

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 13 October 2020**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
Members	Bev Miller
	Murray Salter
	Scottie Stoness
	John Robertson
	Sharron Dorey
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Alfie Read
	Joanne Lancaster
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Charlie Burridge
Bob Howard
Shirley Howard

President The meeting started at 2 pm. LA President Shirley Walker attended to represent the Ladies Auxiliary and brief them. Attending the meeting were Zone G-2 Commander Ralph Mullen and Deputy Zone Commander

Following the opening ceremony Anne Parker read off the names of members who had passed away since the last Executive Meeting.

Ray again noted that the main purpose of the Executive Meetings, in the absence of General Meetings, was to pass on information that would be of interest to all members. The minutes are available on the Branch Website.

Ray again noted that events which involve buffets such as Celebrations of Life still are not allowed. We are allowed up to 50 people in the bottom area of the Branch and 50 in the upstairs area although we must comply with the social distancing regulations and the wearing of masks. Darts and pool are allowed but not card games or Bingo. 50/50 draws are allowed.

There will be a Poppy Seminar Sat morning 17 Oct followed in the afternoon by a Service Officer Seminar.

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted there was \$78,400 in the General Fund and \$89,914 in the Building Fund for a total of \$168,314. The Branch showed a loss of \$540 in Sep.

Poppy: Bill Beswetherick stated there was \$5,300 in the Poppy Fund but \$1,500 of that is committed to the Ontario Bursary Fund. He noted letters had been sent to 35 local business which do not have an ability to display wreaths asking if they wanted one at the memorial or would make a donation. Checks have been arriving, although the funds raised from the sale of

wreaths will not equal what was raised last year. He noted it may not be possible to have poppies available in area stores. This may in part be resolved after the 17 Oct Poppy Seminar. There was a long discussion about the Poppy "Tap and Go" boxes.

Sports: Scotty Stoness noted the Legion had a successful Fun Golf Tournament in late Sep.

House and Property: President Ray Foster noted the Branch will need to expend \$4,500 to repair the HVAC system on the roof. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried. Another major expense will be to replace the toilets in the women's washroom.

Bill Beswetherick noted Remembrance Day 2020 will not be a public event and will involve only five or six Legion members and Reverend Daniel Massey. No laying of wreaths. Hopefully the event will be live-streamed on internet and on Cogeco TV. Janet Gaylord re-emphasized that for safety issues the event is not open to the public and gave a comprehensive briefing on what will happen in Gananoque and Lansdowne on 11 Nov. Broadcasting the event will ensure veterans, the elderly at home, and those in Carveth and Fox Run the ability to see this unique event, which will occur on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the memorial in 1920.

A reminder from Anne Parker that she be advised well in advance of an event so that it can be advertised for all members. After a discussion it was decided to cancel Friday Darts.

There was a discussion about perhaps renting part of the basement that has been vacated by the Food Bank. The problem is that the area has no washroom and is not handicap accessible.

The meeting concluded with John Robertson reading the citation which awarded President Ray Foster a richly deserved Meritorious Service Medal presented by Zone G-2 Commander Ralph McMullen.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Ray Foster

Bill Beswetherick