

**Minutes of a General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 12 Jun 2018**

**Committee Members Present**

President Wes Rideout  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Janet Gaylord  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Howard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ray Foster

Executive Members Anne Parker  
Doug Johnston  
John Robertson  
Alfie Read  
Owen Fitzgerald  
Murray Salter  
Jim McGee  
Gloria MacMillan  
Deborah McGee

Secretary Bill Beswetherick

Manager Ann DeWolfe

**Committee Members Absent**

Cliff Weir

**President** There were 26 members in attendance. The meeting started with the induction of Jim McGee as the Sergeant at Arms and the induction of new member Diane Payette.

President Wes Rideout reminded members of the unveiling of a United Nations memorial at the Legion Rider's Park at 2 pm on Sat 9 Jun followed by a reception at the Branch.

There will be no brunch Sun 1 Jul although there will be an event at the Legion 11 am to 2 pm featuring a smoked meat sandwich, French fries and a beer for \$9.

There will be a financial review seminar on 16 Jun at Kitley-Toledo on Branch Financial review. Wes Rideout and Bill Beswetherick will attend. Any member wishing to attend please contact Bill Beswetherick. Ron Miller will head the team that will do a Financial review of Branch 92 finances.

The issue of extending the Legion parking lot and 'oiling' the surface – a cost of about \$1,500 was discussed. No decision was made.

**Treasurer** Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch did well for April making a profit of \$3,684.76. The Fiscal Year 2017/18 audit will be available shortly.

As of the date of the General Meeting the Branch has \$79,873.61 in its Building Fund and \$56,031.08 in its General Fund for a total of \$135,904.69.

The Branch received a rebate from the Town for all of its 2017 taxes, just over \$7,500.00

**Raffle** Bill Beswetherick reported there was \$10,707.93 in the Raffle Fund. Doug Johnston read a letter of appreciation for a donation of \$750 made to the Ontario Command Charitable Foundation which among other items, funds the bursary program. The Branch also received a letter of appreciation from the Gananoque Salvation Army for its recent donation of \$500.

Doug Johnston made a motion to approve a grant of \$400 to Carveth to assist in the payment of remembrance stones in the Veteran's Memorial Garden in honour of veterans who passed away in 2017. Seconded by Alfie Read. Carried. The intent is to have a stone dedication ceremony on Wed 22 Aug at Carveth. Timing and other details to be confirmed and will be on the Branch website.

The Gananoque Heritage Museum is a registered charity. It is conducting a number of summer programs for area youth; Doug Johnston made a motion to give the Museum a grant of \$500. Seconded by Deborah McGee. Carried.

**Membership** Anne Parker noted that paid up membership, including Life Members, is 276. She noted a change in the funding of Life Memberships. Instead of a Branch paying Dominion Command a lump sum of per capita for periods ranging from 5 to 15 years depending on the member's age when he/she was granted a Life Membership Branches can now pay the sum yearly.

Members can register on the Legion website where they can review their files, make changes, renew online, etc.

**Youth Education** Nothing to report. Janet Gaylord noted that plans are proceeding with the dedication of a veterans war memorials in Lansdowne Sat 22 Sep. More details to follow.

**Sports** Bob Howard noted that the golf league for the Branch began 22 May and runs to 28 Sep. Golfing would be Tue 11 am to 3 pm at a cost of \$7.50.

The Branch will host the Zone G-2 Golf Tournament 14 Jul. Details are on the Branch bulletin board. Sign up at the bar. Following the event there will be a meal the Branch.

**Poppy** Murray Salter made a motion to donate \$750 to the Lansdowne Medical Centre which is used by many members and veterans. Seconded by Glen Parker .Ontario Command will be asked to approve a Special Use Application to spend the funds.

Murray Salter, assisted by Owen Fitzgerald, will do the 2018 Poppy Campaign. The Branch received a thank-you from Ontario Command for the \$1,000 Poppy donation to the Homeless Veterans Program.

**Entertainment** Sharon Dorey briefed members on the dances held the last Sun of

each month. They have proven to be quite popular. The dance Sun 27 May with “The Reasons” performing involved a \$10 cover charge and a small meal and attracted 55 people. Joanne Lancaster has joined the dance committee which now include Sharon, Brian Gibson, Suzanne St. Pierre, and Angelic Cardinal. The last dance of this season will be 24 Jun with entertainment by “The Monarchs” who are booked for the branch New Year’s Party. There will be no dances in Jul or Aug. Future dances are Sun 30 Sep Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman and 28 Oct “The Silver tones”.

**Manager** As you can see from the financial statement for April, it was a very good month with three very large events. Billy Bridger is popular and will appear in Jul. Jul and Aug are 'down' months as members go to their cottages.

Except for the monthly dances, attendance at the Legion on Sundays continues to be very low and often fails even to pay the bartender's wages.

**New Business** Bill Beswetherick made a motion to fund the production of three Legion signs at the three main entrances to the Town. The cost would be \$120 plus taxes, Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried.

Sharon Foley raised the issue of the Webb Room being very cold for Bingo nights. A long discussion ensued. The issue already has been addressed in letters to the Ladies Auxiliary. The Branch building heating/cooling system is controlled centrally for all of the rooms in the building and in the winter is set for 71 degrees Celsius. She also expressed concern about the ducting system. Charlie Burrige, who assisted in the installation of the current HVAV system under a Trillium Grant in 2008, said the system is checked four times a year. Sharon indicated that the Ladies Auxiliary would obtain quotes for the cost of insulating the room that holds Bingo supplies as it gets very cold in the winter and this affects the Bingo tables located near the room. To be discussed with LA.

Ray Foster made a motion to cancel General Meetings Jul and Aug and to give the Executive to make decisions during this period. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

**Adjournment** At 8:36 Ray Foster made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Wes Rideout  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary