

**BRANCH 92, RCL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
JULY 5, 2022**

**Attendees;**

President:	Bob Howard	Executive:	Sharron Dorey
Past Pres.	Ray Foster	Executive:	Chris Ormsbee
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Anne Parker	Poppy Chair:	Wes Rideout
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Janet Gaylord	Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	John Beddows	L&D:	Ron Miller
		Youth Ed.	Joanne Lancaster
		Honours & Awards	Bill Beswetherick

Secretary/Treasurer: Shirley Howard  
Branch Manager: Ann DeWolfe

Minutes of the last General Meeting of June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 reviewed. Motion by Shirley Howard to accept minutes as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Foster. Carried

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. It is now confirmed that we will be hosting the District Council Meeting the week-end of October 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> . As the Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Euchre tournament on the 15<sup>th</sup> and will be needing the Web Room, District Council will be meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> upstairs. District Council will be using the Webb Room on Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. President Bob will be looking into information for Hotel accommodation for Friday night for 10 rooms to be blocked out and also for another 30 rooms for Saturday night to be blocked out. He will also be talking with the Ladies Auxiliary regarding meals for this event. Also possibly getting Scotty Stoness to provide entertainment in the bar area and will include District Council members as well as any Ladies Auxiliary from Euchre tournament who wish to attend. District organizers will be visiting in August to discuss upcoming plans.
2. **BELL TOWER:** Plans are getting bogged down with Provincial Command. Bell makes the changes that Provincial suggests and then when returned to Provincial, Pam Sweeney makes more changes. Bell are getting to the point where they are getting annoyed with the changes that are being requested. So the plan now is to forward the latest changes to Bell and when they make those changes, inform Provincial Command, Pam Sweeney,( Executive Director) that we are signing off on the agreement and accepting it as is. Provincial Command is holding up Gananoque Branch getting \$300,000. over the next 20 years.

According to Bill Beswetherick, our plan is to send an e-mail stating “We appreciate the input from Ontario Command concerning the most recent lease from Bell, but we will proceed with it the way it is, unchanged.”

3. Bob has received a request “to pass the hat for a fellow Vet who has volunteered to fight in the Ukraine”. There must be 8 different Web sites to check it out. Question from Anne Parker – Is he serving now? Response – He's a retired Vet. It appears to not have the backing of anyone Official. There are political news items included. Suggested that we forward it on to Ontario Command and await their decisions and instructions. John Beddows asking if the support is for a Vet who has returned home, or is still in the Ukraine, or is he actually a mercenary? These are important questions needing answers.
4. PWOR (Kevin Offord) has sent a request for funds to help assist to kit out its members. Decision tabled to next meeting and further information to be provided to Executive members.

John Beddows (Remembrance Day Chair) stated he is planning on approaching the town mid-July regarding Remembrance Day Ceremony. Talking about closing King Street for parade. He wants to get all this settled before Municipal elections. He plans to approach the Base for marching parties, as well as talk with town police and fire departments to arrange the closing of King Street. It is with the understanding that 1 lane for traffic would probably remain open in case of emergencies. He also plans to approach the Queen's Band as now that Covidrestrictions have been lifted, they may get booked quickly. He is also looking into who will be the Honour Guard at the Cenotaph. Will talk to Cadets first. Bob asked that John keep Owen, Wes, Bill and our Sgt.-at-Arms informed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of June 30<sup>th</sup> (fiscal year end) we have 243vmembers in good standing. We have 106 Veterans in the Landsdowne, Gananoque, Mallorytown area. Breakdown is 66 in Gananoque; 14 in Landsdowne; and 2 in Mallorytown. Nominal roll has been printed off as of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Pins and Ribbons will be given out during Legion Week in September (3<sup>rd</sup> week). Wondering if we are doing anything else during that week. Possibly plans can be made and see if we can get other people in during that week.

**POPPY:** Owen has preliminary plans on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> to visit the 9 locations where the poppy boxes will be placed along with Wes Rideout. He feels it is a courtesy to introduce ourselves and show we are interested in their support. On October 28<sup>th</sup> will put the boxes out at those locations. Still looking into St Lawrence Medical Centre donation of \$ 3600.00 for medical equipment. Have received a request from Command regarding numbers of Veterans being treated. Plan to use the information from Anne Parker (membership) of number of Veterans (106) in the area to submit the requested info to Command.

**LOTTERY:** John Beddows will meet to learn his role and at present has no report

**YOUTH ED.** Nothing to report

**PRO:** Janet reported that all barrels have been sold.

**SPORTS:** 3 golf teams are going to Petawawa on July 16<sup>th</sup> to compete in District Golf. A motion was put forward by Anne Parker to reimburse Mike Battams Senior team the \$160.00 entrance fee as his team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Zone held in Gananoque. It was seconded by Wes Rideout and was carried. It was also suggested that their team keep all their receipts for gas and accommodations for consideration of financial help for their week-end. This last issue will be brought up at the next executive meeting in August.

**L&D:** Ron Miller states it is still on hold

**SICK & VISITING:** Passing of Marjory Robertson. Sympathy card at the bar

**VETERAN SERVICES:** Alf Read phoned in his report that there are still 3 on the books

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:** plans ongoing for January Levee

**WAYS AND MEANS:** shortfall at last dance. Poor attendance

**HOUSE AND PROPERTY:** Water meters is still an ongoing discussion with the town. The gentleman who is repairing the cement damage at the 4 corners of the building as well as the new door will be in touch as soon as he can arrange a time. He has a regular full-time job.

**WEBSITE:** we are getting more hits, so remains popular

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Parking lot- company will call to set up time. Was held up because of Bell trucks using the lot the last couple of weeks. Pride group have rented the Legion for 2 nights for their Prom night and their Pageant night.

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Dan Beauchamp brought up his concern regarding the Legion Display at Ribfest this past week-end. Bob gave information to the Executive and asked the members to not discuss or share this information until Dan could be present. It was moved by John Beddows and seconded by Shirley Howard to table discussion until August 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive meeting. Carried. Dan has reported that he will be present at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**PS.** We received an e-mail from the Zone Secretary the morning after the Executive meeting stating the Official Response from the Legion. I quote from this response: “No Veteran can receive any benefit from VAC for a condition stemming from their participation as a volunteer fighter in the Ukraine. There are logistics to be resolved in this situation, but consistent with the position of the GOC, they will have to proceed without Legion participation.”