

**Minutes of General Meeting
Held at Branch 92
Tuesday, 14 June 2022**

Committee Members Present

President	Bob Howard
1 st Vice	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice	Janet Gaylord
Past President	Ray Foster
Exec. Members	Sharron Dorey
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Chris Ormsby
	Dan Beauchamp

Committee Members Absent

John Robertson
3rd Vice John Beddows
Alf Read
Joanne Lancaster
Doug Johnston
Ron Miller
Bev Miller
Scotty Stoness
Carla Nelson
Bruno Mathieu
Kevin Offord

Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Howard
Manager Ann DeWolfe

The meeting started at 7 PM with flags in place.

Minutes of last General Meeting, May 10th, 2022, and the last Executive Meeting of June 7th 2022 were reviewed by the members and accepted as read with the exception of the heading of General meeting of May10th, it should read General Meeting and not Executive. Corrected. Moved by Bill Beswetherick and 2nd by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried

President's Report:

Bob Howard thanked his 9 volunteers for the Sunday Brunch held on June 12th: Ray Foster, Dan Beauchamp, Mary Alguire, John Robertson, Bill Beswetherick, Owen Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Shirley Howard, Sheila Kenny. Bob plans on making a calling list for future volunteers to work at the Sunday Brunches. He needs 14 people to optimally run the breakfast for both cooking and serving, along with table clean - up. He has received the "Amendments to the General By-Laws" and has a hard copy for anyone who wishes to view it after the meeting.

We will be hosting District G's Council Meeting in October. Bob has talked with Ken Heagle, District Commander, and was told the Council was meeting June 18th and he will get back to Bob with the exact dates. There is usually about 40 attendees and the sports room upstairs can be used. Manager Ann DeWolfe stated she had 3 Saturdays already booked that month.

Comrade Ray Foster stated that according to Zone Commander, Rob Fernell, it was going to be October 22nd, 23rd week-end. Normally it is the 3rd week-end of the month. Bob stated again that District Commander Heagle did not know the dates.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund 132,395.

Lottery Fund 10,408.81

Building Fund 74,090.

Shirley Howard moved this report be accepted. 2nd by Ray Foster. Carried

Poppy Report:

Owen Fitzgerald reported Poppy Fund of 13550.00 Owen moved that we donate \$3,639. to the Lansdowne Medical Clinic for a Blood pressure Monitor. Seconded by Ed Harding. No questions. Carried. Comrade Ray brought up that in May 2022 minutes it was stated both Lansdowne Medical Clinic and Stone Mills Clinic were discussed. Lansdowne Clinic is now approved and Stone Mills Clinic will be put on hold and brought up at another meeting.

Membership: Anne Parker noted that we currently have 238 members paid up with 64 unpaid as yet. Some members are paying online and Anne prints a copy of the receipt command sends her, and puts it on the members file, then the file is annotated with the date the member paid online. Our nominal roll has 302 members, dating back to 2020. The end of June is the end of the fiscal year for membership so Anne will be printing the names of new members plus years served pin recipients and inviting them to an Honours and Awards night, during Legion Week, which is the 3rd week in September. She suggested that perhaps we could organize some more events for that week as well. She also is looking for someone to make up posters to add to the website for events coming up. Please contact her if you or anyone you know might want to volunteer.

Anne congratulated Glen Parker. He just received his 60 year pin today, 14 June 2022.

It was brought up by Bill Beswetherick that our bartender Tammy, is interested in designing posters for the website, Anne will be contacting Tammy.

Lottery: no representative

Youth Education: nothing to report

PRO: Janet Gaylord is requesting people tell her what and when events are happening here so she can post it.

Rain barrels – there is roughly \$1,321.00 in profit. We still have 3 of the short barrels – terracotta ones and they are \$60. each and 1 big tank one which is \$200. If you know

anyone who wants any. Also she is not going to order any more barrels this year. She did a lot of travelling last year delivering the barrels and with the price of gas at this time she has decided not to repeat this effort, this summer. She stated she will do it again next year.

Sports: no representative. Golf Tournament that our Branch is hosting is still a go for June 26th. Zone Sports Officer has changed it to Men's, Ladies and now Mixed because of low turnout.

L & D: no representative

Sick and Visiting: Diane Foster remains in Hospital and will possibly return to Providence Care on Thursday after Dialysis. Marjory Robertson was taken to hospital last Friday and remains there at present.

Veterans Services: no representative.

House and Property: Ann DeWolfe – annual Fire Inspection will be on the 23rd of June. A tree is a big issue in the back parking lot, it must come down as it's interfering with the Satellite. **Parking lot** – the people are supposed to be coming soon and will call a couple of days ahead to give advance notice. Also waiting for the chap who is going to do the cementing at the 4 corners of the building. Still having water issues in the downstairs office. The company replaced all the seals and stated that it should solve all the issues. Ann DeWolfe will call them again.

Neptune (the company the town has hired to replace water meters) called Ann DeWolfe to arrange time to service the Legion and put in new meters. They were unaware that we are being billed for 2 meters and they will investigate this issue for us and see what can be done. Once the appointment is set up, Ann will let President Bob know the date and time so that he can be there.

Ways and Means: Sharron Dorey – May 22nd Dance – Tim Hallman & Terry Hoffman entertained Profit of \$38.50 + bar receipts

June 11th Dance - Spare Change entertained Profit \$ 35.00 + bar receipts

Upcoming:

June 26 th 2PM - 5PM	Tim Hallman & Terry Hoffman	\$ 10.00 per person
July 23 rd 7PM - 10 PM	The Reasons (Peter & Mike)	\$ 15.00 per person
Oct 8 th 7 PM - 10 PM	The Reasons (Peter & Mike)	\$ 15.00 per person
Nov 12 th 7 PM - 10 PM	The Reasons (Peter & Mike)	\$ 15.00 per person

Honours and Awards: John Robertson has decided to take a well-earned rest and Anne Parker has asked Bill Beswetherick to take over this position, which he has accepted.

Constitution & By-Laws: Shirley Howard will review the Amendments that President Bob brought to this meeting, otherwise nothing new to report

Web Site: reported that it is doing well. Getting about 15 hits a day.

Sgt-at-Arms: Dan Beauchamp reported as a follow-up to the question of when summer dress is in effect. It is from May 1st to Sept 30th and according to Ontario Command epaulettes are not part of regulation summer dress. The usual discussion ensued, and it was eventually resolved by Dan and President Bob that while in Gananoque Branch Legion, what you choose to wear is your choice, but when wearing summer dress at outside functions, if you choose to continue to wear epaulettes, then you must be prepared to face opposition and criticism from Zone and District Officers.

Janet Gaylord has been asked through Facebook if anyone can come in randomly to the Legion to play Darts in the Bar area while they are in for drinks.

L.A. Liaison: no representative

Manager: St Joseph School sends heartfelt thanks for Branch 92's generous donation.

Tuesday, June 21st, the WO (Warrant Officer will be bringing Military personnel from Staff College in Kingston to our branch for their lunch, they will be upstairs in the sports room. So, it would be nice for some of our legionnaires to be in attendance somewhere between 1130 and 1200. Also July 8th and July 15th ; 1000 Island Pride have booked the Legion. There will be a Prom night and the following week they will be having their Pageant. They have indicated that they will decorate from 4 PM to 5 PM and Prom starts at 7 PM. Fire Department is coming to check the Fire Box. When the Legion has a power failure, it says we have a problem.

Celebration of Life for Bert Diamond on July 3rd. Will be a huge crowd. It will be held from 2 PM to 4 PM.

General and New Business: LA dinner on June 21st will have approximately 30 people in attendance. So President Bob will be calling for help. Ham dinner with roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables, served from the chaffing trays. Buffet style.

Ray Foster made a motion that General Meetings for the month of July and August be suspended and authorize the Executive to carry on the business of the Branch. Anne Parker seconded motion. Motion carried. Next General Meeting Sept 13th at 7 PM

Motion to adjourn by Ray Foster, Seconded by Glenn Parker