

**Minutes of a General Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 October 2017**

Committee Members Present Committee Members Absent

President	Wes Rideout	Ron Knapton
1 st Vice President	Owen Fitzgerald	Doug Johnston
2 nd Vice President	Anne Parker	Heather Thomson
Past President	Cliff Weir	
Executive Members	Dan Spencer	
	Bob Howard	
	Janet Gaylord	
	Anne Parker	
	Glen Parker	
	Alfie Read	
	Charlie Burridge	
	Harold Miller	
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick	
Manager	Ann DeWolfe	

President There were 26 members present. President Wes Rideout stated 1st Vice President Owen Fitzgerald would be the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer Secretary Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch has \$79,806.96 in the Building Fund and \$54,065.55 in the General Fund for a total of \$133,872.51.

Raffle Bill Beswetherick said that there was \$9,399.94 in the raffle fund. There were no requests for raffle funds, however it is expected that shortly there will be requests from the Salvation Army, the Toy Christmas Drive, the school breakfast clubs, and the local hockey groups.

Membership Ann Parker reminded members that dues for 2018 are being collected. Her goal is to have 100 % of 305 members signed up by the end of the year. There is a graph at the entrance to the bar which chart how many members have signed up.

This year Anne has been able recruit 11 new members.

House and Property Cliff Weir note that The Branch is considering options for the bar renovations and is awaiting cost estimates.

The Branch is also having discussions with the Town of Gananoque about installing an additional light to cover the Legion Parking lot. There is considerable confusion as who we have to approach to get the project approved as the town, a private property owner, and the utility company are involved. The added light is required to supplement the light

that is on the Branch building but which does not provide sufficient illumination to cover the area causing potential safety and security concerns.

Sergeant at Arms Glen Parker noted that 212 Electronic Warfare Squadron from CFB Kingston will be providing soldiers for the Remembrance Day ceremony. The Squadron has participated here for the last three years.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald noted that Poppy Day is Sat 4 Nov and that we still require members to volunteer to offer poppies. Each shift is only 1 ½ hours.

Youth Janet Gaylord briefed members on judging for the poster, essay, and poetry contest. It was determined to do the judging on 13 Nov at 1 pm.

Janet reminded members of Remembrance Day ceremonies at TIES school in Lansdowne on Fri 10 Nov. Details to follow.

Service Officer Dan Spencer noted that WW2 veteran Jerry Walker is now at home.

Honours and Awards Alfie Read noted that plans are underway for the 1 Jan 2018 President's Levee.

PRO Two oak trees from acorns collected from the Vimy battlefield will be planted Mon 16 Oct near the war memorial in the town park and in the Legion Rider's Park.

Manager August, as it is every year, was a terrible month as many people stay at their cottages. Most evenings in the week are very quiet, at times even Saturday attracts only a few members.

The next Meat Draw will be Fri 27 Oct. There will be a Brunch Sun 4 Nov.

New Business Wes Rideout indicated that it would be a good idea for the Branch to submit a float in the Christmas parade on Sat 25 Nov. He will provide more details.

Adjournment Sat 8:33 Bob Howard made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Spencer. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary