

**Minutes of a Annual Elections/Annual Meeting
Held At Branch 92
Tuesday 14 May 2019**

Committee Members Present

President Wes Rideout
1st Vice President Janet Gaylord
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
3rd Vice President Ray Foster
Past President Cliff Weir
Executive Members Alf Read
Anne Parker
Doug Johnston
Jim McGee
Murray Salter
Gloria MacMillan
Deborah McGee
Owen Fitzgerald
John Robertson
Murray Salter

Committee Members Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick
Manager Ann DeWolfe

President There were 43 members in attendance. Prior to the start of the meeting/elections, Wes Rideout and Anne Parker inducted Elizabeth O'Connell and Amanda Landry as new members.

Zone G-2 Commander Ralph McMullen and Deputy Zone Commander and assisted by Rob Fernell conducted the annual election of the new executive.

The following were elected:

President Ray Foster
1st Vice President Anne Parker
2nd Vice President Bob Howard
3rd Vice President Doug Johnston
Executive Members Gloria MacMillan Sharron Dorey Ron Miller
Bev Miller John Robertson Scotty Stoness
Secretary/Treasurer Bill Beswetherick

We are looking for members to assist in distributing the barrels which weigh about 20 pounds. The Legion will make \$10 from each of the about 85 barrels sold to date.

Plans are underway to mark the 75th anniversary of D Day 6 June 2019 with a Branch event. Details to follow.

The LA 75th anniversary is Sat 15 Jun. We welcome Branch members to volunteer to cook and serve the food as part of our appreciation for the work of the LA in supporting our Branch.

We are looking for three members to form a Financial Review Committee.

Treasurer Bill Beswetherick noted that there \$66,507.46 in the General Fund and \$78,515.53 in the Building Fund for a total of \$145,022.99.

Lottery Fund Doug Johnston stated there was \$16,537.84 in the Lottery Fund. The following grants were proposed: Motion by Owen Fitzgerald to give Lansdowne Medical Centre two grants totaling \$1,846.39 to purchase equipment. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried. The second grant was for \$250 for the Gananoque Book Drive. Motion by Al Read. Seconded by Bev Miller. Carried. Bill Beswetherick made a motion to give Wheels of Care a grant of \$1,000. Seconded by Shirley Walker. Carried.

House and Property Wes Rideout noted that the main floor eastern door to the Branch needs to be replaced. There is considerable salt damage. Wes put forward a motion to spend up to \$6,000 for a new door and for any repair work needed. Seconded by Al Read. Carried.

Poppy Owen Fitzgerald noted that the Poppy Fund has a total of \$8,347.31 and that we have put in an order for about \$4,800 in supplies for the 2019 Poppy campaign. He proposed spending \$2,000 from the Poppy fund for the new door. Seconded by Bob Howard. Carried.

Sports Bob Howard noted that Scotty Stoness has volunteered to become Sports Officer.

Youth Education Janet Gaylord reminded members of the 8 May deadline for people to order a rain barrel.

Sergeant at Arms Carl Roehl, our Gananoque Legion Sergeant At Arms, was inducted into his new position.

Membership Anne Parker stated that paid up membership as of 14 May was 258 which is 90% of our membership. There were 20 new members in 2019 of which 8 are still serving.

Veteran Service Alf Read noted that the Ontario Command Service Officer is reviewing cases involving local veterans.

Entertainment Sharron Dorey briefed members on the monthly dances. Her committee is run by herself and Joanne Lancaster with help from Sharon Foley and Carol Fitzhugh. The dance held 28 April with The Reasons was especially popular. It sold out with 81 people attending. The winner of the 50/50 draw worth \$205.00 donated her winnings back to the Branch. In all, the dance/dinner, after deducting the cost of food (82.83) and \$400 for the band realized a profit of \$532.17 for the Branch plus whatever was raised through bar sales. A great day. The next dances are Neil Carter on 26 May and Spare Change 30 Jun. No dances in Jul and Aug.

Adjournment At 8:25 Al Read made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Anne Parker. Carried.

Wes Rideout
President

Bill Beswetherick
Secretary