

BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 10TH 2023

ATTENDEES:

President:	Bob Howard	1 st Vice:	Anne Parker
Poppy:	Owen Fitzgerald	Service Officer:	Alf Read
Exec:	Chris Ormsbee	Manager:	Ann DeWolfe
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard	House & Property:	Bill Beswetherick
Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson		

ABSENT:

2 nd Vice:	Janet Gaylord	3 rd Vice:	John Beddows
Poppy co-chair:	Wes Rideout	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
Sports:	Carla Nelson	L & D:	Ron Miller
Exec:	Sharron Dorey	Exec:	Bruno Mathieu
Exec:	Kevin Offord		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Since there are not enough people in attendance to make a quorum, this meeting will be an information session only. We need 5 % of membership which is 14 and there are only 11 people present.

First of all, Happy New Year, Everyone. The New Year's Eve party was attended well. We had over 60 people here. The Texas Mickey Band did a good job, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Also thanks to Sharron Dorey we got the band for \$500. and not the \$2000. - \$3000. that is usually charged by bands for New Year's Eve functions. The Door took in over \$1000. and the Bar took in over \$1000.

The New Year's Levee – both the MP and MPP were here for a short period as they had to be in other areas. They stayed for a sample of “Moose Milk” and chatted with the other attendees. The Gananoque Mayor, the township Mayor and the township Deputy-Mayor attended. Also we gave out the Honouree of the Year Award to the PROUD group from the Casino and Shirley Howard received the Legionnaire of the Year Award.

The Hall Rental that was brought up at the last meeting for January and February – Bob was approached by Ms Kingsmill at the New Year's Eve party and informed Bob that it was not feasible to do the rentals because of the costs. Bob informed her if she could find another place cheaper, to go ahead, but if not and she still wanted to use our facilities, then please contact us. The price will not change for the rental.

Robbie Burns Night (afternoon) is January 22nd from 2PM to 5PM . Bob will have John Robertson fill everyone in on what he has planned.

Bell Lease for the Tower on back parking lot - Bob has received an e-mail from Pam Sweeney, Executive Director Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, from Aurora. She informed Bob that our Lease has been approved by the Property Committee. Bob has informed John Woods, our Bell contact, of Ontario Command's approval. Now we wait for Bell to complete all their legal responsibilities prior to installation of the tower.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Parker

We had 146 members pay their dues by end of Nov which was the final date for the Early-bird draw. This was won by David Payne and he received his year for free. To date, we have 189 members who have paid by Dec 31st. Starting on Jan 2nd, membership dues went up to \$60. We keep \$20.13 from each of those payments and the total so far is \$3804.57. We still have 73 more members who need to update and they will pay \$60. From that we will receive \$25.13 from each for a total of \$1834.49. The grand total will be \$5639.06 collectively. Anne is optimistic they will pay. Next year with 200 members paying dues, we will have \$6282.50 from those payments.

Anne has printed off a new nominal roll. One is at the Bar and one for herself, and she does

have 2 extras if needed. We have had 17 new members in 2022. This does not count the ones who have not given her an email address. So far in 2023 we have 8 new members, 3 of which have been reinstated.

From Jan 1st 2020 to present 2023, we have had 27 deceased members. The book at the front has not yet been updated, but Anne will have that updated very soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balances as of Nov 30th 2022

LOTTERY	\$11,539.87	GENERAL	\$132,236.09	BUILDING	\$74,608.31
REVENUE for November	\$21,574.88	EXPENSES	\$21,631.86	NET INCOME	-56.98

POPPY:

Bill Beswetherick reports that we have \$14,600. The audit will be done right after this meeting. Owen Fitzgerald will sign the certificate at that time.

SERVICE OFFICER”

Alf Read reported that a lady in the Gananoque area – Clara Woods – has been making flannel quilts and wanting to donate them to homeless Vets. After investigating, Alf cannot find any homeless Vets, thankfully, in Gananoque, so he has contacted his counterpart from RCL Br 560 Kingston. There are 9 homeless Vets in the Kingston area and Alf has connected Clara Woods with the Service Officer in Kingston. Alf also is asking if anyone from our Branch learns of any homeless Vets in our area to let him know. Alf has 1 file underway for a Veteran who is experiencing difficulties. He will keep the Branch updated on this situation.

LA LIAISON:

Alf and Bob have been in talks with Wes Rideout regarding taking over as LA Liaison. Bob reported that Wes was agreeable.

ROBBIE BURNS:

John Robertson – Robbie Burns dinner will be held January 22nd from 2PM to 5PM. There will be approximately 7 dancers from the MacLeod Highland Dance Studio. They will be arriving about 3 PM and will be bringing some of their parents with them. They will not be here for a meal. All music is on tape. There will be pipers from the PWOR. Kevin Offord is looking after that. John went to GSS to arrange for 4 to 6 students to serve the meal and we will sign the form for their community service hours. The Haggis is made by the Hot Roast Company and John will get it next week. Stewart Nimmo who has always given the “Address to the Haggis” will be back again this year. There is also a Raffle basket and so far there has been \$140. in ticket sales.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Kingston base phoned Ann today and they are making blankets. They have 10 blankets and some hygiene products. The contact's name is Vicky and she is wondering if we can take them and donate to vets in the area. Reliance is going to be at the Branch between 1PM and 5PM for plumbing issues – the leak upstairs. Ann found a photocopier at Staples. The one in the office upstairs is dying very quickly. The refrigeration person will be in on Wednesday to work on the Kitchen fridge.

SPORTS

District Cribbage was held in Smiths Falls on Jan 7th The team of Mike Battams, Brian Thompson, Eleanor Brawley and Amy Running placed 3rd and are eligible to advance to Provincial Competition on March 4th 2023 in Hespeler

NEW BUSINESS:

We have a member who is a Veteran, inquiring about a Veteran's only **COFFEE MORNING** to be held here at our Branch once a week. This member has someone who is willing to come with his guitar and offer to “JAM” or just talk. This member also thought it might be a good opportunity for our Service Officer to inform these Veterans about what services and programs are available through the Legion. Bob spoke with Alf Read prior to tonight's meeting and he stated he was willing to participate in this program.

Bob will go tomorrow to buy the new printer for upstairs. Also Bob informed the meeting that he and Shirley will be away the last couple of days in Feb and the first 2 weeks or so of March. He will be looking for someone to take over the Brunch and asked Anne Parker to look after the Executive and General Meetings.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT by John Robertson and 2nd by Alf Read