

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 7 September 2021**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston

Members	John Robertson Sharron Dorey Shirley Howard Owen Fitzgerald Chantaille Buczynski
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Secretary/Treasurer Manager	Bill Beswetherick Ann DeWolfe
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Committee Members Absent

Ron Miller
Bev Miller
Joanne Lancaster
Janet Gaylord
Alf Read
John Beddows
Scotty Stoness

President Ray Foster noted the Zone Commander and Deputy Zone Commander will do their annual visit to the Branch on Tue 14 Sep to observe our General Meeting and to examine our books. They will begin the review of our books at 6 pm.

Ray noted that John Beddows has volunteered to organize a Dominion sports event at the Branch. We as yet do not have the details of the sport, likely euchre or bridge. The event would be held in 2022 or later.

Tentatively Service Officer and Poppy Seminars will be held in Smiths Falls 2 and 3 October. There still is little information about how Remembrance Day and the Poppy campaign will be held. They likely will be similar to 2020 when there was a limited Poppy campaign and a small Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Zone Convention will be held starting at 10 am on Sun 19 Sep at Seely's Bay. Attending will be Council members Ray Foster, Bob Howard, and John Robertson. Chantaille Buczynski indicated she would attend.

Ray outlined a recent meeting with representatives of Bell Telephone which is considering leasing a small part of the south-west corner of our parking lot to erect a communications tower. The project would require town approval and likely would occur in 2022. Tentative discussions indicate the Branch could receive from eight to ten thousand dollars annually for the use of the land. We hope that the tower would include a light to illuminate our parking lot.

Membership Anne Parker stated the new electronic membership card will not replace the standard plastic card. 2022 stickers for cards are available at the bar. There was a discussion about vaccination. Effective 22 Sep people entering businesses such as the Legion will have to be vaccinated. Anne suggested that we cancel Friday Fun Darts until the covid issue has been resolved. The upstairs dart area will be closed and any darts will occur in the downstairs

area.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey is still investigating whether the poster, essay, and poetry contest will continue in light of the many covid restrictions. Two year the Branch had 200 entries so that there was considerable handling of the submitted contest material.

Ways and Means Sharron Dorey noted that the plan to hold a Thousand Islands cruise is on hold, partly because of the change in ownership of the boat line.

Webmaster Anne Parker noted that she needs to have more input from members and from the LA about upcoming events. She received some information at the meeting from Shirley Howard about Ladies Auxiliary events. For example, there will be a dinner 17 Sep and hopefully there will be a Fri luncheon every second week and a Thanksgiving Dinner on Fri. 8 Oct. The website is the main way that members learn about Legion events as the Gananoque Reporter is out only weekly and no longer has its free section titled Coming Events.

Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that new rope for the four flag poles has been ordered.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted that she had discussed the cleaning of the fryer with the fire department. It is not used that much, and Brad does an excellent job of keeping it cleaned. This means we do not have to spend about \$ 3,000 to upgrade the system and to have it cleaned professionally.

Buffets are allowed for events. Ray noted that although buffets are allowed re-starting Sunday Brunches will take some time to gather together the many volunteers need to make them a success.

Ann noted that she has not yet received any new instructions from the local health unit regarding the holding of events and the covid passport that we mentioned by the Ontario Premier on 1 Sep, and which come into effect 22 Sep. At that time any person entering the Legion must have had two vaccinations and have a photo ID. Anyone arranging an event would be responsible for advising attendees at their event, such as a celebration of life, of the requirement for having had two vaccinations.

Veterans Coffee Gathering Wes Rideout is working on organizing regular coffee gatherings.

Adjournment Bob Howard made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

President
Ray Foster

Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Beswetherick