

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 8 May 2018**

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
3rd Vice President Janet Gaylord
Bob Howard
Charlie Burrige
Doug Johnston
Anne Parker
John Robertson
Alfie Read
Ron Knapton
Sgt-At-Arms Glen Parker

Committee Members Absent

Rev Miller
Owen Fitzgerald
Heather Thompson
Cliff Weir

Secretary Bill Beswetherick
Manager Ann DeWolfe

President There were 43 members in attendance. Wes Rideout introduced Ray Gilroy who would be supervising the Branch elections.

The following were elected:

President Wes Rideout
1st Vice President Janet Gaylord
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
3rd Vice President Ray Foster
Executive Members Anne Parker
Jim McGee
Deborah McGee
Gloria MacMillan
John Robertson
Doug Johnston
Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick

The new members were sworn in by Ray Gilroy. Alfie Read was also sworn in as the new Service Officer replacing Dan Spencer who has held the position for many years.

Ray Gilroy outlined the project to erect a memorial stone in the Legion Rider's Park. The dedication ceremony would be 2 pm Sat 9 Jun. The stone will commemorate all military personnel who have served, are serving, or who will serve on United Nations missions.

The general meeting then commenced. Wes Rideout indicated that he hoped there would be enough volunteers to hold a brunch Sun 1 July

In keeping with Ontario Command regulations the Branch has formed a team to audit the Ladies Auxiliary. The audit team will consist of Deborah McGee and Alfie Read.

There will be a financial review seminar on 16 Jun at Kitley-Toledo on Branch Financial review. It is hoped that Ron Miller will head the team that will audit Branch 92 finances.

The Ladies Auxiliary and Branch audits would be for the current fiscal year which ends 30 May.

Treasurer Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that as of the date of the General Meeting the Branch has \$79,873.61 in its Building Fund and \$48,566.86 in its General Fund for a total of \$128,440.47.

Raffle Bill Beswetherick said that there was \$10,005.62 in the Raffle Fund. A motion to give a grant to the Gananoque Salvation Army was discussed. Ron Miller made a motion to approve a grant of \$500. Seconded by Jeff Smith. Carried.

There was a discussion about a grant towards a proposed refrigerated outside ice pad to be erected in honour of the late Gord Brown. The Thousand Island Accommodation Partners has donated \$100,000. The final cost could be up to \$400,000. It was decided to hold in abeyance any decision on a Branch grant until more details are available.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord noted that Mikayla Johnson made it to the Ontario Command speaking contest. She came third, quite an accomplishment for her and for her proud family.

Sports Bob outlined that he is planning on having a golf league for the Branch to run 22 May to 28 Sep. Golfing would be Tue 11 am to 3 pm at a cost of \$7.50 He is awaiting dates and pricing. More details to follow.

Entertainment The idea of holding Sun afternoon dances on the afternoon of the last Sun of each month is proving to be popular. The event held Sun 22 Apr had 57 attendees. There was a \$8 cover charge to that raised \$456. A 50/50 Draw raised \$62.50 and the bar generated \$197.29. The May 27 dance will feature "The Reasons".

New Business Charlie Burrige reminded members that who should attend conventions is decided by the general membership.

Adjournment At 8:30 John Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary