put forward a motion to give Interval House a grant of \$500 to assist.

families in distress. Seconded by Sam Noseworthy.

Youth Education Joanne Lancaster and Sharron Dorey will be going to the local schools this Thur. and Fri. to present the prizes to local schools. Sharron noted that seven of nine posters have advanced from Zone Level to District. Sun 1 March will be public speaking at the Branch with registration at 12:30.

Service Officer Alf Read noted that on 19 Dec afghans knitted by Rhona Offord were presented to six veterans at Carveth. Alf also is looking at presentation of afghans to other veterans in the area. Owen Fitzgerald inquired about afghans the seven veterans living at Fox Run. Alf will investigate. In a related issue, Ray mentioned a request by the Military Families organization to meet with Branch members to meet concerning veteran issues.

Membership Anne Parker reported there are 202 paid-up members. She reminded members that their dues should have been paid by 1 Jan. She will remind members at the end of this month. The Toonie Draw and 50/50 Draw have been updated to include only those members who have paid their dues.

Sports Scotty Stoness noted that there would be District Cribbage this weekend with Bob and Shirley Howard and John and Marjory Robertson competing.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey stated there are plans underway for a Gananoque Boat Line cruise in Jun or Sep Time Frame. The idea would be to have the event open to all Legionnaires in the area and their families as well as to the general public. Sharron will report when she gets more information from the boat line manager Neil McCarney. She also asked for volunteers to assist her in organizing the event.

Manager December was a good month with many events. Superbowl will be Sun 2 Feb. It is planned to have a super Euchre tournament that day.

New Business John Robertson noted that the Branch should start planning for the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe on 9 May which coincided with the liberation of the Netherlands.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:42 by Bob Howard. Seconded by Shirley Howard.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary