

**BR 92 GENERAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**ATTENDEES**

President:	Bob Howard	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice:	Anne Parker
Exec:	Bruno Mathieu	Poppy:	Owen Fitzgerald
Exec:	Chris Ormsbee	Exec:	Sharron Dorey
H & P:	Bill Beswetherick	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard	Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson
Br. Manager:	Ann DeWolfe		

**ABSENT**

Past Pres:	Ray Foster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice:	Janet Gaylord
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice:	John Beddows	Sports:	Carla Nelson
L & D:	Ron Miller	Service Officer:	Alf Read
Poppy:	Wes Rideout	Exec:	Kevin Offord

**GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General meeting reviewed and motion by Anne Parker to adopt. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. No amendments and motion carried.

Minutes of Executive Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 reviewed and motion by Anne Parker to adopt. Seconded by Bruno Mathieu. No amendments and motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Bob Howard stated we have no new members to install this month and Membership Chair, Anne Parker reported none at this time and that we do not install members, but would like to bring that ceremony back into practice. Bob Howard agreed that this is a good idea and will discuss it further with her outside of the meeting.

Bob doesn't have much to report other than the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. If you know of any Legionnaires or Veterans who wish to participate in the parade, then let them know they are very welcome. We will line up in uniform on King St at Stone St. We will then march down to the Cenotaph following the Remembrance Day Program as worked out by John Beddows and his committee. There is a contingency plan in place in case there happens to be an accident on Hwy 401. King St. is the emergency route. Also King street will be closed from Stone St to the Library from 10 AM until 1230 PM and the parade will be dismissed at the Cenotaph. This will allow everyone to cross the street and make their way to the Legion.

We are looking into the rules for the Kitchen. The only section that Bob notices of concern was to take the garbage out of the kitchen and outside. When this is done, please make certain that it goes into the dumpster and not just left outside the building in the parking lot.

We are starting to look into the Fire extinguishers, where they are and how they are distinguished. We are fortunate there hasn't been a complaint, because we are not anyway near what the code requires. We might be "Grandfathered" on some of it, but we need to bring it up to Code as close as we can get it. One of the main things is a large fire extinguisher outside the Kitchen. It needs to be a specific style and size and outside the Kitchen. We have a Pull Station there, so it should be put close to that, so that you use the pull station first, then grab the fire extinguisher if situation allows.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of September

General Account was \$122,530.98 up by \$540.57  
Lottery Account was \$11628.10 up by \$ 250.83

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

We have received a letter from the Linklater Breakfast Club requesting a donation to their program. This will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Anne Parker reports that there are about 110 people so far for the Early Bird membership. Reports that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the dues will be going up by \$5.00 so she is encouraging everyone to pay before then. We have a new membership card called a "Digital Membership Card". There are 2 options – a plastic membership card or a digital membership card. If you wish a digital card, you need to tell Anne so she can inform Command. Bruno Mathieu (Anne's Assistant) stated that people with fancy watches, you can get it on them as well as on cell phones. For I phones the app is through Apple's apps store and for Android phones it is on google play. This tells your Legion number, when you have paid, as well as the years of membership

## **Poppy**

Owen thanked everyone who participated in the Poppy Campaign. It was a very successful outing. There were 15 locations in town, where there were 21 collection boxes placed. That is not counting the trays that everyone volunteered to carry. The LA provided a nice stew, and he thanks them for it. They have not charged the Branch for it and he thanks them also for that. He expects that we will surpass last years total when the audit is completed. He thought last years total was around \$7 or \$8 thousand.

## **LOTTERY**

Bill Beswetherick stated that the last time we gave money to the Salvation Army was back in 2020. Bill recommends that we give them \$ 350. this year, same as we did then. He made the motion and it was seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Discussion: Joanne Lancaster asked what the Salvation Army used the money for, and Bill stated he had never asked. Motion voted on and carried.

Bill also put forward the motion to donate \$ 350. to Christmas for Kids which is run by Lynda Garrah. This motion was seconded by Ed Harding. No discussion followed. Voted on and carried.

## **YOUTH ED**

Sharron Dorey and Joanne Lancaster's report from the Remembrance Day posters – St Joseph's Catholic School (121) Linklater Public School (28) Gananoque Secondary School (9) Total 158 entries Judges this year were Pat Fitzgerald, Judy Horton and Joanne Lancaster. There were 3 from each school in each category. Each of these semi finalists will be given a certificate and a monetary award. 1<sup>st</sup> = \$15 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$10 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$ 5 One from each category chosen to enter the Zone Competition. Sharron made a motion for \$ 350. so they may proceed with the awards. These monies will come out of the Poppy fund. This was seconded by Bruno Mathieu. Voted on and carried.

## **SPORTS**

Carla Nelson was absent but sent in her report. Carla attended the Zone Sports meeting in Brockville with President Bob Howard. Sports in the Zone were chosen by a random draw. Gananoque Br 92 received 8-ball pool and golf. The 8-ball pool will be held on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the golf will be June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. the Golf Club has been booked for that date. Carla has posted the imminent events on the Sports bulletin board. There are deadlines, so you need to take note if interested. You can contact her, the Branch or President Bob.

## **SICK & VISITING**

Information about the Service Arrangements for the funeral for Karen Rideout provided.

## **HOUSE & PROPERTY**

Bill Beswetherick reported that the meter has been taken out. The plumbers are waiting for parts to repair the toilets. We are having trouble getting parts for the flush as the toilets are outdated.

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Sharron Dorey reported on the Oct 8<sup>th</sup> dance. 36 people attended the Reasons Revenue was \$ 605. including the 50/50. Expenses were \$ 500. (band) Profit was \$ 105. plus, the bar sales.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> dance was Tim Hallman & Terry Hoffman and 51 people attended. Revenue was \$ 616. including the 50/50. Expenses were \$ 250. (band). Profit was \$366. plus, bar sales.

Reminded everyone about the New Year's Eve party. Question from the floor: Is there to be Reservations for the New Year's Eve Party? Sharron's response: There are no reservations.

## **HONOURS & AWARDS**

Anne Parker reports nothing at this time.

## **CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS**

Shirley Howard reports still working on House Rules

## **WEBSITE**

Anne Parker reports that the Website going well. Asked that Carla submit info regarding sport events to her so she can post them.

## **SGT AT ARMS**

John Robertson reports that President Bob covered pretty much everything in his report for Remembrance Day Parade. He also reported that on Thursday, there will be a delivery from the Brewery around 3 PM. They donate a keg of beer every year for Remembrance Day.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ann De Wolfe reported that we have no Internet again . He was here most of the day, and thinks that the wires have been chewed by mice. He is going to try to set up another system. He's supposed to be here again tomorrow. If not, she is going to try to get Stuart to climb up & have a look around & see what he can find. This week-end will be very busy. The LA are having their Craft Fair on Saturday. She is having Sean (bartender) stay late and set up for the Dance. The Sunday Brunch and it will be a quick turn around after for the Celebration of Life for Karen Rideout at 3:30 PM

## **GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS**

Bill Beswetherick stated that Owen & Bill generally set out the wreaths in order as they are read off. He is assuming that this is the same this year. Bob replied that he thought it was so, but will contact John Beddows regarding same as well as whether Anne Parker is to be MC. She has still not heard from John. Also Bill is asking who is presenting the wreath on behalf of Bereaved Mothers?

Sharron Dorey: Making a suggestion – down at the Curling Club, they use these plastic tablecloths. They are \$1.25 at Dollarama. She thinks it would be a nice gesture if the Branch could furnish them with some of these tablecloths. Ann DeWolfe stated we have lots of linen. Bob Howard stated that it was up to the LA to decide if they wanted them. Shirley Walker stated that the LA have used plastic in the past and it was very unsuccessful and would never use them again.

John Robertson stated that he has been talking with Kevin Offord regarding the return of “Robbie Burns” function. They are at present planning for the afternoon of January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. It is a Sunday.

Motion by Ed Harding to adjourn and seconded by Anne Parker

## **PRESIDENT**

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER**