## Minutes of a General Meeting Held At Branch 92 Tuesday 14 September 2021

## Committee Members Present Committee Members Absent

President Ray Foster Wes Rideout

1st Vice President Anne Parker Ron Miller

2nd Vice President Bob Howard Bev Miller

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Doug Johnston Joanne Lancaster
Sharron Dorey

Members Alf Read

Janet Gaylord
Scotty Stoness
John Robertson
John Beddows
Shirley Howard
Owen Fitzgerald
Chantaille Buczynski

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick Manager Ann DeWolfe

**President** Ray Foster introduced the Zone G-2 Commander Ralph McMullen and the Deputy Zone Rob Fernell who had just completed their annual visit to the Branch. Ralph will summarize his observations at the end of this meeting. There were 15 members at the meeting.

Ray asked members for ideas to raise funds. He mentioned a smoked meat and fries event to occur just before a Friday Meat Draw. It was proposed to hold the first smoked meat event Fri 24 Sep 2-7 pm. Cost \$10. Take out would be available. Shirley Howard noted the Ladies Auxiliary would hold dinners every second Fri starting 17 Sep.

Ray reminded members that proof of vaccination will be in effect at the Legion and other businesses that serve food and drinks on 22 Sep. The Branch will be limited to attendance at such event to 50% of its listed capacity. We are awaiting the posters from the Regional Health for posting on our entrances outlining the requirement for proof of vaccination.

Scotty Stoness offered to set up a DJ system at the Branch for Fri afternoons.

**Treasurer** Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch is losing about \$1,000 a month but because of Federal and Provincial government grants our finances are stable. In June 2020 we had about \$116,000 in the bank which includes the Building and the General Funds. In June 2021 we had \$211,000 in the bank.

**Special Committee Report** John Beddows noted the Branch has offered to host a national euchre, bridge, or darts event in 2023. The Branch can handle darts or euchre and the town

has sufficient accommodations. We are awaiting confirmation whether we will host one of the events. John has offered to organize the event.

John briefed members on tentative plans for Remembrance Day. He is in conversation with the mayor, town and CFB Kingston. So far we have received no specific instructions or restrictions on Remembrance Day activities.

**Membership** Anne Parker stated Early Bird has begun and will last until 30 Nov. The new membership stickers have just arrived and will be available at the bar.

**Service Officer** Alf Read noted he was working on five files. Service Officer and Poppy Seminars will be held in Smiths Falls Sat 2 October.

**Sports** Scotty Stoness will be attending a Zone G-2 Sports meeting 28 Sep to allocate which branches host events.

**Webmaster** Anne Parker again noted that she would like to have more input from members and from the LA about upcoming events as the Branch website is the main source of information.

**Manager** Ann DeWolfe noted that we have had two celebrations of life.

**Zone Commander** Ralph McMullen praised the Branch for its operations and all records are in order.

**Adjournment** At 8.09 pm Shirley Howard made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried

President Ray Foster Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick