

Minutes of an Executive/General Meeting

Held At Branch 92

Tuesday 1 August 2017

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
3rd Vice President Anne Parker
Past President Cliff Weir
Executive Members Janet Gaylord
Bob Howard
Ron Knapton
Alfie Read
Doug Johnston
Glen Parker
Charlie Burrridge
John Robertson

Committee Members Absent

1st Vice President Ray Foster
2nd Vice President Owen Fitzgerald
Heather Thomson
Dan Spencer
Secretary Bill Beswetherick
Manager Ann DeWolfe

Introduction President Wes Rideout announced the resignation of 1st Vice President Ray Foster. As a result, Owen Fitzgerald now will become 1st Vice President and Anne Parker will become 2nd Vice President. Janet Gaylord volunteered to become 3rd Vice President. She was nominated for the position by Alfie Read and seconded by John Robertson. The appointments will be confirmed at the next general meeting.

House and Property Charlie Burrridge noted that the Branch had not yet received an estimate on the costs of bar renovations. He suggested that the Branch could look after the electrical and plumbing work to save money. It is hoped at the next general meeting to have bar renovation costs for approval by the membership.

Charlie noted that bar hours may have to be changed as we are losing money on its operations, especially on certain days.

He also expressed concern about the operation of the Ladies Auxiliary. Although the Ladies Auxiliary make "donations" to offset the Branch operations, the Branch absorbs considerable operating costs to support purely LA functions. The issue should be investigated further.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord noted that letters will be going out to local schools for the Remembrance Week theme poster, essay, and poem contests.

Poppy The poppy campaign could use a computer literate person to assist in the coming campaign.

Sports Bob Howard noted that the upcoming fall and spring sports schedule should be available sometime in late August following the Zone sports meeting.

Honours and Awards Alfie Read noted that preparations for the 20 Sep Honours and Awards evening are going well. The Branch hopes to have quite an interesting Levee on 1 Jan 2018.

He noted that there should be a "sandwich board" in front of the Legion welcoming visitors (Secretary's Note: There are town regulations that limit the number and size of notice boards).

New Business Wes Rideout noted a request from the Gananoque Fire Fighters Association asking for a donation. John Robertson made a motion to donate \$200 from the Raffle Fund. Seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried.

Wes noted that District indicated that it will donate \$450 towards the sign in the Legion Riders Park in Gananoque. He noted that perhaps Branch 92 could assist. John Robertson stated the issue should be brought forward at the next Zone G-2 meeting as a Zone G-2 issue.

Wes noted that the illuminated sign on the front of the Legion is in poor condition with the lettering quite faded. It should be refurbished or removed (Secretary's note. A company in Brockville indicated a few years ago that the sign could be fixed at a cost of about \$250 but that the Legion would have to arrange to have the sign taken down and replaced in its present location) .

Bob Howard was appointed as the Zone G-2 Poppy Chair.

It is expected that the Sunday Brunches will continue.

Wes Rideout
President

Anne Parker
acting/Secretary