

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING APRIL 2nd 2024

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
Alf Read	Service Officer	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
John Robertson	Sgt at Arms	Sandy Cleveland	Ways & Means
Shirley Walker	President LA	Ann DeWolfe	Br Manager
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

John Beddows	Executive	Bill Beswetherick	House & Property
Chris Ormsbee	Executive	Mary Alguire	Executive

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held March 5th 2024 presented and reviewed. Sandy Cleveland pointed out that John Rose's name was not on her Ways & Means Committee and it was noted that he had volunteered after the date of the Executive Meeting. Motion to adopt the minutes as read by Joanne Lancaster. Seconded by Dan Beauchamp. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard stated that next month our General Meeting being held on May 14th will probably deviate from the usual format as it is Election for the upcoming year. He also stated it is his intention to run again for President. Anyone interested in running for any position are welcome to do so. Please have someone here to nominate you, prior to the commencement of the Elections. If you are not able to attend the meeting but wish to have your name put forward, you must do so by letter prior to the meeting, so that when your nominator puts your name forward, it can be confirmed that you wish to be considered. The term of service is for 1 year, but one can be voted in many times. Zone Commander will be in attendance to swear-in the elected persons.

Bob has been trying to contact Sgt Dickson about firming up a date for the presentation of Scams for Seniors, but she has not returned his calls as yet. There was a discussion about this from one of the Executive members that a posting had been noticed from one of the other Service Clubs that she was presenting for them. This Executive member will find out and if this is the case, we will not pursue it further.

We have a Certificate/Document (copy) given to us by Alf Read that was signed by Winston Churchill. The original is hanging in The Olde English Pub. It was awarded to Sgt H MacPherson, for Gallant and Distinguished Service in the Field. The family has requested that if the English Pub closes, the original be given to Branch 92.

Bob, Shirley and Bill Beswetherick went last Wednesday, March 27th to Cogeco for a 30 minute show hosted by John Beddows highlighting Gananoque and in this case, Branch 92 Legion. Cogeco will notify Bob of the airing date and what channel it is on "Cogeco, Your TV".

Sunday Brunch is April 14th and all volunteers are needed and welcome.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave the financial statement for the month of February and we are still having a deficit. Financial Committee volunteers are Charles Burrige, Alf Read and waiting a response from Jerry Witkowicz. One of their concerns will be to find a new Insurance provider. Also as per Alf Read's request, Ann DeWolfe will provide monthly financial comparative statements.

CORRESPONDENCE:

“Thank You” notes were sent out to Running's for their donation of 4 L of Maple Syrup for Sunday Brunches, to Walker Family Farm for their donation of 2 L of Maple Syrup for the Pancake Breakfast and also to the Rotary Club for their donation of \$ 300 for the Easter Egg candies given out at the Pancake Breakfast. Thanks also to John Beddows and the Town of Gananoque for the loan of their Bunny Costume and to Sean (bartender) for being our Easter Bunny. We also received a donation of \$ 300 from the Kinsman Club, and a “Thank You” will be sent to the Kinsman Club.

Shirley went to the Gananoque Fire Hall to inquire about donations instead of using the MARC Group. She provided her contact phone number as well as what we were asking about, last Monday, March 25th and has still not heard back from them.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reminded everyone of the Film Night on April 17th. The DVD has arrived, and Bob will set it up that evening. Janet is also asking for posters to be made and distributed for the Rain Barrel sale. Barrels will be delivered in the afternoon on Friday the 26th of April, and the sale will be Saturday from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. Janet also thought of contacting the local radio station to advertise and offer a draw for a free rain barrel that the company will provide.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe questioned when the LA District Darts will be held. She thought it was April 6th. The Hendricks dinner is a go for April 20th for 50 people. The Pub Crawl is happening on April 27th. The Meat Draw is April 26th and Stu Hill is doing a Fish Fry that day as well.

SICK & VISITING & POPPY REPORT

Owen Fitzgerald reports that Poppy campaign is dormant for now. He also reports that Glen Parker is still in Hospital. Update from Anne Parker – he has been in hospital since the middle of March and because of his diagnosis, they are waiting to have him placed in a Care Facility, as Anne is unable to take care of him. If anyone wishes, they can give Anne a call to check on him and see about visiting him in hospital. Glen is on Connel 10, Room 1060, Bed 1.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read reported that he has 3 files underway. One veteran needs transport funding for hospital concerns but is not eligible for the funding. Kevin Offord told Alf Read about the VON having a ride program and not charging very much for it, for Alf to investigate for this veteran. The 2nd file is completed and is in the hands of Veterans Canada. On the Coffee Club, Alf attended on Tuesday the Boathouse Cafe, but had no veterans attend.

SGT at ARMS:

John Robertson reminded everyone of the Quad Service dinner on April 22nd and that full Legion Dress uniform is preferred. John also stated he would talk with Forman's about whether they would donate tomatoes again this year.

LA PRESIDENT:

Shirley Walker reminded the Executive that we need to have a Joint Executive Meeting twice a year. Also, this Friday, April 5th is the Friday Lunch.

MEMBERSHIP & YOUTH EDUCATION: Anne Parker and Joanne Lancaster had nothing to report.

WAYS & MEANS: Sandy Cleveland reported that the Pancake Breakfast turned out really great. Everyone was very happy with it. We had two donations totalling \$ 600 . So with the donations we had a profit of \$ 978.61. On April 26th we are having our Fish Fry and Meat Draw. The Fish Fry is from 4 PM to 8 PM. Cost is \$ 15 and children under 12 years will be \$ 10. Take -Out service is available as well. The Meat Draw is from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. On April 28th , Sunday, there will be a dance here from 1 PM to 5 PM and the James Tryce Trio. May 26th is another dance from 1 PM to 5 PM and the band will be Rewind. It will be a 50's /60's theme and there will be a prize. Also 50/50 draws will be held at these dances. Sandy is also doing a 50/50 at the Quad Service Meal. Sandy has also found a local gentleman who writes and directs Murder/ Mysteries and he might be able to do one about the Legion. Sandy has offered to approach him and inquire about cost, if we have about 8 volunteers from the Legion who are willing to be in the production. She is looking at possibly doing this in the Fall.

Dan Beauchamp and Kevin Offord have nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alf Read brought up the concept which could apply to every Legion in Ontario. It is that our facility here could be used in an Emergency to house people. As such, we would be an essential piece of emergency relief. If we could receive designation as an essential service in an Emergency and qualify for an annual donation of some sort to keep us in that category, it would also be another source of revenue as well as source of information in the province as to what is available.

Alf is asking if he needs to approach Zone Commander, or District Commander before going onward to Provincial Command. He needs clarification of the proper chain of command. He also would talk over the concept with John Beddows, the Mayor of Gananoque as well. It would also require co-ordinating with all the Emergency Services in Eastern Ontario.

Bob Howard said he would speak with Ralph McMullen; Zone Commander and it might also be something to bring up at District Convention in Kingston next month.

Question brought forward – Do we have to have an Emergency Generator. Response for Bob was we would have to investigate it further and also might depend on the type of Emergency.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

1st Alf Read

2nd John Robertson

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER