

BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING JUNE 13, 2023

PRESENT:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
Shirley Howard	Sec/Treas	Alf Read	Service Officer
Wes Rideout	Past President	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Bill Beswetherick	Bursary	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Ed
Carla Nelson	Sports Officer	Mary Alguire	Executive
Dan Beauchamp	Executive	John Robertson	Sgt at Arms
Ann DeWolfe	Br Manager	Shirley Walker	LA President

ABSENT:

Ron Miller	L & D	John Beddows	Executive
Chris Ormsbee	Executive		

Meeting commenced with the marching on of the colours at 1900 hours

President Bob Howard asked for a motion to deviate proceedings in order to swear – in all new members who joined our Branch from January 1st 2020 to present. Motion made by Owen Fitzgerald and seconded by Anne Parker. Carried

President Bob Howard asked all new members if able, to please stand. The President conducted the swearing in ceremony and welcomed all 18 new members. The Executive members welcomed each new member individually. Bob proceeded after the welcoming to explain the Legion symbols and what they represent to the new members. Anne Parker, membership, then welcomed all new members and stated that she had only conversed with everyone via phone and now was very pleased to meet everyone in person.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As mentioned in our Opening Ceremony, Tom Tindal passed this past week. He was Branch 92's longest serving member at over 77 years. There will be a Legion Service on August 5th at Grace United Church at around 11 AM. There will be just the family and Legion members at the Service.

Sunday Brunch – we had approximately 112 people in attendance, and we made over \$600. Bob wishes to thank all those who volunteered their help. It wouldn't be successful without their help. We usually have about 14 volunteers who come in each time. The brunches are held every 2nd Sunday of the month. The price remains \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 and children under 5 free.

There will be a smoked meat lunch on July 1st. We have been doing this for the last 5 – 6 yrs. It will be from 11 AM to 1 PM and will include smoked meat, sauerkraut, dill pickle probably a drink at the bar for \$15.

The Bell Tower – Bell finally got back to Bob, saying that they must do a Public Notification. They also stated that there is nothing more for the Legion to do now. They do not anticipate any work starting in 2023.

Lorraine Payette – photographer/reporter asked to make a request – granted. She asked that at any time

there will be any type of special event planned, and you want people to know about it, please send her an electronic poster and she will get it on “What's Going On Gananoque TLTI” It tois a “FREE” site on Facebook and she is more than willing to post events for the Branch.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report from April 30th 2023

Lottery Fund \$ 11,148.21 Building Fund \$ 74,640.47 General Fund \$ 118,159.86

Total Revenue \$ 16,735.17 Total Expense \$ 20,771.80 Net Income - \$4,036.63

Motion to adopt financial report as read 1st Carl Duff 2nd by Kevin Offord Carried

POPPY REPORT: Owen Fitzgerald – our Poppy fund currently sits at \$7,871.14 The Poppy Fund has had a rough 3 years due to Covid – 19. Last year we placed donation boxes in 25 locations and our donations were close to \$15,000. We're hoping we can encourage our new members to come out and help support our Poppy drive this year. Bill Beswetherick reported that in the past 3 weeks, we donated \$2,000 to the Ontario Command Bursary Fund, \$2,000 to Perly Rideau Home, \$2,000 for supplies. We have enough supplies to last for about 2 years.

YOUTH ED: Joanne Lancaster has nothing to report at this time

PRO: Janet Gaylord has nothing to report at this time

SPORTS: Carla Nelson reported that we are hosting the Zone Golf on June 24th and that is the last event for Zone Sports until next fall. We have 4 teams entered and hope they do well and advance to District.

VETERAN SERVICES: Alf Read gave a brief outline of his job to the new members. He has had 6 files over the past while and has just concluded one. If you know of anyone who requires assistance dealing with Veterans Affairs, please notify Alf as he would be willing to assist them. Also Alf has been running a Coffee Klatch every Tuesday morning in the upstairs of the Legion from 10 AM to 11 AM . This has been suspended for the summer and he plans to start it up again in September. Alf Read moved to accept his report as read. 2nd by Kevin Offord Carried

WEBSITE: site is “relbranch92.com “ and is available to all new members to find out what is going on and upcoming. Anne Parker is doing a wonderful job of keeping this up to date.

SGT. at ARMS: John Robertson welcome and congratulate all the new members who joined the Branch. John is always looking for new members for his Colour Party. Also, if you are interested in helping out on any committee, you just need to contact the Chair of that committee and let them know of your interest.

MANAGER: Ann DeWolfe reports that everything has already been covered.

GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS: President Bob brought up the military type tattoo being held at Carleton Place Legion on June 25th It is a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II reign and admission is free.

Anne Parker made the motion that the Executive be allowed to carry on the business of the Legion over the summer months as there are no General Meetings during this time. Motion was seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Anne Parker. 2nd by Alf Read

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER