

**Minutes Of A General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 11 October 2016**

Committee Members Present

1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3 rd Vice President	John Robertson
Past President	Murray Salter
Executive Members	Anne Parker
	Dan Spencer
	Alfie Read
	John Petch
	Ron Knaption
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
Manger	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Cliff Weir
Larry Scott
Janet Gaylord

Introduction In the absence of President Cliff Weir, the meeting was chaired by 1st Vice President Wes Rideout. In attendance were 22 Branch members.

Membership Anne reminded members of the Early Bird programme that ends 30 November. She also noted that membership dues must be paid by 31 December 2016 for members to participate in 2017 Legion sports activities. Anne noted that the 70 year pin and certificate for Tom Tindal will be presented to him shortly as he was unable to make the Honours and Awards evening.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick stated there was \$101,603.04 in the Building Fund, and the General Fund has \$54,477.52 giving the Branch about \$130,000 for operations, maintenance, and repairs. However, about \$26,000 of this will be required to pay for paving the parking lot and marking parking places. That expenditure was approved by members at the September meeting. The Lottery Fund has \$6,556.74.

Lottery Bill noted that \$2,000 of the Lottery Funds has been set aside for Branch 92's last of five annual donation to the Brockville General Hospital. Bill read out requests for funds from the Gananoque Minor Hockey Association. A motion by John Robertson to donate \$750 was defeated because there was confusion as to what the donation was for. A decision on this donation will be held in abeyance until more information is obtained. Bill Beswetherick noted that two recent donations to the Ground Search and Rescue Organization and the Thousand Islands Elementary School Veterans Park will appear in the Legion magazine. The Branch received a note thanking it for its donation to the 2016 Terry Fox run which locally raised \$1,425.

Youth Bill Beswetherick noted that judging of the poster, essay, and poetry contests will occur just after Remembrance Day on Sun 13 Nov in the afternoon. Volunteer judges always welcome.

Sick and Visiting In the absence of Bev and Ron Miller, Glen Parker noted that he had visited Bill Harper but reported that his condition had deteriorated considerably.

Sergeant at Arms John Petch reminded members of 11 November Remembrance Day ceremonies and that the parade will form up in the Legion parking lot at 10:20 am.

Entertainment The "Pub Crawl" for 29 October is on and tickets are available at the bar for \$15 each. Larry Scott is investigating having a juke box in the bar that he believes will be a great attraction.

Poppy Bill Beswetherick noted that the Poppy Day Sat 5 Nov still required volunteers. Shifts are only 1 ½ hours long and no uniform is required. There is a sign-up board in the entrance to the bar where members can select a shift. Poppy Chair Owen Fitzgerald noted the high attendance at the Poppy Seminar in Orleans that he and his wife had attended. Poppy Boxes will be placed in stores 28 October.

PR Work on the interlocking stone apron and walkway around the town war memorial has been completed. The project cost \$16,000 of which the Gananoque Boat Line donated \$3,000, the Legion \$1,000, the Poppy Fund \$1,000, the LA \$500, and the sale of the books *Gananoque Remembers* and *Voices from the Past* raised \$4,500. The landscape architect, Paul Doornbos contributed labour worth \$6,000. Over the next few days, the base of the memorial will be cleaned as well as the bronze statue.

Adjournment At 7:39 Ron Knapton made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Wes Rideout
1st Vice President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary