

**Minutes Of An Executive/General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 8 November 2016**

Committee Members Present

President	Cliff Weir
1 st Vice President	Wes Rideout
2 nd Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald
3rd Vice President	John Robertson
Executive Members	Janet Gaylord
	Ron Knapton
	Anne Parker
	John Petch
	Alfie Read
	Larry Scott
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Murray Salter
Bev Miller
Dan Spencer
Harold Miller

Introduction There were 24 members present including executive members.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch Building Fund has \$78,984.90 and the General Fund account has \$74,586.51 for a total of \$153,586.41 that can be used for maintenance and operations. Bill noted that about \$26,000 of the money in the General Fund recently was transferred from the Building Fund to pay for the paving of the parking lot as only the General Fund can write cheques.

Lottery The Lottery Fund has \$6,970.54. Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch has committed to providing a grant of \$2,000 to the Brockville General Hospital in early 2017. That would be the last of the five donations that the Branch agreed to provide to the hospital. In addition to the Branch donation, the Poppy Fund is committed to providing \$1,000. In the past, the Ladies Auxiliary also had provided a \$2,000 donation.

Bill proposed four grants from the Lottery Fund: Salvation Army - \$200, Almost Home \$200, Linklater Breakfast Club - \$200, Xmas for Kids - \$300 for a total of \$900. All motions seconded by Glen Parker. Carried.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald thanked members who offered poppies on Poppy Day Sat 5 Nov. The total amount raised will be known by the next meeting when proceeds from the poppy boxes have been counted and cheques received from wreaths sold to companies and organizations.

Membership Anne Parker noted that out of our current membership of 323, 103 have paid their 2017 dues. She is in the process of updating the membership book that is in the entrance.

Anne also reminded those who want their events publicized to inform her at her E Mail at membership_92@hotmail.com or by calling her at 613-382-8936.

Sergeant at Arms John Petch explained the sequence of events for the Remembrance Day parade.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord reminded those members who had volunteered to judge posters, essays, and poems at 1 pm on Sun 13 Nov. She also requested \$630 from the Poppy Fund for prizes. Seconded by Alfie Read. Carried.

House and Property Cliff Weir noted that he and Charlie Burrige have been examining improvements to the bar. It is hoped to have an idea of the costs so that they can be presented at the next General Meeting.

Sports Larry Scott said the Gananoque Legion would be hosting the District G 8 Ball Tournament on 3 Dec. It was noted that the Dale Hill Dart Tournament had already been booked for that day in the upstairs area (Secretary's note - the 8 Ball Tournament event at Gananoque has been cancelled and will be replaced by a Gold Tournament in 2017).

Entertainment Manager Ann DeWolfe noted that the 2nd Annual Pub Crawl with visits to local Legions was a huge success. The bus sold out early and participants returned to the Branch for an evening of entertainment. Much thanks to Larry Scott for organizing the event.

PRO MP Gord Brown and MPP Steve Clark will be attending the 11 Nov Remembrance Day ceremony. Also in attendance will be members of 212 Electronic

Warfare Squadron and Queen's University Band.

Many thanks to the Gananoque Boat Line for its donation of \$3,000 to renovate the town war memorial and the donation of \$6,000 in labour by landscape architect Paul Doornbos. The Branch LA donated \$500, the Branch \$1,000, and the sale of the books Gananoque Remembers and Voices from the Past raised \$4,500 towards the final cost of about \$12,000.

Manager Ann DeWolfe noted the Branch received high praise as a result of a recent health inspection. She stated our high rating was in large part due to the work of the Branch maintenance man Brad Ubdegrove, especially his attention to detail in the kitchen area.

Ann noted that Oct was a busy month and that the next few months will be busy as many events already have been booked. Ann reminded members that the Branch will hold its second New Year's Party but that seating will be limited to 100 to prevent crowding.

New Business Eric DeKroon explained his volunteer work over Remembrance Week talking with local youth. He said that his emphasis was on how remembrance has changed over the past many years. Eric noted that his talks to local students centered on providing them with backgrounds on five of the local men who enlisted. Eric had done this work at local schools for at least the past three years.

There will be a District G Convention meeting at 10 am on Thu 17 Nov and one on Monday 28 Nov. Branch staff involved in the Convention will meet with District G staff 10 am on Sat 3 Dec.

That also is the day that the Ladies Auxiliary will host its Xmas Dinner for members of the Executive. Invitations will be sent to Executive members and their spouses.

Branch Adjournment At 7:35 Glen Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Knapton. Carried.

Cliff Weir
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary

