

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting  
Held at Branch 92  
Tuesday 2 March 2021**

**Committee Members Present**

President	Ray Foster
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Anne Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Bob Howard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Doug Johnson
Members	Murray Salter
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Sharron Dorey
	Shirley Howard
	Janet Gaylord
	John Robertson
	Alfie Read
	Scottie Stoness
	John Beddows
	Chantaille Buczynski
	Bev Miller
	Shirley Walker
	Ron Miller
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

**Committee Members Absent**

Charlie Burrige  
Joanne Lancaster

**President** Ray Foster opened the meeting by discussing coming events. He noted that Janet Gaylord is organizing a rain barrel sale for the Victoria Weekend in late May both to raise funds for the Branch and to publicize that the Branch is active and open. General elections are on hold. Bingo's can be held but the maximum in the lower part of the building is 50 people, but that can change quickly and of course the six feet distance applies which means few people could play. Janet Gaylord, the Zone G-2 PRO, will assume the duties of Branch 92 PRO. The idea of a Levee on 1 July was discussed but plans cannot be made until the virus issue is resolved.

21 March will be the Zone Convention. Attending will be Ray Foster, Bob Howard, John Robertson, Janet Gaylord. Also attending will be Chantaille Buczynski, Wes Rideout, and Dianne Payette.

**Treasurer** The Secretary noted that there was no change stated with the Branch financial status since the meeting of 23 Feb. We have \$106,717 in our General Fund and \$73,938 in the Building Fund for a total of \$179,655. The Branch is still waiting for confirmation of a grant from the Provincial government, from \$10,000 to \$20,000. President noted that the Branch is facing some high expenditures involving the washrooms and bar which preclude being able to invest in GICs.

**Lottery Fund** The Lottery Fund has \$10,904. Doug Johnson put forward a motion in support of a request from the Gananoque Humane Society for a grant of \$500. It was not supported. Bill Beswetherick made a motion to give a grant of \$500 to the Linklater Breakfast Club. Motion seconded by Anne Parker. Approved. Bill reminded members that although the Lottery Fund stands at almost \$11,000 we have been receiving very little as the main source of revenue is from patrons using the bar and this is likely to continue for some time.

**Poppy** There is just over \$12,000 in the Poppy Fund. Wes Rideout outlined the uses of the Fund. We should consider a grant of \$500 to the Gananoque cadet Corps. Chantaille will discuss with the Cadet Corps Commander.

**War Memorial** John Beddows outlined the Branch letter he had prepared which will be sent to Town Council opposing any move of the war memorial. He explained that the issue strikes at the heart of all Legion members and especially of all veterans.

**Rain Barrel Program** Janet Gaylord outlined a plan to sell rain barrels the Victoria weekend of 22 – 24 May. Orders will be taken beginning 22 Mar. The Branch would make \$10 off each barrel sold and \$25 for a tank. She noted the barrels could be painted.

The Branch will ask GISS students to assist so that they can gain their required volunteer hours. Where possible the Branch will arrange, for a fee, to deliver barrels to homes in the area.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Ray Foster  
President

Bill Beswetherick  
Secretary/Treasurer