

## **BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING MARCH 12 , 2024**

### **ATTENDEE'S:**

Bob Howard	President	Janet Gaylord	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice
Wes Rideout	Past President	Alf Read	Service Officer
Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair	Shirley Walker	LA President
Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education	John Beddows	Executive
John Robertson	Sgt. at Arms	Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer

### **ABSENT:**

Anne Parker	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Kevin Offord	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	Sandy Cleveland	Ways & Means
Mary Alguire	Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
Chris Ormsbee	Executive	Ann DeWolfe	Br. Manager

Minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 General Meeting not available but will be presented at the next General Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024.

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

There is a Zone Convention being held in Lyndhurst on March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM. Anyone from our Branch who wishes to attend is more than Welcome. Bob Howard, John Robertson and Janet Gaylord as members of Zone are attending. Wes Rideout, Alf Read and Owen Fitzgerald have also stated that they would like to attend.

St Patrick's Day is also being celebrated here at our Branch with stew, rolls, dessert and tea/coffee being served in the Webb Room at a cost of \$ 8.00 Also stew and a roll only will be served in the Bar at a cost of \$ 5.00.

Last Sunday's Brunch was attended by 179 people. We seem to be going through more food, but the same number of people. We have placed signs on the tables stating that "We are pleased that you enjoy our food and wish for seconds. Please consider making a donation for your seconds." Our donations were a bit more, but we might have to consider altering the amount we do serve. It will be looked into and discussed further.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Shirley Howard gave the financial report and noted that we did not lose for the month of January but this was due to the generous donation of \$ 8000 by the Ladies Auxiliary.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Shirley Howard reported that we have received a request from the MARC Group which has teamed up with the Gananoque Fire Department requesting the Legion become a Sponsor to their Community Program. The Sponsorship entry level is \$550 and each level increases dramatically upward. It was suggested that we approach the Gananoque Fire Department itself and inquire what we can possibly consider doing for them instead of committing to this program. This is tabled till next month.

### **POPPY REPORT:**

Owen Fitzgerald reported that the Poppy Campaign is over for this year and it was very successful. Our Poppy Fund is around \$ 20,000 . It was well serviced by our membership and the LA provided a lovely hot meal at noon. Hopefully everyone will be back this Fall to assist again.

## **YOUTH EDUCATION:**

Sharron Dorey reporting for Joanne Lancaster on the Public Speaking Competition. Despite the winter storm, the event was well attended. There were 11 speakers. We had 3 winners from Primary, 3 winners from Junior and 2 winners from Intermediate. There were no Senior participants. The first place winners can advance to the Zone Competition on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Westport.

We were given an advance of \$ 400. The expenses were: Prizes \$165. Food \$ 82.00 for a balance of \$153.00 Sharron is returning \$155.00 to the Branch. Westport Results from March 3<sup>rd</sup> were our Primary 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Oakley Tregunna placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and our Junior 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Ivy Zufelt-McCulloch placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, Denver Marshall who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Intermediate was unable to attend in Westport.

## **P R O:**

Janet Gaylord reported that she attended the “Night in the Cold” held outside the Town Hall as was reported in the newspaper. She was acting as a representative of the Legion. Also, she is reminding everyone of the National Film Day date on April 17<sup>th</sup> and the film “Being Canadian” will be shown here at the Legion at 7 PM. The Rain Barrel sale is now open and is servicing the Gananoque and surrounding area. She's doing a poster. She can provide you with the email link. They will be ready for pick up on April 27<sup>th</sup>. She is also looking for volunteer helpers.

**SPORTS:** Mixed darts has been posted on the bulletin board for awhile and nobody has signed up as yet. It is March 30<sup>th</sup> and is being held here at our Branch. Bob will take the posting down the end of this week.

## **SICK & VISITING:**

Owen Fitzgerald reports that Glen Parker is back in hospital. He is up and down health-wise.

## **VETERAN SERVICES:**

Alf Read has 3 files in process. Coffee Club 92, held at the Boat shop Cafe, 2 of our usual members were AWOL.

## **HOUSE & PROPERTY:**

With Bill being absent, Bob reported that the plumbers were given the go ahead to order the parts for the 2 toilets in the Ladies B/R . One in the upstairs Ladies and the other in the downstairs Ladies. The next afterwards will be in the Men's downstairs.

## **WAYS & MEANS:**

For those who are unaware, Sandy Cleveland has graciously volunteered to Chair the Ways & Means Committee. Her report tonight is: The Committee consists of Bob Howard, Joanne Lancaster, John Rose and Carol Hatt as well as herself. March 29<sup>th</sup> is our Easter Pancake Breakfast. Posters have been prepared and advertising is out there. No luck so far getting a Bunny costume, but Easter Treats will be available. This is a “By Donation” event. There have also been inquiries requesting we start up dances again. She has been in contact with James Tryce Trio and they have indicated Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> and the date will be confirmed later. They are charging \$350.00 Sandy welcomes any help and suggestions. Her email is slcleveland94@gmail.com

## **BURSARY & SGT at ARMS:**

John Robertson reports that at present, there is nothing new to report. Question for John – Where are the forms for Bursaries found. Response - There are applications at the Bar here in our Legion and are also available on-line. Question – Has the Secondary School been offered these bursary forms? Response- John has taken some of these forms to the High School and to his knowledge, none have been forthcoming to District for consideration.

John Robertson also stated that the flags in front of our Legion will remain at half-staff until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The evening of the funeral of Brian Mulroney.

**GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS:**

A reminder of the Service Clubs dinner being held here at our Branch on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Social hour will start at 5 PM with the dinner at 6 PM. Anyone from our Legion is welcome to attend up to a maximum of 25 people. If anyone is interested, please contact either Bob or Shirley Howard. The LA will provide dinner that evening.

Alf Reid also brought up his concern over our Insurance Provider. Asking if we need to have Command approve who we choose as a provider. Response from Bob was that once the Financial Committee is up and going, they will investigate finding a new provider that offers the same coverage as our present one, but at a cheaper rate. He mentioned that Command is looking at the Co-Operators.

Sharron Dorey brought up her concerns regarding the insurance liability of allowing outside people to use the Legion for their functions. President Bob felt that because some of our Legion members are participating in these functions, we are covered. However, he did state that he would look into the Insurance coverage and the Liability.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion by Wes Rideout and seconded by John Robertson

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**