

Minutes Of A General Meeting

Held At Branch 92

Tuesday 13 September 2016

Committee Members Present

President Cliff Weir
1st Vice President Wes Rideout
3rd Vice President John Robertson
Past President Murray Salter

Executive Members

Larry Scott
Dan Spencer
Alfie Read
Anne Parker
John Petch
Ron Knapton
Janet Gaylord
Bev Miller

Secretary Bill Beswetherick

Committee Members Absent

Owen Fitzgerald

Introduction The meeting was chaired by 1st Vice President Wes Rideout. In attendance was the Zone G-2 Zone Commander Don Bain who was present to do his annual inspection of the branch operations and its accounts. There were 31 members present.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Anne Parker and Wes Rideout inducted nine new members: Martin

Hallam; Robert Brennan; Suzanne Brennan; Thomas Edward Smith; John Edward Hampton; Colin James McConnell; Bruce Davis; and Brad Ubdegrove. Troy Taillon will be inducted 21st Sept and Victoria Hale-Robinson was inducted 23 Aug.

Membership Anne noted that our current membership is 328 effective 31 Jan 2016. It of course has risen with the induction of the nine new members tonight. Anne announce that Legion per-capita will rise \$1.25 in 2017 and \$1.25 in 2018. As a result an Executive decision was made to increase Branch annual dues to \$55 effective 1 Jan 2017.

Anne reminded all members of their need to support Branch activities and that new people are required to assume some of the jobs that others have done for years, in some cases for well over a decade. She reminded members that the Honours and Awards Night to be held Wed 21 Sep will be followed by a Camaraderie Meet and Greet with light food.

Anne also welcomes the following who have been re-instated: Ray Bertrand, Peter Hansen, and Robert Splane. The following members transferred in from mother branches: Randy Dunlop, Ken Hatt, Dan Hogan, John Singleton, and Robert Wood.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick stated there was \$101,613.04 in the Building Fund. Some \$70,000 of that is the result of a bequeath made to the Branch in the will of Dennis Weir. The General Fund has \$54,684.50 for a total of \$156,297.54 for maintenance and operations. The Lottery Fund has \$6,556.74.

Lottery Wes Rideout explained that Thousand Islands Ground Search and Rescue organization is seeking funds for computers and other equipment. He proposed a donation of \$500 . Seconded by Glen Parker. Carried. Janet Gaylord explained her project to install a Veterans Memorial Garden at the Thousand Islands Elementary School. She requested a donation of \$500. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

Sick and Visiting Bev Miller noted that she had visited three individuals. She also asked members to keep her advised of Legion members she should visit.

Youth Janet Gaylord noted that letters had been sent to the local schools concerning poster, essay, and poetry contests. Judging will occur just after Remembrance Day on Sun 13 Nov in the afternoon. Volunteer judges always welcome.

Sergeant at Arms John Petch noted that he and Tom Petch had attended the funeral of Colonel Brian Derry who was about to assume command of the 1 Wing in Kingston.

House and Property Charlie Burrige noted that a motion was before members to approve spending up to \$26,000 to pave the parking lot. The motion was seconded by Ron Knapton. The parking lot also will to be marked to maximize parking spaces.

Honour and Awards Alfie Read reminded members of the Honours and Awards Night Wed 21 Sep.

Entertainment Larry Scott outlined the planned "Pub Crawl" for 29 October. More details will be forthcoming. Larry and his wife are planning a Caribbean Night with special drinks that will require two people on the bar. He also is investigating having a juke box in the bar that he believes will be a great attraction.

Poppy Bill Beswetherick noted that a sign-up board is in the entrance to the bar where members can select a shift to offer poppies on Poppy Day Sat 5 Nov. A uniform is not required.

PR Work on the interlocking stone apron and walkway around the town war memorial will start about 28 September and will be done by Thanksgiving. The town will have the memorial base cleaned as well as the bronze statue cleaned by this Remembrance Day.

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

Cliff Weir

President

Bill Beswetherick

Secretary