

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting/Annual Elections
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 May 2016**

Committee Members Present Committee Members Absent

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

Introduction There were 44 members present including executive members. Cliff Weir handed the chair to Don Bain, the Zone G-2 Commander, who ran the annual election of new Branch 92 officers.

The following members were elected by acclamation:

President	Cliff Weir
1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3 rd Vice President	John Robertson
Executive Members	Alfie Read
	Dee Hill
	Janet Gaylord
	Larry Scott
	Anne Parker
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick

Cliff Weir requested that the newly elected executive meet at 7 pm on Tue 24 May.

1st Vice President Ron Miller thanked Carl Duff, Glen Parker, Peter Mills, and Wes Rideout for their work over the past year doing the monthly bar stock audits.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch Building Fund has \$28,511.67 and the General Fund account has \$68,009.94 for a total of \$96,521.61 that can be used for maintenance and operations. He also reminded members of the high cost of maintaining the building. Utility costs alone for the past two months were \$2,596. We also paid \$1,971 in taxes but at the end of the year we receive most of these taxes back except for the school taxes. Even snow removal can be expensive. Our most recent bill for clearing the parking lot was \$845.

Lottery The Lottery Fund has \$4,992.82. Bill Beswetherick proposed that the Branch sponsor four tables at \$50 each at the Gananoque Intermediate and Secondary School Fundraising Spring Fling. This would allow the Branch to include on the tables information about the Gananoque Legion. Bill stated that he would donate copies each of the books *Voices from the Past*, *Canadian Letters from the First World War* and *Gananoque Remembers* for the silent auction fund raiser.

There was discussion about a request from the Playhouse Theatre for funds to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at a cost of \$2,000 plus taxes. It was decided that the Theatre should be capable of purchasing the item on its own.

Poppy Bill Beswetherick noted that the Poppy Fund will be sponsoring a Veteran's Dinner at Carveth on Wed 8 Jun.

There was discussion about whether to make a donation towards the Fort McMurray Disaster Relief programme organization. Dominion Command has allowed Branches to donate up to 50 percent of their poppy fund to the disaster relief plan. It was noted that funds can come from General Revenue as well as from Branch Raffle Funds. After some discussion, it was decided to wait to assess the situation before making a decision on a donation.

Sick and Visiting Bev Miller noted the Christmas party that was held at Carveth for veterans and Legionnaires. She provided Alfie Read and Mike MacDonald with comforts.

Honours and Awards Alfie Read noted that there will be a meeting of the Honours and Awards Committee at 10:00 am in Wed 18 May.

House and Property Cliff Weir noted that the new gas stove would cost about \$6,500, which is considerably less than the initial estimate of \$8,000. He also noted that the old stove should fetch about \$250 as scrap metal.

Cliff then gave Manager Ann DeWolfe a cheque for \$2,000 which represents the most recent metal collection that he and Carl Duff and John Robertson have made in the Metal Reclamation Programme.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted that Super Friday 29 Apr with a meat draw and a fish fry was a great success. She said that two bartenders are off sick but that a new bartender has been acquired.

New Business Zone G-2 Commander Don Bain briefed members on Zone G-2 and District G happenings. Branches are allowed to use Poppy Funds for the INVICTUS games which feature injured and sick service personnel. Don indicated that there will be an effort to raise per capita by \$1. He also noted that efforts are underway so that small branches do not have to pay for the testing of their water. There also was a concern that higher electricity rates will have on the viability of small branches.

Branch Adjournment At 8:20 Ron Knapton made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary