

## **BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

### **ATTENDEES:**

President:	Bob Howard	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice:	Anne Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice:	Janet Gaylord	Past Pres:	Wes Rideout
Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald	Exec:	Bruno Mathieu
Service Officer:	Alf Read	Exec:	Chris Ormsbee
House & Property:	Bill Beswetherick	Sgt @ Arms:	John Robertson
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard		

### **ABSENT:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice:	John Beddows	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
Sports:	Carla Nelson	Exec:	Kevin Offord
Ways & Means:	Sharron Dorey	L & D:	Ron Miller

Minutes of General Meeting of Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 reviewed and a motion by Owen Fitzgerald to adopt as presented. Seconded by Bruno Mathieu. Carried

Minutes of General Meeting of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 reviewed and a motion by Anne Parker to adopt as presented. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried

Minutes of General Meeting of Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 reviewed and a motion by Wes Rideout to adopt as presented. Seconded by Ed Harding. Carried

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

At the last Executive Meeting, Bob showed the pamphlet that Brockville puts out, but it was decided that we would continue with the way Bill Beswetherick is doing, putting information sheets out at the Bar and on tables. Bill also noted that Anne Parker puts info on our website and Brockville does not have a website.

Zone Meeting is Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Delta starting at 10 AM. It is open but only Zone Committee members are allowed to participate. Also the Public Speaking is being held on the same Sunday here at our Branch.

The Executive passed at the last meeting an Honorarium of \$400. to the PWOR Pipes & Drum band. The Scottish dancers were given a cheque for \$100. and they returned it to us as a donation.

Lastly, Bob and Shirley Howard will be away on a short vacation, leaving February 21<sup>st</sup> and returning March 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Vices will look after business while they are away.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Account: Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023	\$128,667.57	Lottery: Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023	\$10,967.42
Revenue: Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	\$22,860.10	Expenses: Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	\$17,322.33
Net Income:	\$5,537.77		

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

We received a thank you letter from "Christmas for Kids" for our donation of \$350. Also a thank you letter from the Salvation Army for our donation of \$350. A thank you note from Peter & Catherine Mills for the Fruit basket Owen gave them as well as the 2 meals from Robbie Burns dinner. Bruno Mathieu also brought in and gave us a letter from the "K9 RR Academy" looking for a donation. Bob gave this letter to Bill Beswetherick to follow up and make sure they are an accredited

organization for us to use Poppy Funds. We would probably have to use the Special Use forms for this.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Anne Parker has 1 new member and she continues to send out Welcome Letters. She has chosen June to induct all 35 new members. We are also close to 200 members paid up now.

### **LOTTERY:**

Bill Beswetherick made a motion that we donate \$750. from our Lottery Fund to the Gananoque Food Bank in honour of Paul Doornbos. Paul Doornbos donated \$1000. of his own money to the Food Bank. This motion was seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried.

### **PRO:**

Bob Howard, Bill Beswetherick, the Mayor of Gananoque and the Deputy mayor of the Township will all be at the Casino on Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> for presentation of the Plaque to the PROUD group.

### **SICK & VISITING:**

Owen Fitzgerald reported that other than the fruit basket taken to Peter Mills, he has nothing else to report.

### **VETERAN'S SERVICE:**

Alf Read reports that there is nothing new to report. He is still working on the 1 ongoing file. He also has a new project he is working on regarding the afghans that Rona Offord makes. He plans to get in contact with his counterpart from BR 560, Kingston and arrange to get the afghans through him to homeless vets in the Kingston area.

The Veteran's Coffee Club met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Tue. Feb 14<sup>th</sup> There were 5 Veterans in attendance today. It is slow catching on, but hoping it will get better. One of the comments from the Vets is transportation and both Anne Parker and Bruno Mathieu have volunteered to assist with driving.

### **HOUSE & PROPERTY:**

Brunch this week was very successful. We had almost 140 people.

### **LA LIASON**

Wes Rideout plans to attend their next meeting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

### **CONSTITUTION & LAWS:**

This is still ongoing and it may be necessary to get a committee together to work on the House Rules

### **WEB PAGE:**

Anne Parker reports that there is a lot going on and she also has a new page for :”Veteran's Place” It is under construction but still accessible.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Elections will be held at the General Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

New coffee maker purchase passed at the Executive Meeting but the cost is \$1347.53, so we need approval from the floor to purchase. Motion by Alf Read to purchase new Coffeemaker . Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried

Janet Gaylord reported that in 2022 profit from Rain Barrel sales was \$1700. and in 2022 it was \$1400. It was decided to not go ahead with sale of Rain Barrels this year.

John Robertson reminded everyone of Bursary deadline, March 31st. Amount available is \$1000.

Bell Lease has been approved by Provincial. And we have the copy. Just needs signatures and returned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** –motion by Wes Rideout and seconded by Bruno Mathieu

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**