

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING APRIL 4, 2023

ATTENDEES:

President:	Bob Howard	1 st Vice:	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice:	Janet Gaylord	3 rd Vice:	John Beddows
Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald	L & D :	Ron Miller
Service Officer:	Alf Read	Sports:	Carla Nelson
Ways & Means:	Sharron Dorey	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
House & Property:	Bill Beswetherick	Sgt @ Arms:	John Robertson
Manager:	Ann DeWolfe	Sec?Treas:	Shirley Howard

ABSENT:

Exec:	Bruno Mathieu	Exec:	Kevin Offord
Exec:	Chris Ormsbee	Past Pres:	Wes Rideout

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on March 7th 2023 were review. Motion by Anne Parker to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Voted and carried

President Bob thanked Anne Parker, Bill Beswetherick and John Beddows for looking after both meetings and the Sunday Brunch while Bob was away on vacation. He said that he heard the Brunch went very well. Also there was one thing brought up while he was away and it was discussed with him and he did agree with it, was the setting up of "The Breakfast Club". Amanda O'Hearn-Cartwright was inquiring whether we would allow them in here on a Sunday. We stated we would and we are looking at giving them tickets so they can just hand them in at the door and they will not have to wait until someone arrives to verify that their meal has been paid. So Tammy (our bar tender) made up some tickets which Bob has laminated. He passed them around for everyone to have a look at. There are both \$5 tickets and \$10 tickets. The \$5 tickets are for anyone under age 13 and the \$10 tickets are for anyone age 13 and over. Amanda was looking at buying them and passing them out. Anne Parker reminded everyone that it was agreed with at the last General Meeting.

The District Convention is the week-end of April 14th, 15th and 16th and is being held in Pembroke. Bob has already booked a room at the Comfort Inn in Pembroke for both himself and John Robertson to share at a cost of \$260. for the 2 nights. Bob plans to get a motion at the General Meeting to authorize payment of up to a maximum of \$400. Anne Parker reminded us that since it is under the \$500. the motion can be made at the Executive Meeting. She proceeded to make the motion to cover costs up to \$400. John Beddows seconded the motion. Carried

Sunday Brunch is this Sunday, April 9th. It is Easter Sunday and Bob is wondering if we would like to do anything special for this Brunch. It was suggested and agreed that we wait until Mother's Day and advertise carnations being given out then and nothing special for Easter Sunday. Several people who attended our Brunch have mentioned that we should be charging more than \$10 for our Brunch, and the suggestion was made to them that there is a donation cup available and to feel free to make use of it. Anne Parker said she would also put it up on the website that donations are welcome.

Our next General Meeting on May 9th will also be our elections. Bob stated he is willing to run again for President.

Anne Parker is requesting to use our June 13th General Meeting to introduce, invest and welcome all our new members. We have 31 new members since January 1, 2022 to now, so it will give us a roomful. Bob said it was OK with him, but it would be up to the new President (if not him) to agree as that would be the first meeting of the new Executive. Anne will work out the program and will send out blanket emails to everyone.

Thanks to Carla Nelson our Sports Officer. She had a Cribbage tournament in the Bar area last Sunday, April 2, 2023. The 50/50 made \$ 47.50 and the money leftover from the prizes was \$ 70. This money will be put into the Sports account. Carla is hoping to run a Euchre and a Cribbage tournament once a month, possibly every two weeks. She will probably not run any during the summer. She is looking at April 30th for the next one.

The last item that President Bob has to bring up, is that Zone Council is asking for a one time donation.

Because of Covid-19 over the last 12 plus years, their bank account is nearing zero. They only get money from Sports events and a small percentage of the per/capita that Branches pay which is \$ 1. per person. They were going to increase the per capita by \$.50 but it was voiced by many at that meeting that they would rather give a one time donation. The donations given were almost all in the \$.50 per person range. John Beddows made a motion that we transfer a one time amount of \$ 104.50 as an enabler to Zone and that we put a caveat on it that they should let us know what their revenues are after they have collected from the sports events. Anne Parker seconded the motion. Any questions – none. Voted on and motion carried.

RON MILLER; L & D: Occupational Health, Wellness & Safety Training Seminars. He feels that it will take a little over 4 hours to present and everyone will receive a Certificate upon completion of the course which will be valid for Life. There is no exam. The Legion must pay full expenses which is listed in the Legislation.. There will be a meal required, which will also involve the Ladies Auxiliary. This Seminar is province wide and is mandatory. It is for your protection. It can also help with our Insurance costs as we are doing our due diligence. There can be a fine for non-compliance with a maximum of up to \$ 1.5 million. Ron is willing to take this on, with help and states it is an opportunity for Branch 92, to offer this to other Legions in our area as well. He would like to bring this forward to the General Meeting. This can be found on-line at “ The Ontario Government Statutes . This is Statute 297-13, Health and Safety Wellness Training” Bob stated that he and Ron can meet up and Bob will get a copy of what Ron will be presenting, scan it and put it on 2 thumb-drives. He will give one of these to Ron and they will arrange how and when they can present this. John Beddows stated at this time, he will attend.

SPORTS: Carla stated she has posters up for Corn-hole, Washer-toss, Golf Tournament (June 24th) and Horseshoes. She asked Alf Read to look into a fun Golf tournament to be held preferably before Zone Golf on June 24th. Alf stated he would contact Larry ASAP.

WAYS & MEANS: Sharron Dorey: Ed Kennedy DJ'd on March 26th. Only 17 people attended, so we took in \$ 170. The 50/50 was \$ 30. for a total of \$200. Expenses \$250 for DJ, so a loss of \$50. Neil Carter has been cancelled for Sunday Apr 30th and Sun May 28th.

Upcoming Dances: Sat. Apr 15th The Reasons - \$15 pp

May 6th The Reasons - \$ 15 pp

Please Note: this will be the last dance that Sharron Dorey will be organizing – May 6th 2023

YOUTH ED: Joanne Lancaster: All the posters etc. are done. Bill Beswetherick has been in touch with Joanne regarding Bursaries. Bill states we are allowed to have Bursaries locally, but only for veteran's children. Joanne stated that we are going to try to do some locally.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Parker: we have 209 members in good standing and Nominal Roll back to January 2022 (260)

WEBSITE: Anne Parker: it has a “Robot Page”: coming up – do not click on the Robot page as it could kick you off the site. Just go to top of page on the right and click the X. Anne states that the website provider did not put it on and has no idea how it got there. Discussion followed as to whether it is malicious.

Anne Parker has been asked to start up Friday Night Fun Darts, and she has talked with Ann DeWolfe about availability. She has decided that she will and has put on the Website as well as Face Book that we are looking for players. This is not an official Sports event, just a fun night.

SICK & VISITING: Owen Fitzgerald: nothing at this time. Hoping Bev Miller is getting better.

FINANCIAL: Shirley Howard: General Account \$123,168.19 Lottery Account \$10,263.51

Building Account \$ 74,348.06 Revenue for January & February \$17,261.43 Expenses for same time period \$ 21,485.42 for a deficit of -\$4,223.99

SGT. AT ARMS: John Robertson: made the suggestion that we start advertising the upcoming elections at our May meeting and to also remind members to have their membership cards or receipts with them. No one will be able to vote if they cannot show proof. The Provincial flag has been ordered & hasn't arrived as yet. John will take the ripped one down and will replace it when it arrives.

PRO: Janet Gaylord: Gananoque Legion has joined with the Thousand Islands and The Royal Theatre to help support CAN/FILM days, being held April 21st. 2023 at the Royal Theatre to help support Indigenous. No charge entry. Theatre opens at 6:30 PM and at 7:30 PM a welcome speech. Bill Beswetherick will be informing everyone about the Legion connection and the Indigenous name of Gananoque. This should be posted on the Website and Facebook pages. We also need 5 – 6 volunteers to act as ushers that evening.

OWEN FITZGERALD made a request for the Legion to send a Thank You note to the Mayor for keeping the streets well cleared this past winter and for also the quick removal of snow banks so that the seniors had less difficulty getting about town .

SERVICE OFFICER: Alf Read: he has 1 Veteran's file in progress at this time. The second item is the "Coffee Club 92" . We are hoping to get more Veterans to turn out Tuesday morning for 10 AM. Last week, there were only 2 Veterans as well as Alf and he is thinking if we can't get more Veterans coming out, then maybe postponing the Club until the Fall. He will talk with the ones who have been there and see what their thoughts are on this.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ann DeWolfe: We have quite a few events coming up in the next 5 weeks, so hopefully we will make some money.

The meat draw was very successful and we made \$ 704.

The Coffee Machine – she called the company today, and it should be in the first of the week.

It was agreed by the Executive that the Bar will be closed Easter Sunday. Most people either have their families or go to their families for Easter Sunday.

We have until the end of the month to decide what we are going to do with our plastics and cardboard. The town is no longer picking them up.

The Maple Leaf Restaurant has approached Ann to enquire if they could share in the use of our Dumpster. They are willing to work out a cost with us.

John Beddows made a motion which is : To have Ann DeWolfe negotiate a written agreement with Maple Leaf Restaurant to use at cost our Dumpster and to bring this proposal back to the General Meeting for approval. This motion was seconded by Alf Read. Motion voted on and Carried

JOHN BEDDOWS: just a thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the last Brunch in March. Also he will not be able to help with the prep this week-end, but will be able to assist on Sunday

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Bill Beswetherick: he stated he is meeting with the plumbers on Wednesday about the washrooms.

We also received an e-mail from Command that we cannot use money from the Poppy fund for the Coffee Club or use Poppy Fund money for the Service Dogs .

Bob presented a proposal from Wes Rideout for 2 new metal benches with Legion logos to be placed at the front of our building as well as at the Veteran's Park. The cost for 2 benches is \$4004.72 which includes taxes as well as shipping. It does not include the extra parts to anchor these benches in place. This was just brought to our attention last Sunday, and is just a proposal and will need further investigation.

Meeting Adjourned

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER