

**RCL BRANCH 92  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**Attendees:**

President:	Bob Howard	Poppy Chair:	Owen Fitzgerald
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice:	Anne Parker	Youth Ed:	Joanne Lancaster
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice:	Janet Gaylord	H & P:	Bill Beswetherick
Executive:	Sharron Dorey	Veteran Service:	Alf Read
Executive:	Chris Ormsbee	Executive:	Bruno Mathieu
Past President:	Ray Foster	Manager:	Ann DeWolfe
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Howard	Sgt at Arms:	John Robertson

**Absent:**

Poppy Chair:	Wes Rideout	Sports Officer:	Carla Nelson
Executive:	Kevin Offord	L & D:	Ron Miller
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice:	John Beddows		

Minutes of last month's Executive Meeting not available to all Executive members, so approval deferred to the General meeting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Members reminded that the minutes of Executive Meetings as well as General Meetings are posted on the website, thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Anne Parker.

**President's Address:**

Bob read out the official statement from Dan Beauchamp that as of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, effective immediately, he has resigned from the position of Sgt. At Arms for Branch 92, Since John Robertson had accepted to run for that position in our elections last April, he has stepped into the position of Sgt at Arms.

The cheque has been passed on to the Mike Battams / Brian Thompson golf team that the Executive approved at the last meeting.

Brunch is again this coming Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and I am looking for helpers. Bill Beswetherick brought up a question he was asked whether our workers needed to wear masks when serving. Bob stated that various

restaurant staff are mixed as to wearing masks, so it's a personal choice for our workers.

Bob has not been able to attend to matters related to the Bell lease, but hopes to have more information by the General meeting next week.

October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> is the District meeting being held here as well as the Ladies Auxiliary Euchre tournament. At the moment, Bob would like to have a meal here Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be for the District attendees as well as any of the L.A. Ladies who are attending the Euchre tournament. He also suggested that it would be open to the General Public. He is suggesting ham, potatoes, veggies and dessert menu. It was brought forward that this information needed to be passed along to District so that whoever is preparing the meal will have approximate numbers. Bob stated that he planned on doing this, but was bringing this up at tonight's meeting for consideration. Also for consideration is what the price would be for this meal.

Branch Inspection will be held on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. It will be either the Zone Commander or the Deputy Zone Commander or both. They usually stay over for the General Meeting after the Inspection.

Celebration of Life on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> for Diane Foster/Payette from 12 to 3 PM and beyond.

There is also a workshop on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> in Brockville for Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers which Bob and Sec/Treas. Shirley will attend.

The Donation request to the PWOR is to be brought up again at our General meeting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Financial Report**

General Fund	\$118,549.68
Lottery Fund	\$ 10,897.93
Poppy Fund	\$ 13,000.

## **Correspondence**

Received a letter from Allison Hess asking for a donation to a Senior's program at the Firehall Theatre. Deferred to our General Meeting Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Membership**

Anne -The Celebration of Long Service Awards will be held on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
Invitations have been made up and sent out. Years of service from 35 to 62

years will be the ones celebrated that evening. Sgt at Arms, John Robertson; Zone Commander, Rob Fernell; the town Mayor, as well as the MP and MPP for our area have also been invited to attend. This will be at 7 PM. Anne Parker will contact the LA to arrange for light snacks for the evening. The rest of the pins will be given at a later date.

Since January 2020, we have had 42 new members. These are the ones that have provided Anne with e-mails. The ones that have not provided e-mails will be added to the list later.

## **Poppy**

**Owen**-We are progressing with the organization of the Poppy campaign with the first Poppy on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. We are having a meeting this week-end to discuss how we are going to cover the area. We are looking to cover the most prominent locations. Also the Casino was one of our locations, but since it's now part of a larger Province wide Casino corporation and therefore may not allow us to put Poppy boxes in there. We will have to talk with the manager to see what can be arranged for this campaign. At the present time we are looking at 10 locations through the town. Owen is looking to have double shifts from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 12:00 to 3:30. He is also thinking the Ladies Auxiliary could possibly provide soup and sandwiches for the volunteers as it can be quite cool at that time of year. He also requested Bob to accompany him on his visits to the businesses. Again concerns raised by Bill Beswetherick about how poppy money can be used. It was noted that Ontario Command was asking for money for "A Medical Centre" and wondering why our request for a donation to the Lansdowne Medical Centre was declined by Ontario Command. Bill made a motion to donate \$3,000. to the Homeless Veterans Fund. Seconded by Ray Foster. Carried.

## **Youth Ed**

**Joanne** – We have received all the Remembrance Day information for Essays, poems, posters and this year we will be able to do Public Speaking in February. They are going to try to get the Secondary School onboard again this year.

## **PRO**

**Janet** – Reminded everyone to let her know what is happening so she can

post it. Has not received any information lately.

## **Veteran Services**

**Alf** – The last couple of months there has been no activity for veteran assistance.

## **Ways & Means**

**Sharron**- Last dance was fairly successful. Complete report next week. She heard a band in Brockville – CC Brunet & Texas Mickey. They are fringe country music. He will entertain on New Year's Eve for \$500. if we are interested. After discussion, this was deferred to the General meeting.

## **Constitution & By-Laws**

**Shirley** - Starting to work on the House Rules for our Branch. They have not been updated since 2016. Anne Parker has offered to print when they are completed.

## **Manager's Report**

**Ann**- July was very expensive. House & Property was \$3,000. It included parking lot resurfacing & line painting for almost \$2,000. Water Bill was \$1300. and cement work for corners of the building was \$600. The bill for the Rain Barrels for \$2800. was also paid. Ann got a quote from 1000 Islands Fire & Security for replacement of defective smoke Detectors that have been recalled and must be replaced. Also the annual fire inspection of building afterwards that can't be completed until replacement done. Both jobs are included for \$762.75. Other companies were doing it for \$1100. to \$1200. Motion by Owen Fitzgerald and seconded by Bruno Mathieu. Carried Staff College is coming to our Branch on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 Am to 1Pm They will bring their own lunches and probably meet in the parking lot. Golf tournament on Sat. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> .There are over 50 people signed up at present. Ann is looking after a lunch afterwards in the bar area. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> there is a Comedy show that Scotty is running and there will be a meat draw that same night.

## **General & New Businesses**

**Owen**- Last year we approved a donation of \$250. to the Police Association

for their Teddy Bear program. Will bring up at General Meeting next week.  
Fire Department also does the same.

**John R**– need a new Union Jack flag

**Anne P** – Membership dues are going up to \$60. starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. Until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> they remain \$55.

**Joanne** - Brought up about the discussion last year regarding raising the cost of Sunday's Brunches and people going back for 2nd's and 3rd's . Are we still making money and how can we stop people from taking advantage and coming back for extras? Bob stated we are still making money, not as much as we would like, but as Anne Parker said, we are also building respect in the community. Increase in prices deferred for now.

**Bob**- Do we have a membership card for Wholesale Foods and if so, who has the card?

Ray Foster moved for adjournment of meeting and seconded by Alf Read.