

**Minutes of a General Meeting  
Held At Branch 92  
Tuesday 11 June 2019**

**Committee Members Present**

President  
Past President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Executive Members

Ray Foster  
Wes Rideout  
Anne Parker  
Bob Howard  
Doug Johnston  
Gloria MacMillan  
John Robertson  
Owen Fitzgerald  
Sharron Dorey  
Ron Miller  
Bev Miller  
Carl Roehl  
Scotty Stoness  
Murray Salter  
Charlie BurrIDGE

**Committee Members Absent**

Secretary/Treasurer  
Manager

Bill Beswetherick  
Ann DeWolfe

**President** Ray Foster introduced Zone G-2 Commander Ralph McMullen who is here tonight for a special event that will occur shortly.

The meeting began with Ray Foster and Anne Parker initiating new members Richard Clarkson and Graham Talbot. Anne also welcomed Bill Hale after a long absence and announced that the 492 Cadet Corps Commander Claudia Castillo-Rivas has been reinstated.

Ray asked for a motion to deviation from the normal order of business. Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried. The next event was to present Murray Salter with the Meritorious Service Medal. An abbreviated version of the MSM citation was read by Alf Read. It will be posted on the Branch bulletin board. President Ray Foster and Zone Commander Ralph McMullen presented Murray with his MSM.

The 4 Jun Executive Meeting minutes contained a list of new executive members and their responsibilities. Ray asked for approval for the various appointments. Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried. The list of these appointments/responsibilities has been posted on the Branch bulletin board.

Ray stated that Jerry Witkowicz, his wife Christine Witkowicz, and Don Dorval have agreed to do the Financial Review that will be completed before the Sep General Meeting. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Ray Foster asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 14 May General and the 4 June Executive Meeting. Seconded by Carl Duff. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** Bill Beswetherick stated the Branch made a profit of \$3,119 in March. As of 11 Jun there was \$68,499 in the General Fund and \$78,515 in the Building Fund for a total of \$146,014

that can be used for operations or maintenance. There was \$13,028 in the Lottery Fund. His report was seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

**Sports** Past Sports Chair Bob Howard noted that two teams will go to Zone Golf in Lyndhurst this weekend.. There is notice up for Branch Summer Golf which starts next week. Interested members are to contact Sports Officer Scotty Stoness. Report seconded by Ron Miller.

**Leadership and Development** Ron Miller introduced himself in his new position and emphasized the key role played by all members in the success of the Branch. There was a discussion about the wearing of epaulets on summer dress shirts. It was agreed to continue wearing them with "Gananoque". Anne Parker agreed to sew them on. Ron's report was seconded by Bob Howard. Carried. Ron noted that the first training session for new executive members will occur shortly. Zone Commander Ralph McMullen stated the Poppy Seminar will be 6 Oct in Smiths Falls and the Service Officer seminar will be at Smiths Falls 5 Oct.

**Ways & Means** Sharron Dorey reported on the 26 May Sun dance with Neil Carter. Attendance of 44 was down from the previous dance but still made a profit of \$135. Spare food was donated to the Salvation Army. Next dance is Sun 30 Jun with Spare Change. No dances in Jul and Aug. Check the Branch Website for details on dances 29 Sep, 27 Oct, and 17 Nov. Sharron has arranged with Ann De Wolfe to hold two dance events this summer with the first one being 14 June with The Reasons. There will be a dance 24 Aug 7-11 pm with Chelsea Road. These events will involve a \$10 cover charge and will be held in the Webb Room. Report seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Sharron suggested that entertainment should follow Meat Draws and the need to have a cover charge for entertainment. She also noted the need to produce a list of events that can be made available to visitors and local hotels and the need for better signs indicating events. All of these items will be investigated further. Sharron noted there is a need for a sign on the front of the building advertising events, Ray Foster noted that the issue of signs is being investigated including removing the large electronic sign that is so high it serves no purpose.

**Honours and Awards** John Robertson noted a meeting 13 Jun to discuss honors and awards, mainly pins and certificates of appreciation/merit. The plan is to hand these out at an Honours and Awards night during Legion Week in Sep.

**Branch Website** The Branch website has had over 37,000 'hits' since it was established all upcoming events are put on the website. Which now has 29 pages plus other links. Her report was seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

**Manager** Ann DeWolfe noted that usually the summer months are quite quiet but that many events have been booked for the next few months. She thanked Sharron Dorey for agreeing to take over Ways and Means and increase the number of events at the Branch. We will find a four-day period when the floors can be refinished. The Branch is having problems with the office photocopies/fax/scanner and may have to be replaced at a cost of about \$500.

**Lottery** Doug Johnston made motions for the following: \$250 to Girls Incorporated which provides leadership training for girls in area towns, including Gananoque. \$250 to Gananoque Canoes Club. \$250 to St Joseph Catholic School for a programmer to encourage outdoor activities. \$500 Valour Canada which provides PR for Canada's involvement in wars. Girls Incorporated, St Joseph School, and the Canoe Club were seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

## **New Business**

Ray noted that there will be a July 7 Brunch but none in August to allow volunteers to have the long weekend with their families.

Wes Rideout stated there will be an event at the Legion 1 July similar to what we had in 2018. Smoked meat, fries, and a drink for \$10. 11 am to 1 pm. Members are encouraged to wear red and white.

John Robertson made a motion to discontinue General Meetings Jul and Aug. Seconded by Ron Miller. Carried.

Bill Beswetherick noted that work on the accessibility door should start within 14 days. The Poppy fund will be able to donate \$2,000 towards the door plus whatever is raised from the sale of barrels, about \$800.

Scotty Stoness noted that the two pool tables should be recovered at an estimated cost of about \$900 per table and that this should be done before the start of the pool league in Oct. Scotty will report at the next meeting

Bill Beswetherick stated that Carveth Care Center will be dedicating stones in its Memorial Garden in honor of veterans who have passed away. The event will be 10:30 am 21 Aug. More details to follow. Bill asked for a Lottery Fund grant of \$300 to assist in paying for the stones to assist the Charitable Foundation which began the project about 14 years ago. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

Janet Gaylord has discussed with Fox Run a veterans dinner 27 Jun to include Carveth veterans. There is nothing required by the Legion. Janet Gaylord gave a report on the rain barrel sale held 18 May and thanked everyone who assisted. The sale raised about \$810 which will be used to assist in paying for the new accessibility door.

Wes Rideout has volunteered to coordinate the activities for the LA 75th anniversary dinner 15 Jun. He welcomes Branch volunteers to cook and serve the meals.

Ray Foster  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary