

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 12 Mar 2019**

Committee Members Present

President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Janet Gaylord
3 rd Vice President	Ray Foster
Past President	Cliff Weir
Executive Members	Alf Read
	Anne Parker
	Doug Johnston
	Jim McGee
	Deborah McGee
	John Robertson
	Murray Salter
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick

Committee Members Absent

Bob Howard
Gloria MacMillan

President There were 26 members in attendance. President Wes Rideout noted the following points.

Branch elections will be held Tue 14 May. He encouraged those who wish to nominate a person to serve on the executive to first contact them to see that they are willing to run if elected.

The Town of Gananoque is considering a Legion proposal to install a light in the area of the municipal parking lot on Pine Street to illuminate both the Town and the Legion parking lots. In the spring, when the snow melts, the roof over the Webb Room will be examined to eliminate a leak over the Webb Room.

The Legion will host a talk on Fri 26 Apr by author Ted Barris about the Canadian participation in the 1943 Dam Buster raid. The Lansdowne Historical Society and the Seely's Bay and Mallorytown Legions will share the cost of the author's \$450 honorarium.

Wes Rideout noted that because of Jim McGee's work schedule, he no longer is able to continue to serve as the Sergeant at Arms. If you know anyone that is willing to take on these responsibilities please contact Wes.

The Zone G-2 Convention and election of executive members will be in Gananoque Sun 17 Mar followed by St Patrick's Day events.

Ladies Auxiliary 75th anniversary. Branch members are being asked to cook and serve the meal. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the room for those willing to volunteer to serve/cook for the meal.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there was \$62,258.42 in the General Fund and \$78,422.21 in the Building Fund for a total of \$142,680.63. Over the past year the combined total of the two funds has fluctuated from a low of \$141,800 to a high of

\$152,000.

Poppy Murray Salter put forward a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Ontario Command Leave the Streets Behind Programme. Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

Lottery Fund Doug Johnston noted that there was \$11,965.42 in the Lottery Fund. The following requests for funds were made: \$1,500 to the Ontario Command Bursary Fund. John Robertson noted that this would cover bursaries for two students. John also requested a donation of \$300 for the Princess of Wales Own Regiment for its support of the 2019 Robbie Burns afternoon. Doug Johnston put forward for approval a grant of \$500 to the Gananoque and District Humane Society. Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch has been asked to support the 26 September Dam Buster presentation by sponsoring the meal for local high school history students. The number of students attending has not yet been determined. Bill asked for a sum not exceeding \$400 to pay for the meals for these students. All of these grants were seconded by Carl Duff. Approved.

Youth Education Janet noted that 80 parents and friends attended the Zone G-2 Public Speaking held at the Branch 17 Feb. She also named the local student who performed well at the District Public Speaking contest held recently.

Janet explained a fund raising project involving the selling of rain barrels. A company would control the purchase of barrels and the collection of funds with the Branch receiving \$10 per barrel. The Branch would provide the Branch Parking lot and some assistance in unloading them. Wes mentioned that the barrel selling could be combined with a BBQ. The barrel event would occur Sat 18 May as part of Victoria weekend. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the room for volunteers to sign up to assist with the BBQ and the distribution of the barrels.

Membership Anne Parker noted that paid-up membership stands at 224. Dominion Command will be sending out reminders to those who have not renewed their 2019 membership. Anne welcomed back Tony Latimer and Bruce Brennan who have been reinstated.

Veteran Service Alf Read noted that the 18 March visit by the Ontario Command Service Office will occur at the Seeley's Bay Legion rather than at Gananoque.

Honours and Awards Alf Read noted that he is finalizing the submission of a major award to a member.

Entertainment Sharon Dorey briefed members on the monthly dances. The dance 24 Feb attracted 34 people and raised \$109.44 plus bar sales. The next dances are 31 Mar, Tim Hallman & Terry Hoffman, 28 Apr The Reasons, 26 May Neil Carter, and 30 Jun Spare Change.

New Business John Robertson explained recent changes to the Bursary Programme.

President Rideout explained a notice that he proposed that the Branch insert in the Ontario Command Convention handout advertising Gananoque and the Branch. The cost would be \$150. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried. Wes also asked for approval of

\$600 so that he could attend the Convention in May. Seconded by Ray Foster. Carried.

Adjournment At 8:11 Carl Duff made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary