

**Minutes of a general Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 10 May 2022**

Committee Members Present

President	Ray Foster
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
Past President	Wes Rideout
Members	Scotty Stoness
	Shirley Howard
	John Robertson
	Sharron Dorey
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Janet Gaylord
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Bev Miller
Ron Miller
Doug Johnston
Joanne Lancaster
Alf Read
John Beddows

The meeting started at 7 pm. LA President Shirley Walker attended to represent the Ladies Auxiliary and brief them.

President Ray Foster thanked all members of the Branch for their support of him and the Branch during these trying times of the covid epidemic and noted he would be available to assist newly elected President Bob Howard.

The meeting started with the induction of Shirley Howard as the new Branch Secretary/Treasurer.

Finances Bill Beswetherick noted the Branch has \$133,561 in its General Fund and \$74,090 in its Building Fund for a total of \$187,951 but that the Branch is losing a significant amount of money every month. Although the financial statement for March shows a net income of \$17,248 that is because our revenue of \$35,265 includes a \$10,000 grant from the Provincial government and we cashed the \$9,850 donation from the Shorelines Casino and \$3,000 donation from the Ladies Auxiliary. Shirley Howard made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Membership Anne Parker noted that the Branch membership book is in the process of being updated. She is making a point of getting welcome letters and lapel pins and a poppy to all new members. We have had 25 new members since 1 January and to date we have 232 paid-up members. The end of June is the membership fiscal year so Anne will be running off the names of new members and inviting them to an Honours and Awards night in September. She will be updating our computer to Windows 10. At present it is Windows 7. Anne is always looking for volunteers to assist and perhaps take over Membership as she has been doing the job for 17 years.

Poppy Wes Rideout noted that we are awaiting information from the Lansdowne Medical Centre and the Stone Mills Medical Centers asking us to support the purchase of medical equipment.

Ways and Means Sharron Dorey reported that the Welcome Back Dance 24 April was a great success with 50 attending who donated \$296 to support the Branch. 22 May and 26 June 2-5 pm there will be dancing with music by Tim Hallman and Terry Hoffman.

PRO Janet Gaylord reminded members of the Rain Barrel sale. We are looking for volunteers to unload the barrels off the truck sometime in the afternoon of Fri 27 May. Volunteers also will be required Fri from 10 am to sell and deliver barrels.

Sports Scotty Stoness noted a Golf tournament to be held at the Gananoque Golf Country Club 17 Jun. Registration 9 - 9:30 am. Two-person teams. Entry fee \$125. There will be Washer Toss 19 Jun at Brockville. Registration 10 - 10:30 with play starting at 11 am \$20 per team or \$10 for single.

PRO Janet Gaylord noted 53 barrels have been sold so far but based on past experience she has ordered many extra barrels. We will not be charged until they are sold. The barrels will arrive, hopefully in the afternoon of Fri 27 May and be available pick up or delivery on Sat 28 May. We will be seeking a few volunteers to load the barrels on 27 and distribute them on 28 May.

Honours and Awards John Robertson, assisted by Ray Foster made the following presentation of bars and medals: Shirley Howard - Constitution and Laws, Scotty Stoness – Sports, Sharron Dorey accepted Youth Education on behalf of Joanne Lancaster as they share this duty, Sharron Dorey - Ways and Means, Wes Rideout – Poppy, Ray Foster - Past President.

New Business The issue of sweeping and sealing the parking lot was discussed. Bob Howard made a motion to accept the bid from Top Notch Paving. Seconded by Dan Beauchamp. Carried.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary