

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 12 November 2019**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
	Murray Salter
	Ron Miller
	Shirley Howard
	Sharron Dorey
Sgt At Arms	Carl Roehl
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Bev Miller
Joanne Lancaster
Alf Read
Doug Johnston
Gloria MacMillan
Harold Miller
John Robertson
Charlie Burrige

There were 22 members in attendance.

President Ray Foster thanked those members who were involved with the Poppy Campaign, Poppy Day, Remembrance Day, and the Remembrance ceremony at Carveth. Many thanks to Lorie Fletcher and the LA for their work preparing food for Remembrance Day and the \$23 raised for the Poppy Funds with a donation jar as food was being served. Also many thanks to Anne Parker the money she raised - about \$300 - for the Poppy Fund through the sale of crocheted poppies.

Tulips have been planted at the Legion Riders Park and at Town Hall in preparation in 2020 of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. Tulips also will be planted at the Lansdowne Veterans Memorial Park.

Starting in 2020 Legion Branches will be held the second Sunday of each month. The new Years Levee Meet and Greet will start at 11 am, a change from past years when it started at 10 am.

Ray Foster noted that many Branch members attended the 28 Oct GALA event at the Lakeshores Casino where the Branch was presented \$2,000 by PROUD, a group which consists of ten Casino employees who each year select a local group to financially assist. This year they have selected the Gananoque Legion Br. 92.

The President, three Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer will attend a Training seminar at Seeley's Bay Sun 24 Nov.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there is \$86,598.30 in the General Account and \$78,704.04 in the Building Fund for a total of \$165,302.34 that can be used for operations and maintenance. Our major expenditure was about \$8,000 for the new door. There is \$11,032.48 in the Lottery Fund.

Membership Anne Parker noted that the Early Bird contest will last through 30 Nov. Paid up membership stands at 97. She expects to have 110 by the end of the month. 30 members have paid

online and this system is especially convenient for members who have difficulty getting out to the Branch. The website is going quite well. Anne encouraged members and committee chairs to submit information to post on the website. Fridays darts are picking up with 17 last Fri.

Poppy Murray Salter thanked those members and cadets who assisted with Poppy Day 2 Nov. The Poppy Fund now stands at about \$7,500 and is expected to reach just under \$10,000 once all wreaths have been paid for. Bill Beswetherick thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for its donation of \$500 to the Branch Poppy Fund. Murray thanked Owen and Pat Fitzgerald for counting and rolling all of the coins, valued at over \$4,000.

Lottery Bill Beswetherick made a motion to donate \$300 to the Salvation Army Xmas Drive. Seconded by Diane Foster. Carried. He recommended \$350 to the Xmas For Kids. Seconded by Shirley Howard. Carried.

Bill Beswetherick put forward a motion to give a grant of \$150 to the Queen's University Band to assist in defraying its transport costs for Remembrance Day. Seconded by Shirley Howard.

Youth Education Sharron Dorey, in the absence of Youth Chair Joanne Lancaster, reported that she and Joanne, assisted by judges Sam Noseworthy and Bev Miller and assisted by Ron Miller judged the many posters that were submitted by Gananoque school children, The posters were left on the walls so that those attending the Legion after the Remembrance Day ceremony could see the work by the students.

PRO Excellent turnout for Remembrance Day with many students despite the cold. 250 programmes were handed out.

Sports Scotty Stoness noted the results of the 26 Oct the Zone Euchre held in Lyndhurst. Branch 92 team - Mike Battams, Brian Thompson, Kelly Burt and Robert Randall - place third. The Charity Pool League gave the Legion \$369. The Branch had advanced the League \$1,000 towards the cost of restoring the two pool tables.

Bob Howard noted that rather than having an end of summer sports dinner the members would donate \$115 to the Branch Sports Fund.

Leadership and Development Ron Miller explained the work he is doing on Violence and Harassment in the Workplace. Ron offered to conduct a seminar for everyone on the Health and Safety regulations. Clarification was sought as to whether the penalties under these regulations apply to Branch employees and to all members. Ray Foster stated the Executive will have to examine the issue in more details before deciding on any training seminars.

Ways & Means Sharron Dorey updated members. The 8 Oct dance with Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman attracted 52 people. After deducting food costs and the band the dance raised \$206.16 plus any bar sales. Helpers were Sharon Foley, Joanne Lancaster, and Marjorie Vanderveen. The next dances are and 17 Nov with Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman. There are no dances in Dec or Jan.

Sergeant at Arms Carl Roehl thanked everyone who supported the Remembrance Day ceremony

New Business Ray Foster briefed members about a possible Cadet Xmas Dinner tentatively set for 11 Dec. He also noted we need a Cadet Liaison Officer. As none came forward Ray volunteered for the position.

Adjournment At 7:57 pm John Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Howard.
Carried.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary