

**BRANCH 92 RCL
EXECUTIVE MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2022**

Attendees:

President:	Bob Howard	Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald
1 st Vice:	Anne Parker	L & D :	Ron Miller
2 nd Vice:	Janet Gaylord	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
3 rd Vice:	John Beddows	House & Property:	Bill Beswetherick
Executive:	Sharron Dorey	Executive:	Kevin Offord
Executive:	Chris Ormsbee		

Secretary/Treasurer: Shirley Howard
Branch Manager: Ann DeWolfe

Absent:

Past President:	Ray Foster	Sports Officer:	Carla Nelson
Service Officer:	Alf Read	Executive:	Bruno Mathieu
Poppy Chair:	Wes Rideout	Sgt-at-Arms:	Dan Beauchamp

President Bob Howard called for a deviation of the Executive Meeting to allow Zone Commander Rob Fernell to address the Executive which he did.

After the Zone Commander's address to the Executive, the meeting progressed as per usual protocol.

Minutes of the last Executive Meeting of July 5, 2022 reviewed. Suggestion made to include Executive members absent in the minutes. Motion carried to accept minutes as recorded.

President Bob Howard brought forth the motion that was tabled from July's meeting regarding further monies to be given to the Mike Battams / Brian Thomson golf team that went to Petawawa. They have submitted receipts for Hotel and gas expenses. Hotel was \$479.20 and Gas was \$149.81 totalling \$644.01. After some discussion as to pride for their support of our Branch a motion was made by Anne Parker and seconded by Bill Beswetherick to give them a cheque for the full amount of \$644.01. Motion carried.

PWOR request for funds that had been tabled at July's meeting again brought up. It was determined that Kevin Offord will get more information to present to the Branch as to whom else the Pipe Band have canvassed for funds. This was again tabled until the

September meeting.

We also talked about the request for funds for the wounded Vet in the Ukraine and tabled that discussion until the August meeting. There was an e-mail sent out the evening of July 5th from Ontario Command stating that funding this would be seen as a response to active engagement that is neither sanctioned by the Government of Canada nor supported as a CAF mission. All CAF personnel have returned to Canada until conditions permit operations to resume in the Ukraine. As these conditions remain, they will have to proceed without Legion participation.

Chair Bob reported he was meeting tomorrow, Aug 3rd with District organizers for the October Council meeting being held at Branch 92. John Robertson, Bill Beswetherick and Kevin Offord have volunteered to assist Chair Bob with the planning.

Aug 14th is the Sunday Brunch. Again Bob thanked the volunteers who showed up last month – John Robertson, Owen Fitzgerald, Sheila Kenny, Bill Beswetherick, Ray Foster, Shirley Howard, Joanne Lancaster, Debbie Lloyd. Anne Parker stated she will post requests for more volunteers on the website and will also do a newsletter. Bob remarked to her that he would need volunteers to contact him so he would have numbers and not be possibly overrun with help for the next Sunday Brunch and then no one willing to come back afterwards as they might feel their help wasn't needed.

August 21, 2022 there is a Council meeting with guests at 10 A.M. For approximately 50 people. There will be G1 Deputy Zone Commander; G3 Zone Commander & District Commander and his Deputy. A colour party and Sgt-at-Arms will be required. Bob will speak with the Ladies Auxillary about providing a light lunch.

There is a workshop on Sept 24th, 2022 in Brockville for Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers. Bob and Shirley will be attending.

Sept 4th there is a Zone Convention in Brockville. Anyone interested in attending, please pass the information along on or before August 23rd so that Brockville will have the numbers for the lunch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial: Lottery Account has \$10,287.31
General Account has \$124,283.80
Building Account has \$74,189.39

Correspondence: Wheels for the Wise information letter will be passed along to Alf Read

Poppy: Owen is having a meeting in early September to plan to approach businesses for placing donation boxes. Bill Beswetherick reported that Ontario Command has rejected our special request using Poppy Funds to donate to the Medical Centre.

Lottery: John Beddows and Bill Beswetherick will meet soon to discuss the handing over of the Lottery to John .

Youth ED: nothing new to report

PRO: nothing happening at this time but Janet asked where the money from the Rain barrel sales goes. Informed it goes into the General Account unless otherwise specified prior to the sales.

Ways & Means: Sharron Dorey reported the dance held on July 23rd had an attendance of 49 people. She took in \$735. Admissions; \$40. from the 50/50 for a total of \$775. The Band cost was \$500. so a profit of \$275. She has given a list of upcoming dances to be posted on the Branch's website.

House & Property: Bill Beswetherick reported that the Town of Gananoque has told us that we can remove 1 of the two meters. We will contact our Plumber to look into this.

Manager's Report: After tree removal and brush clean-up, the Satellite company reported that the connections outside our building were corroded and have now been replaced. The Satellite is now 100%. Also the telephone lines have been repaired and the phones are also now 100 % - no more static. Ann is waiting for a date to have an assessment and estimate given regarding the latest fire inspection and the replacement of re-called faulty parts.

New Business: St Joseph School is requesting a donation for a Permanent Sun Shade. The total cost of this Sun Shade is \$20,000. Bill Beswetherick noted that we have just recently donated to St Joseph. John Beddows suggested that the school plant trees. This was tabled until September's meeting so further information could be obtained.

Zone Commander Rob Fernell reported that he is going to Aurora after November 11th ceremonies this year and if Branches have issues with PIB insurance company, please forward them on to him so he can address them with the insurance representatives that will be there. He stated that the insurance for Branches of 100 member or more, the insurance costs will be going up \$5000. and for smaller Branches it will be going up \$1,000. He also stated that because of some temporary closures of many Branches due to Covid Pandemic, the insurance should not be increasing and he will follow up on this issue.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Howard and seconded by John Robertson.