

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING DECEMBER 5TH 2023

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Wes Rideout	Past President
Anne Parker	1 st Vice	Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice
Alf Read	Service Officer	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	Mary Alguire	Executive
Dan Beauchamp	Executive	Shirley Walker	L.A. President
John Robertson	Sgt at Arms	Ann DeWolfe	Branch Manager
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education
John Beddows	Executive	Chris Ormsbee	Executive

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on November 7th 2023 were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Dan Beauchamp to adopt the minutes as presented. Seconded by Wes Rideout. Carried
Jean Walker, a Branch member and WWII Veteran as well as a L.A. Member has passed away. The flags will be lowered in her memory.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord first offered her thanks for the Branch's Colour party's attendance at the Lansdowne Remembrance Day Service. She also attended as our Branch's representative the funeral for Zone Commander Rob Fernell. The National Film Day next year is on April 17th, 2024. Also, she plans to run the Rain Barrel program again and the pick-up date will be April 27th from 9:30 AM to 2 PM.

Janet attended the meeting at the Town Hall as a representative of our Branch regarding the Youth Centre that had closed a few years ago and the need for it to be re-established. The other Service Clubs were in attendance as well. After discussions, it was decided they would approach the United Way, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club and Big Brother and Big Sisters. They want to ensure that there is funding from the County and/or the Government for a full-time person to run the program. They were asking for financial support and Janet explained that we are not in a position to assist at this time but that we do support youth programs through the schools throughout the year. We would back this program and would talk about hosting a fundraiser at the Legion. They are having another meeting on Wednesday December 13th at 9:30 AM. Also this information is not to go to the Public until the Town makes their announcement.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bob Howard reports that he spoke with Sgt. Lyndsay Dickson of the Gan Police Service regarding her presentation about phone and e-mail scams a & phishing. She agreed to postpone this until February 2024.

Owen and Bob attended the Casino last week where the Casino gave the Branch cheques totalling over \$1300.00 to go towards the Poppy Fund.

Remembrance Day was very successful for the Branch this year. The Legion was packed with standing room only in the Webb Room as well as the Bar Area and remained so until late in the afternoon. Reports that the beer was flowing freely.

Sports – we had a team go to Seeley's Bay for Zone Cribbage. They placed 6th and will advance to District Cribbage in Cornwall on February 3rd, 2024. They pay their own way.

We are having a New Year's Eve party again this year. The cost is \$30.00 per person. The Band will play from 8:30 PM until 12:30 AM. There will also be food served, probably cold meat, buns, and cheese.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker reports that 160 members renewed by November 30th and we have 165 paid as of tonight. She stated that the Early Bird draw will be held at the General Meeting on Dec 12th

HONOURS & AWARDS:

Bill Beswetherick reports that he has not heard from the MP or MPP regarding their attendance at the Levee, but that both mayors will be attending. The Honouree of the Year will be the FOOD BANK. We have also determined who will be Legionnaire of the year and who will get Life Membership. The Service Club Executives have been invited, but a lot of them also belong to the Legion. John Robertson inquired about an invite to the Forman Farm people for their continuing generous donation of tomatoes for our Sunday Brunches. Bill will look into this.

POPPY CHAIR:

Owen Fitzgerald reported that this years Poppy campaign was very successful. Thanks the Legion members who volunteered, the ladies Auxiliary who provided a hot meal and the generosity of the businesses and the townspeople. There were 34 boxes placed and 18 locations covered times 2 as there were 2 shifts. Thanks also to the Mayor and the Town for allowing us to use their coin counting equipment.

SERVICE OFFICER:

Alf Read stated he has started 1 new file for a veteran. The Coffee Club has only had 3 attendees this past Tuesday.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

Shirley Walker stated that everything is going well with the Ladies Auxiliary. Also, just a reminder of the invitation to the Branch Executive to attend the Ladies Christmas Party on Friday December 8th at 5PM with dinner at 6PM

SGT AT ARMS:

John Robertson stated that everything is on track for the Robbie Burns function. The basket is almost completed with the approximate value of the basket being \$200.00 Tammy Serson offered to make up the posters.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard gave the financial report and we are still losing money.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe stated that the plumbers were in again looking at the Ladies bathroom upstairs. They told her that the toilet has to be replaced very soon. Our water bill is extremely high. The bartenders are working longer hours with some of the functions going late. Snow removal will soon be another expense. Also the Swish products have gone up in price along with their shipping charges. But if we change products, then we lose the servicing of the equipment.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT**PRESIDENT****SECRETARY/TREASURER**