

**Minutes of an Executive/General Meeting/Annual Elections
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 9 May 2017**

Committee Members Present Committee Members Absent

President	Cliff Weir	John Petch
1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout	Bev Miller
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald	
3 rd Vice President	John Robertson	
Past President	Murray Salter	
Executive Members	Janet Gaylord	
	Ron Knapton	
	Anne Parker	
	Alfie Read	
	Dan Spencer	
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick	
Manager	Ann DeWolfe	

Introduction There were 38 members in attendance. The meeting began with the introduction of Comrade Ralph McMullen, the newly elected Commander of Zone G-2, who would be conducting the annual election of the new Executive for Branch 92.

The results of the election are as follows:

President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Ray Foster
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3 rd Vice President	Anne Parker

Executive Members Bob Howard
Janet Gaylord
John Robertson
Alfie Read
Ron Knapton
Doug Johnston
Heather Thomson

Reverend Harold was appointed as Branch Padre and Glen Parker as Sergeant at Arms.

President's Report Cliff Weir, outgoing Branch President thanked all comrades for their support during the nine years that he was their President. He noted that for the Branch to succeed it needed new members who are willing to support the newly-elected President with their advice and work.

Newly-elected President Wes Rideout thanked Cliff Weir for his nine years of outstanding service to the Branch as its President. Wes noted that the new terms of office do not begin until 1 Jun. He indicated that he would call a meeting in early June to assigning tasks to the new executive members.

Treasure's Report Bill Beswetherick noted that there was \$50,351.99 in the General Account and \$79,385.27 in the Building Fund which gives the Branch \$129,737.26. Bill noted that the Branch bank account total gives a misleading account of the Branch's financial viability. The bar barely supports keeping the Branch open. We recently have benefitted from two major bequeaths from estates totaling about \$120,000 as well as the approximately \$90,000 that was raised over the past many years by the metal reclamation program which has had to stop operations.

It is expected that our Fiscal Year 2016/17 annual Report will be available sometime in June. Our Fiscal Year ends 30 May.

Lottery On 3 May the Branch presented the Brockville General Hospital with a donation of \$2,000. The Ladies Auxiliary also donated \$2,000 to the Hospital. Bill Beswetherick explained the details of the five requests for funds and proposed the following Lottery Fund grants:

Military Police Blind Children's Fund \$200

Guide Dogs \$100

Almost Home \$200

Victims of Violence \$200

Gananoque School Book Drive \$200

All grants seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried

Poppy At the 3 May Branch and LA presentations to the Brockville General Hospital the Poppy Fund presented \$1,000.

Honours and Awards Alfie Read asked for nominations for Legionnaire of the Year and Honouree of the Year. He will be hosting a meeting to discuss the two awards.

Membership Anne Parker noted that the current paid membership is 292. We also have 20 Life Members. Anne hopes that in the near future that someone else will assume the duties of Membership Chair.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord explained a Veterans Memorial Arch that she is working on at the Lansdowne School. It involved erecting four granite plaques that will

bear the names of the 26 local men who lost their lives in the two world wars and Afghanistan. Branch 92 has provided the project a \$500 donation.

PRO This year will mark the 90th Year since the Branch was formed 10 April 1927 and the 100th anniversary of the awarding on 16 August 1917 of a posthumous Victoria Cross to Private Harry Brown of Gananoque. Details to follow. (Secretary's note: Because the Branch was busy with organizing the District G Convention, the 90th anniversary of the Branch will occur sometime this summer).

New Business President Cliff Weir asked all current executive members to remain behind for a short special Executive meeting.

Adjournment At 8:10 Ron Knapton made a motion to adjourn Seconded by Ray Foster. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary