

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 14 January 2014**

Committee Members Present

President Cliff Weir
1st Vice President Ron Miller
2nd Vice President Carl Duff
3rd Vice President Ray Foster
Executive Members Ross Richardson
 Bev Miller
 Glen Parker
 Janet Gaylord
 Bill Hale
 John Robertson
 Anne Parker
 Peter Mills
 Ron Knapton
 Dan Spencer

Secretary Bill Beswetherick

Manager Ann DeWolf

Committee Members Absent

Murray Salter
Charlie Burrige
Anne Parker

Introduction There were 28 members present including executive members. President Cliff Weir opened the meeting by noting that the Branch had a very successful New Year's Levee, and he congratulated Anne Parker for being named the Branch 92 Legionnaire of the Year.

Cliff noted the recent passing of two Life Members – John Matheson and Bill Nuttall. The meeting was preceded by the presentation of the District G 8 Ball Trophy to Bill Warren and Rodney Davis who were winners at the tournament held recently in Ottawa. They now will compete at the Ontario Tournament in Owen Sound in March.

Secretary Bill Beswetherick read a letter from Paul and Carolyn Scott thanking the Branch for naming them as the 2014 Honouree of the Year.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick stated that the Lottery Fund contained \$3,023.50. The General Fund had \$10,645.53 and the Building Fund \$26,750.12 which gives the Branch \$37,395.65 for operations and maintenance.

Lottery Carl Duff proposed three grants: Linklater Breakfast Club \$200 Blind Dogs \$300 Tim Horton Bowling Tournament \$200. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Service Officer Dan Spencer noted that he was handling four requests for support. He emphasized that veterans must request support while the veteran is still live in order for the spouse to receive any benefits. Dan reminded members that the next visit to Gananoque by the Ontario Command Service Officer will occur in April.

Sick and Visiting Bev Miller thanked Ron Miller, Murray Salter, Glen Parker, and Janet

Gaylord for attending the Carveth Christmas meet and greet. Bev noted that currently there are 23 veterans at Carveth.

Youth Janet Gaylord noted that the Branch 92 public speaking will occur Sunday 23 Feb. Registration 12:30 Contest starts 1 pm. Zone G-2 Speaking will occur 16 March at Branch 92. Set up 8:30 am set up. Sign up 9:30 am. Starts 10 am. Volunteers required to assist on 23 February.

Poppy Bill Beswetherick noted that most of the coins have been counted. Currently there is \$7,320 in the account after paying \$615 for poster, essay, and poetry contest prizes. . That is almost exactly what Branch 92 had in January 2013. The major upcoming expense is to replenish the wreath and poppy stock – about \$2,500. Other upcoming major expenses include a donation of \$1,000 to the Brockville General Hospital, about \$750 for the annual Veterans dinner (to occur at Carveth on 5 June this year), and possible donations of \$500 to the Cadet Corps and \$1,000 to the St. Lawrence Medical Centre.

Sports Ross Richardson briefed members of the following sports events:

Notices for Euchre and Bowling have been posted. Euchre is in Toledo 1 Feb and Bowling in Elgin 22 Feb.

Bill Warren and Rodney Davis have advanced to the Ontario 8 Ball Tournament to be played at Owen Sound 29 March. The District 8 Ball will be held in Gananoque in 2015.

Super Bowl Sunday – An afternoon of fun – starts with euchre – the euchre sign-board is up.

House and Property The recent ice storm and the rain resulted in some leaking of the roof. A financial Review Committee is required by our By laws and by Command By Laws. Ray Foster, Dan Spencer, and Ron Knapton agreed to be on a committee chaired by Charlie Burrige.

Manager Anne De Wolfe noted that that there would be a Meat Draw 17 January and a Spaghetti Night 17 January.

Ann asked for approval to enter into a contract with MY FM 99.9 radio station for \$250 to get advertising at a cut rate. Ron Knapton noted that perhaps this could be shared by the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. Motion proposed by Bev Miller. Agreed.

New Business Cliff weir noted that there was a request for the Branch to provide a breakfast/brunch for up to 150 people who will be attending an event at the town park on Saturday 7 June. He asked if he had the support of members to host the event. It was decided to provide the breakfast/brunch from 8 to 10 am. More details to follow. The normal Sunday Brunch the first Sunday of each month would occur on 1 June.

Bev Miller reminded members of a Valentine Dinner Friday 14 February. Tickets available at the bar.

If members have anything that they want placed on the Branch website, please contact webmaster Wes Rideout at wesandkaren@1000island.net

Adjournment At 7:40 p.m. Glen Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Miller.
Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary