

**Minutes of an Executive Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 1 September 2020**

Committee Members Present

Past President	Wes Rideout
1 st Vice President	Anne Parker
2 nd Vice President	Bob Howard
3 rd Vice President	Doug Johnston
Members	Bev Miller
	Murray Salter
	Ron Miller
	John Robertson
	Sharron Dorey
	Shirley Howard
	Owen Fitzgerald
	Joanne Lancaster
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Beswetherick
Manager	Ann DeWolfe

Committee Members Absent

Carl Roehl
Charlie Burridge
Scotty Stoness
Alf Read

President The meeting started at 2 pm. LA President Shirley Walker attended to represent the Ladies Auxiliary and brief them.

Ray noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to pass on information about the future of activities at the Branch. Reports were not expected to be made at the meeting. Although General Meetings are not allowed, he is attempting to have one permitted as there is some business that requires its approval.

The Branch received a \$300 donation from the Gananoque Muskies group and received a donation of \$700 from LA member Veronica Shepherd who raised the funds through her sale of Tupperware. Anne Parker donated \$200 from the Friday Night Darts. Ray thanked Shirley Walker who raised \$2,000 through the sale of masks she has made.

Ray noted that events which involve buffets such as Celebrations of Life are not allowed. We are allowed up to 50 people in the bottom area of the Branch and 50 in the upstairs area although we must comply with the social distancing regulations and the wearing of masks. Darts and pool are allowed but not card games or Bingo. 50/50 draws are allowed.

The water bill for the past half a year was \$1,300 despite the fact the Branch was shut down for most of this time. The manager will inquire with the Town about the matter. Water bills are expected to increase steadily over the next few years.

We await more direction from Dominion and Ontario Command regarding the Poppy campaign and Remembrance Day. There are many hurdles to holding both events in the traditional manner.

The Food Bank will be moving out of the Branch Building, likely in this September.

Ray brought up the feasibility of starting the monthly Sunday Brunches. He noted this would require a major change in the way we would operate as there could be no buffet. The menu would have to be simplified, such as eliminating pancakes. It will be restaurant style service. Clients would make an order, food would be delivered to the customer's table, and the table and containers holding condiments would have to be sterilized after each customer or group of customers has left. It is likely that customers may not be able to pour their own coffee.

The Manager has consulted with the local Health Agency. The size of our kitchen allows up to 6 people at one time.

A Golf tournament is planned for 26 Sep. Scotty Stoness will provide more details. There will be a smoked meat sandwich meal Friday 11 September 11 am to 1 pm. The next Brunch will be Sun 4 Oct. Details to follow. There are plans to hold a fish fry Fri 18 Sep.

There will be a Poppy and Service Officer Seminar at the Branch Sun 17 Oct. One representative per Branch is allowed to attend.

The annual Zone inspection will occur during an Executive meeting. Only the head table will be in uniform.

There was a long discussion about bar hours. They will have to remain flexible to reflect member interest in using our facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Ray Foster
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary