

**BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Alf Read	Service Officer	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	Ron Miller	L & D
Sharron Dorey	Ways & Means	Chris Ormsbee	Executive
Kevin Offord	Executive	John Robertson	Sgt at Arms
Ann DeWolfe	Manager	Shirley Howard	Sec/Treas
Carla Nelson	Sports Officer		

**ABSENT:**

John Beddows	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Bruno Mathieu	Executive
Wes Rideout	Past President		

**GUEST:**

Rob Fernell	Zone Commander	Jean Compeau	Zone G1 Dep/Commander
Maddie Fernell	Zone Sports Officer		

Request from Comrade Bob to deviate this meeting in order to hold elections. Motion made by Alf Read and seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried. Zone Commander Rob Fernell asked the Head Table to vacate their chairs except for the Sec/Treas. Sgt. at Arms informed the Zone commander that the number present to vote is 32, there is no alcohol in the room and the doors are secure. Zone Commander Rob laid out the exact procedures that will be followed for the election.

Minutes of the General Meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 were reviewed. Call to adopt these minutes as presented. Motion by Carl Duff and seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Bob Howard and Bursary Chair John Robertson attended the District Convention in Pembroke the week-end of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Bob attended the Presidents meeting and there were 48 Presidents in attendance. They are all running into the same issues our Legion has – finding volunteers to work, people not respecting others at times. Some have come up with a few ways to handle these issues and Bob feels he now has the tools to handle some of these issues if and when they arise. The Branch voted to cover the costs for John and Bob up to \$400. and the bill was \$323.80. Bob thanks the Branch for providing funds for 1 room and Banquet dinner and the Registration for the 2 of them.

The Service Club dinner for the various Service groups – Legion, Rotary, Lions Club, Kinsmen was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Bob Howard, John Robertson and Shirley Howard attended. Their guest speaker is a co-owner of the Brew Pub, and he spoke about Ronald McDonald House. He was very informative and provided a lot of information that we were unaware of concerning the opportunities offer by Ronald McDonald House.

Also a reminder that we are having our monthly Brunch this Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. It is Mother's Day as well and Bob will be getting 5 dozen carnations from Magnolia's to give to the first 60 Mothers. Magnolia's are giving us a bit of a discount. Bob also needs the usual 14 volunteers to work the breakfast.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT: May 1<sup>st</sup> , 2023**

Lottery Fund: \$10,244.46      General Account: \$118,240.12      Building Fund: \$74,493.29  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$19,370.59      TOTAL EXPENSE: \$21,577.90      NET INCOME: -\$2,207.31

Motion asked to adopt the Financial Report as given: Bev Miller motioned to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Harding. Any questions? None . Carried

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Several letters requesting donations, and the suggestion from the floor was to table these requests till meeting in June. The General meeting was in agreement with this proposal.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Anne Parker reports that we have a total of 278 members with 216 members in good standing. There will be a welcome party at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be finger foods. Anne is inviting 60 new members, from Jan 01, 2020 to present. All Legion members are invited to welcome the new members and it will start at 7 PM sharp. All the information is on the Legion website at [www.rclbranch92.com](http://www.rclbranch92.com)

**POPPY:** Owen Fitzgerald stated that at the present time there he has nothing to report on Poppies

**LOTTERY REPORT:** The Chair is absent tonight

**YOUTH ED:** Joanne Lancaster – no report at this time

**PRO:** Janet Gaylord gave her report on the movie night held at the Royal Theatre on April 21<sup>st</sup> There were over 50 people in attendance. There were questions why the film was not shown at the Legion and Janet's response was that it had been tried 4 other times here at the Legion with only the organizers attending. The following response from the floor was – “ What can we do to increase attendance?” Answer - “We are all open to suggestions”.

**SPORTS:** Carla Nelson reminded everyone of the fun golf day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Organized by Alf Read & herself. Also the Zone Golf Tournament is being held at the Gananoque Golf Course on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Horseshoes is this week-end, but no one signed up from here. Also Corn hole poster is up, but there is no advancement.

**L & D:** Ron Miller has nothing to report at this time.

**SICK & VISITING:** Owen Fitzgerald has nothing to report at this time

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Zone Commander made the request for a motion to destroy the ballots Motion to destroy ballots by Ron Miller, and seconded by Bob Howard.

**PRESIDENT:** Bob Howard

**1st VICE:** Anne Parker

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE:** Janet Gaylord

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE:** John Robertson who later withdrew

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:** Kevin Offord; Mary Alguire; Joanne Lancaster; Dan Beauchamp; Chris Ormsbee; Owen Fitzgerald

**SEC/TREAS:** Shirley Howard

**SGT at ARMS:** John Robertson

The Sports Officer and the Service Officer are appointed by the President and all others are chairs and can be appointed by the President and the Executive.

**VETERAN SERVICES:** Alf Read reported that he has 1 file pending.

**HOUSE & PROPERTY:** Bill Beswetherick reports that he's waiting to hear from the folks when the parts for the toilet have arrived.

**WAYS & MEANS:** Sharron Dorey reported on the dance held May 6<sup>th</sup> with the Reasons. She reported that there were 62 people in attendance at a cost of \$15. per person for a total of \$ 930. The 50/50 was \$ 70 so the total income was \$1000. Expenses were \$500. for the band. So the profit was \$ 500. Sharron also reported that this will be the last dance she will be organizing.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** Shirley Howard reports that this remains a work in progress.

**WEBSITE:** Anne Parker reported it is going well.

**BURSARY:** John Robertson stated that the last Bursary meeting was held via telephone as there was only a couple to review. There were only 4 turned down.

**SGT at ARMS:** John Robertson reported that the new flags are up now and that we also have spares.

**BRANCH MANAGER:** Ann DeWolfe reported that last week-end was very busy and will be again this week-end. Also the L.A. Phone is not working. She has called in the repairman. It is also time for the A/C filters to be changed. Thanks also to Sean for the great job he has done stripping and waxing the floors. They look really good.

Alf Read inquired about the Bell Lease. President Bob replied that he talked with John Wood, his Bell contact on Monday. John was to get back to him prior to tonight's meeting, but hasn't done so. Bob thinks it is now in Bell's hands and their contact processes with the town and nearby residents.

### **GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS**

None brought up at this time.

### **ADDRESS BY ZONE COMMANDER:**

Rob Fernell brings greetings from District Commander Ken Heagle from Cornwall. He is also announcing that there will now be two conventions yearly. One in the Spring and the other in the Fall. This Fall's convention will be in Orleans, but he does not have any further information about it at this time. The Legion Blue shirts that are casual dress, Command is allowing Undressed D & D medals to be worn. The Zone Christmas dinner was held in Seeley's Bay in 2021 and in Brockville in 2022. They are looking for a place to hold the Christmas dinner for this year. Rob Fernell will be back at our Legion next Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> for meeting to pass Zone By-Laws.

Motion of Adjournment by Bev Miller  
Seconded by Carla Nelson

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**