

Minutes of a General Meeting

Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 Mar 2020

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston
Past President	Wes Rideout
Members	Bev Miller
	Ron Miller
	John Robertson
	Alf Read
	Shirley Howard
	Sharron Dorey
	John Robertson
	Murray Salter
	Joanne Lancaster
	Scotty Stoness
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Gloria MacMillan
Carl Roehl
Charlie Burrige
Owen Fitzgerald

There were 25 members in attendance. Conducting the General Meeting was 3rd Vice President Doug Johnston. The meeting began with the induction of new member, veteran Stephen Beardmore. Janet Gaylord was presented with her Life Membership card, pin, and certificate. Her plaque should arrive shortly.

Minute of 3 Mar Executive Meeting. The minutes were seconded by Ron Miller. Carried. Because of the confusion about the Pride and the PROUD organizations, a request from Pride for \$100 had been rejected. Bill explained the purpose of the Pride grant request and explained that the group already had booked the Legion for a meeting in the spring. He made a motion to support a grant of \$100 to the organization. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Treasurer's Report There is \$95,936.54 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$173,604.58. January 2020 saw a loss of \$3,880. January historically has been a bad month. The loss in Jan 2019 was \$4,650. There is \$10,690.72 in the Lottery Account.

Lottery - Bill Beswetherick made a motion for a grant of \$250 to support the Lansdowne Fair to be held this summer. The funds are to support the youth group part of the Fair. Seconded by Sharron Dorey. Carried.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey noted that the 1 Mar Public Speaking contest attracted three students each from St Joseph and Linklater schools and about 75 family members were

in attendance. She thanked judges Jim Garrah, Judy Morton, and Josie Mann as well as time keepers Murray Salter and Peter Mills and scrutineer Wes Rideout. The three first place went on to the 8 Mar Zone competition at Westport. None placed first which means they do not advance to the District level competition.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey noted a very successful Sun 28 Feb dance attended by 56 people which made a profit of \$299.80 exclusive of bar profits. Dances are scheduled for 29 Mar, 26 Apr, and 31 May.

Sharron briefed members on a proposed Gananoque Boat Line Legion boat tour planned for Sat 12 Sep from 6 pm to 10 pm. Entertainment by Chelsea Road. Buffet meal. Tickets would be \$45 each for Legion members and \$50 for non-members. Ray will mention the event at the 16 Feb Zone Council meeting as it is open to all Legion members as well as the public.

Sharron also briefed members on a proposed inside garage sale Sat 4 Apr. After some discussion on the merits of holding such an event, it was decided to cancel it.

Sports Scotty Stoness note that Branch 92 member Mike Battams, Brian Thompson, Robert Randal, Kelly Burt won the District Euchre and will advance to Ontario Command level competition. Scotty outlined the improvements underway to improve the Branch's 19 dart boards.

House and Property - Bill Beswetherick noted that our manager is working on improving the plumbing in some of the washrooms and improving an accessibility door in the ladies upstairs washroom.

Honours and Awards John Robertson note the Branch will have an Honours and Awards evening in Sep. He is seeking names of people deserving of a certificate of merit or a certificate of appreciation.

Bursary John Robertson noted that the recent Branch Poppy fund donation of \$1,500 to Ontario Command will cover two awarded to local students.

PRO Bill Beswetherick reminded members of the 8 May ceremony at the Gananoque war memorial to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted an upcoming Meat Draw 27 March and Fish Fry. She also noted some major recent expenses totaling \$3,200 which included \$550 to acquire urinal cartridges and \$2,000 for work to repair the bar fridge. Ann also noted that the plumbing in the bar is quite old and frequently leaks. She is having the plumbing examined to obtain an estimate which she believes will be quite costly, but the repairs are necessary. Ann also noted that the main Legion dining room and other parts of the Legion should be painted. She and Charlie Burrige will obtain an estimate.

New Business Bill Beswetherick noted the recent Branch acquisition of a cordless microphone system which allows two hand-held cordless microphones and two clip-on microphones. This system will make it easier to hold meetings by placing the microphones about the room and at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Bill recommended acquiring smaller speakers to replacing the large and quite heavy speakers the Branch acquired a few years ago using money from the books he co-wrote. They are quite heavy and difficult to use for events such as Remembrance Day. The lighter speaker, which are as powerful as the older speakers, would give the Branch the flexibility of using the sound system upstairs, improve the sound in the main dining/meeting room, and allow it to be used for Remembrance Day ceremonies as the military no longer provided a public address system. Bill requested approval of an expenditure of \$1,423 for the speakers. Seconded by Scotty Stoness. Approved.

Ray Foster noted the Zone G-2 Convention in Portland on Sun 15 Mar. Ray Foster, Bob Howard, John Robertson, and Wes Rideout, as members of Zone Council, already are going. The following members indicated they would attend: Doug Johnston and Shirley Howard. Ray will contact Carl Roehl to see if he would attend.

Ray noted the District G Convention 17-19 April in Smiths Falls. At the next General Meeting he will be seeking the names of those members who will be attending.

Ray noted the joint Branch and LA Executive meeting is scheduled for Tue 7 Apr.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:46 by Anne Parker. Seconded by John Robertson.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary