

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 9 Apr 2019**

Committee Members Present

President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Janet Gaylord
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Ray Foster
Past President	Cliff Weir
Executive Members	Alf Read Anne Parker Doug Johnston Jim McGee Deborah McGee Owen Fitzgerald John Robertson Murray Salter
Secretary	Bill Beswetherick

Committee Members Absent

Murray Salter
Gloria MacMillan

President There were 29 members in attendance. President Wes Rideout noted the following points:

He thanked his wife Karen for preparing the pre-meeting meal. Some of the preliminary work was started by LA member Lori Fletcher, but she could not be here tonight.

Branch elections will be held Tue 14 May. He again encouraged those who wish to nominate a person to serve on the executive to first contact them to confirm they are willing to run if elected.

The Branch should consider holding a special event on Mon, 1 Jul, to mark Canada Day.

At the May Meeting we should decide whether to run our monthly brunches in both Jul and Aug.

The sale of rain barrels is going well. The deadline for purchasing and reserving one is 8 May. They will be available at the Legion Sat 18 May and tentatively there will be a BBQ that day. Details to follow. We are looking for members to assist in distributing the barrels which weigh about 20 pounds. The Legion will make at least \$10 from each barrel sold.

Plans are underway to mark the 75th anniversary of D Day 6 June 2019 with a Branch event. Details to follow.

The LA 75th anniversary is Sat 15 May. We welcome Branch members to volunteer to cook and serve the food as part of our appreciation for the work of the LA in supporting our Branch.

The Town of Gananoque is considering a Legion proposal to install a light in the area of

the municipal parking lot on Pine Street to illuminate both the Town and the Legion parking lots.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there was \$73,422.21 in the General Fund and \$78,422.21 in the Building Fund for a total of \$151,650.96. Recently the Branch received back just over \$7,000 for the municipal taxes it paid in 2018.

Lottery Fund Doug Johnston stated there was \$13,325.73 in the Lottery Fund. The following grants were proposed: \$1,500 to the Ontario Command Bursary Fund and \$350 to the Gananoque Salvation Army. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried.

House and Property Wes Rideout noted that the main floor eastern door to the Branch needs to be replaced. There is considerable salt damage to the frame and the door should be widened to more easily accommodate wheel chairs. We hope to shortly have an estimate of the costs.

Seven Branch and LA members recently received instructions required to allow the Branch to keep its kitchen open under new provincial Health regulations.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald noted that the poppy Fund has a total of \$9,250 and that we have put in an order for about \$4,200 in supplies for the 2019 Poppy campaign. He proposed a grant of \$1,000 from the Poppy Fund for the Ontario Command Homeless Veterans Foundation. Seconded by Alf Read. Carried

Sick and Visiting Owen noted he had given Jackie Brown, Murray Salter's daughter, a small gift.

Sports Bob Howard there are only four sporting events remaining for this year. Darts continue every Sat night at 6 pm although currently we are averaging only 7-10 players each evening. Bob thanked those members who assisted him during the past two years.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord attended the District Public Speaking event in Eganville 30 Mar where Ethan Moore came in third. She reminded members of the 8 May deadline for people to order a rain barrel.

Sergeant at Arms Jim McGee thanked Colour Party members for their support over the past year.

Membership Anne Parker stated that paid up membership as of 9 April was 250. Some 132 emails are sent to members monthly informing them of future meetings and events. Anne confirmed with Dominion Command that it is a Branch decision to allow new members who have paid for the upcoming year to attend meetings and vote. Motion to accept that policy at Branch 92. Seconded by Jim McGee. Carried. Anne welcomed James Gendron who is a serving member. His wife, also a serving member of the forces, will be inducted at the next General Meeting.

Veteran Service Alf Read noted that the Ontario Command Service Officer is reviewing three cases involving local veterans.

Honours and Awards Alf Read noted that he is finalizing the submission of two awards to members.

Entertainment Sharon Dorey briefed members on the monthly dances. The dance 31 Mar attracted 62 people and raised \$383.00 plus bar sales. The next dances are 28 Apr The Reasons, 26 May Neil Carter, and 30 Jun Spare Change.

Manager Ann DeWolfe proposed that the Branch take out a monthly \$21 agreement with Reliance Home Comfort that would ensure our hot water system works efficiently and is repaired on a priority basis. Seconded by Bill Beswetherick. Carried.

Ann noted the need to consider raising bar prices. The Branch has expanded its advertising in more media that do not charge such as the Town of Gananoque, the Mirror newspaper, etc. She proposed purchasing new table linen at a cost of about \$400. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

New Business Bill Beswetherick made a suggestion that the LA supply adjudicators to count the ballots at the Branch 14 May elections and that the Branch supply auditors for the LA elections 21 May. This will be confirmed with the LA President.

John Robertson reminded those who wish to make application for Ontario Command bursaries to ensure they use the most current form or the application will be rejected.

Bill Beswetherick noted that the District G Convention will be held in Ottawa this weekend. Branch Presidents are expected to attend. Bill Beswetherick made a motion to send President Wes Rideout to attend. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Adjournment At 7:59 Ray Foster made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary