

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting/Elections
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 8 March 2016**

Committee Members Present

President	Cliff Weir
1 st Vice President	Ron Miller
2 nd Vice President	Jerry Witkowicz
3rd Vice President	John Robertson
Past President	Murray Salter
Executive Members	Janet Gaylord
	Dan Spencer
	Ron Knapton
	Wes Rideout
	Glen Parker
	Anne Parker
	John Petch
	Ross Richardson
	Larry Scott
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Harold Miller
Charlie Burridge
Bev Miller
Alfie Read

Introduction There were 22 members present including executive members.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch Building Fund account has \$28,510.68 and the General Fund account has \$68,817.72 for a total of \$97,328.00 that can be used for maintenance and operations. The meat draws, metal reclamation programme, and the Sunday Brunches all have contributed to our financial success. Many thanks to the volunteers who make the Legion a success.

Lottery The Lottery Fund has \$4,705.41. Ray Foster requested a \$500 to assist in sending a signals soldier from 2 Electronic Warfare Regiment to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge 9 April 2017. The Regiment and the signals units in Kingston have supported the Gananoque Remembrance Day ceremonies since at least 1962. Seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried. The signals unit and the individual soldier will be responsible for the other \$4,500 costs involved in attending the ceremony.

Bill Beswetherick noted that in 2016 the Branch and the LA are committed to a grant of \$2,000 and the Poppy fund to \$1,000 to the Brockville General Hospital. This will mark the tenth such donation to the Brockville or the Kingston General Hospitals. The donations, which will have totalled \$50,000 over the ten year period, have generated much positive publicity for the Legion, LA, and Poppy programme.

Poppy Bill Beswetherick noted that the Poppy Fund had \$7,850 in its account but that there is an outstanding bill for about \$2,850 for 2016 supplies. He requested approval of a grant of up to \$1,000 to the St. Lawrence Medical Centre in Lansdowne. Approval for the grant will be requested from Ontario Command (Secretary's note. Approval was received 11 March).

Sick and Visiting Bev Miller could not make it to the meeting because of illness. She sent a note stating that Alfie Read had been in hospital for four days following heart surgery. Bev noted that Comrade Mary Rochefort was not feeling well.

House and Property Cliff Weir noted that the next major projects involve replacing the kitchen gas grill which is quite old. In addition, considerable work is required to improve the bar area to make it more efficient and to improve its appearance. Ceiling tiles and flooring for the office in the basement have been purchased.

Membership Anne Parker reported that Robert Splane had been reinstated. Currently our paid-up membership is 87%. The higher our membership the more delegates we are allowed at conventions.

Sports Ross Richardson reported that Zone G-2 Euchre was held 20 Feb but there were no Branch representatives. Four Branch members participated in mixed Darts 27 Feb but did not advance to District. Branch members attended the seniors darts 11 Feb but did not advance to District. Branch members also attended bowling 20 Feb but did not advance to District. The Branch pool league banquet will be 9 April. Dates for the Carrie Coates Golf Tournament will be announced shortly.

Manager Ann DeWolfe reminded members of St Patrick's Day 17 March. The Branch will be close Good Friday, 25 March. She reminded members of an Appreciation Night to be held Fri 8 Sep. There will be Meat Draws the 1st and last Fridays of April. She is working with Stu Hill to arrange a Fish Fry to coincide with the 29 April Meat Draw.

New Business

Wes Rideout put forward a proposal for the Branch to acquire its own distinctive placemats. There were two options. One would be to include advertising by local companies which would pay for the placemats. The other option would be for there to be no advertising and for all of the information be about the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. It was decided to examine both options with input from the Branch and the LA and to make a decision before the next meeting.

The District G Convention will be held 15-17 April in Orleans. So far Ray Foster, Cliff Weir, John Robertson, and Bill Beswetherick will attend.

Bill Beswetherick reminded all members that they are invited to attend the 6 April Gananoque Service Club dinner/meeting. Cost \$20 per attendee.

Bill Beswetherick noted that the Town Heritage Committee has given approval in principle to the project to improve the war memorial. The project involves installing an interlocking brick or stone apron around the base of the memorial and a short, chain-link fence. In the spring the town will examine the large tree that overhangs the war memorial. The tree has a very large split in the trunk that extends up and along the branch that overhangs the war memorial.

Branch Adjournment At 7:55 Glen Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary