

BRANCH 92 GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair
Wes Rideout	Past President	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Ed
Mary Alguire	Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
Ann DeWolfe	Br. Manager	John Robertson	Sgt at Arms
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer		

ABSENT:

Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice	Alf Read	Service Officer
Bill Beswetherick	House & Property	Ron Miller	L & D
Chris Ormsbee	Executive	John Beddows	Executive

Install New Members:

Maureen Solomon; Judy Horton; Sandy Cleveland; John Rose; Eugene Solomon

Minutes for General Meeting, May 9th reviewed. Motion to adopt as read 1st by Joanne Lancaster. Seconded by Owen Fitzgerald. Carried

Minutes for General Meeting, June 13th reviewed. Motion to adopt as read by Ed Hardy and seconded by Joanne Lancaster. Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We had a memorial service for Tom Tindal on Saturday, the 5th of August. Bob is ashamed to say that only 5 members of our Legion showed up for this service and 3 were the Colour Party, the other 2 were Bob himself who conducted their service and Owen Fitzgerald. Tom Tindal was a WWII Vet and a 77 year member of this Legion. I don't think anybody will surpass that distinction, and he certainly deserves more respect. Also we had 6 stones at Carveth Nursing Home placed on Wednesday the 16th of August. These stones are in memory of Vets who have passed and who had resided at Carveth. There are 48 stones there now. At this service, there were only 3 Legion Members attending and they were the Sgt. at Arms and Bob & Shirley Howard for the Colour Party.

Sunday Brunches – This is the only money maker we have at the moment. I am asking if we can get some people to get together and come up with ways for us to make some money for the Legion. We do have some money in our accounts, but expenses keep coming in as the building is old and needing repairs and updates. We also need volunteers coming out to assist with the Brunches.

Chain of Command- there is a proper order to follow if you have any complaints. Bob has downloaded from the Legion site, the proper forms for complaints and they will be at the Bar. If you cannot resolve your concern with the person involved, and feel you need to take this further, then please use the proper forms. It has to be in writing and has to be within 2 weeks of the incident. Sgt at Arms added to this report that there is a monetary cost to filing a complaint. He states that if you lose the ruling on the complaint you do not get your money back and if you win, there is no guarantee you will have your money returned, either. Also, the hearing will not be held at the Gananoque Branch. It will be at another Branch at the Zone's discretion.

Legion Week – is from September 17th to 23rd - we were hoping to borrow the Link Trainer model from the Museum to show as this is the anniversary of the battle of Britain. But unfortunately the Museum said it is a little too heavy and hard to move around along with the cost of the insurance. So

we will not have the Link Trainer, but we will show the movie “The Battle of Britain” on the screen here in the Webb Room on Wednesday, 20th of September at 7 PM. The movie is 2 hours and 12 minutes long. It is free of charge to anyone who would like to come in and there will be a donation basket available.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Shirley Howard reported that at the end of July this year:

General Account	\$ 103,059.75	Lottery Account	\$ 11,703.62
Total Revenue	\$ 13,364.67	Total Expenses	\$ 19,583

Actual Net Income for the past year is NEGATIVE 14,103.64

Motion to adopt report as given 1st by Ed Harding 2nd by Anne Parker - Carried

Response from the Financial advisor regarding investment of approximately \$ 50,000. and they informed me that it is not beneficial to do so as the companies requirements are too stringent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Perley Health invitation to their Open House on Oct 2nd . The information is posted on our Website. If any Executive and Chair members are interested in attending, please let Bob or Shirley know. RSVP by Friday, Sept 22nd.

Request for Almost Home Donations.

We have also heard from the Gananoque Museum regarding some of the medals we have on display here in the bar area. Bob is going to talk with them to learn if storage/ display is one of their concerns. Are they going to just put them away somewhere and not display them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Anne Parker has nothing to report

Poppy – Owen Fitzgerald -Welcomed all new members. He then explained the Poppy Drive program – public volunteering to donate, not required to pay for the poppies. He stated that King Charles III will receive the 1st poppy on Oct 27th and then we may start offering poppies. Owen is working with Bill Beswetherick who is currently unavailable. The volunteer sign-up board was presented and that there will be 2 shifts on that Saturday with a hot lunch provided by the LA. Bill Beswetherick has informed Owen that our Poppy Fund currently stands at \$ 7,980. We hope to double that at this year's drive.

Lottery: Chair was absent

Youth Ed: - Joanne Lancaster reported there is nothing at this time

PRO: Janet Gaylord – There will hopefully be a story about the Legion in this weeks paper and upcoming events, darts, euchre, and the meat draw. Also a reminder of the Zone G2 meeting in Mallorytown on Sunday, Sept 17th at 10 AM. Also in our minutes, it was noted that someone made a comment about the fact that we had the movie night in another facility. That movie was in support of another organization (Indigenous). Janet would like to say that if anyone, including our new members have a reason why our past efforts have not worked and what we need to do to improve it, she would really, really appreciate it we didn't wait until the day and then say “See, it didn't work” If you have suggestions to make it successful, then please see Janet.

Sports: We do not have a Sports Chair, so anyone who would like to take over, please see Bob

L & D: Ron Miller is ill

SICK & VISITING: Owen Fitzgerald reported that Murray Salter has been under the weather, very weak. Seems to not engage in his usual conversational interests.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Alf Read not present

HOUSE & PROPERTY: Bill Beswetherick is absent. The only concern Bob has is the Men's washroom. Bill originally had a quote of about \$ 4,000. per toilet to get them up and running. We now have 1 toilet repaired at a cost of \$ 2,207.72 . Bob is going to contact the plumbers to come in and fix the handicap toilet either the end of this month or the start of next month to help spread out the costs.

HONOURS & AWARDS: Anne Parker has nothing at this time

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Shirley Howard has nothing new

WEB SITE: Anne Parker said all 39 pages are doing great.

BURSARIES: John Robertson stated nothing at this time.

SGT at ARMS: John Robertson stated that Chris Ormsbee would like to be trained for the position of Sgt at Arms and John will have Chris look after the November meeting to see how it goes. John doesn't know how much longer he will be able to manage this position. John also stated that we need more help for the Sunday Brunches, especially early in the morning – like 7 AM to help set up tables, prepare coffee etc. At the moment there is only Carl Duff and John Robertson doing this and they are both 86 years young. It's time for the younger members to volunteer.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ann DeWolfe stated there are no changes.

NEW BUSINESS: The paperwork is available for the program that the Ottawa Senators, working with the Legion, offering Veterans tickets to Ottawa games is available now and Anne Parker will post it on the Website. See either Bob or Shirley if interested.

John Robertson moved the meeting adjourned. Seconded by Anne Parker

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER