

Branch 92 Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Attendees

Acting President	Anne Parker (1 st Vice President)	LA President	Shirley Walker
Acting Secretary	Bill Beswetherick	Service Officer	Alf Read
Poppy Chair	Owen Fitzgerald	Branch Manager	Ann DeWolfe
Sergeant At Arms	John Robertson		John Beddows executive
3 rd VP/PRO	Janet Gaylord		

Absent

President	Bob Howard	3 rd Vice	Kevin Offord
Secretary/Treasurer	Shirley Howard	Youth ED	Joanne Lancaster
Past President	Wes Rideout		Dan Beauchamp
Ways & Means	Sandy Cleveland		

Acting Branch President; Anne Parker reviewed the minutes of the last Executive Minutes of 2 July 2024. There were no points of discussion. Motion to accept the minutes made by Shirley Walker. Seconded by John Robertson. Carried.

Anne noted the help provided by Branch and Executive members to support the LA 80th Anniversary Dinner of 22 June. The event was well attended.

Anne noted requests from Ways and Means Chair Sandy Cleveland asking for support for upcoming events including the Saturday weekend BBQs in the Town Park 11 am – 2 pm to the end of Aug; help is also needed at the Sunday Brunch 11 Aug. please call 613 3823023 and let us know if you wish to help or just show up and ask for John Beddows or Anne Parker.

Anne raised the point that Command Regulations state Executive members who fail to attend three Executive and General meetings in a row when in a term of office, lose their positions.

Financial Report;

Manager Ann DeWolfe presented the Financial Report. John Beddows noted our losses for August 2024 were less than for August 2023, which is encouraging, but significant losses continue and the Branch must examine in more detail how to improve our financial situation. Motion to accept the Financial Report made by John Robertson, seconded by Shirley Walker. Carried.

In a discussion related to the June financial statement, John Beddows approached the issue of the future of this Branch which members agreed should be discussed separately. We have been in Gananoque since 1927 and in our current building since before 1982, but because of its age it is a costly place to maintain. Members agreed.

Every effort must be made to ensure our Branch remains a key part of our community. The issue to be discussed when President Bob Howard returns.

Poppy; Bill Beswetherick noted that the Branch has asked the Town to support an effort to refurbish the Town war memorial in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of our Branch in 1927. The Branch can provide \$5,000 towards the estimated \$13,765.50 restoration cost, with \$4,000 from our Poppy Fund and \$1,000 from our Lottery Fund to be discussed at the Sept General Meeting. John Beddows noted that although the Town Granting Committee at present is limited to approving only up to \$5,000, he is assured the project will be approved as we have until 2027 to do the work.

Bill noted that 50% of our Poppy Fund could be used to improve handicap access toilets in the Branch.

Membership; Anne Parker stated she would welcome another member taking over Membership, but that she would like to continue to run the Branch Website which has become a solid link to our members and the community by providing updates on local, provincial, and Dominion Legion issues.

Despite the challenges the Legion and this Branch face, we continue to attract new members.

House and Property; Ann De Wolfe noted the moisture damage done to the ceiling tiles of the Web Room. The roof was inspected a few days ago and this damage was not the result of water leaking from the ceiling as a result of the recent heavy rainfall but rather from excessive condensation on overhead exhaust pipes. The cooler and drier fall will eliminate most of these problems. Many of the ceiling tiles in the Web Room will be replaced over the next few weeks.

A reminder that there will be a Meat Draw Friday 23 August. Invite your friends. Come out and win some food and have a great time.

PRO; Janet Gaylord noted the next movie will be Wed 21 August and is free to attendees. The movie will be "Young Frankenstein".

Sergeant at Arms; The Branch will host the Zone Council meeting Sun 15 Sept. John Robertson asked the LA to provide a light meal for attendees. John Robertson reminded members of the Remembrance Stone dedication for past veterans at the Carveth Care Centre 2 pm on 14 August. Everyone Welcome.

President

Anne Parker

Secretary

Bill Beswetherick