

BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING JANUARY 2nd 2024

ATTENDEES:

Bob Howard	President	Anne Parker	1 st Vice
Janet Gaylord	2 nd Vice	Bill Beswetherick	House & Property
Owen Fitzgerald	Poppy Chair	Joanne Lancaster	Youth Education
Shirley Walker	LA President	John Robertson	Sgt. at Arms
Shirley Howard	Secretary/Treasurer	Ann DeWolfe	Branch Manager
Guest:	Sharron Dorey		

ABSENT:

Wes Rideout	Past President	Kevin Offord	3 rd Vice
Alf Read	Service Officer	John Beddows	Executive
Mary Alguire	Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Executive
Chris Ormsbee	Executive		

Reviewed the minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on December 5th 2023. No errors or omissions noted. Motion to adopt the minutes as presented by John Robertson and seconded by Shirley Walker. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The New Year's Eve Party was a success. We sold 29 tickets, but only 27 people attended. It was a quiet evening, but everyone stated they had a very good time and really enjoyed the luncheon. Bob expressed his thanks to Ann DeWolfe and Shirley Howard for all their work getting the luncheon ready for both the party and the Levee.

We had 56 people attend the Levee, and everyone enjoyed the "Moose Milk" and said they would be back next year for more. Bob also thanked Bill Beswetherick and Anne Parker for all they did to make the Levee such a success. There was extra cold meat not needed for the Levee so it was bagged up in sandwich bags and sold for \$2.50 a bag. It is sold out.

Bob also thanked Shirley Walker for the wonderful donation from the Ladies Auxiliary of \$ 8,000.00 With what they have been donating every month and this and June's donation, they have given the Branch \$24,000. this past year.

Bob will also try to set up a meeting with Sgt Dickson of the Gananoque Police to arrange a date in February for her presentation on Scams and Phishing etc. We will try to get ahead with advertising and this will also be open to the public. Also, Bob will talk with Sgt Dickson about the Stuffed Bear Program.

April 17th 2024, is Movie Night. Bob has worked out the Projector issue so we can hold it here. There was some discussion as to where the donations collected that night would be sent. Final decision will be upcoming.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We have received Thank You Cards from "Almost Home" for our donation of \$ 500. Also we have received Thank You cards from the Gananoque Wheels of Care and the Gananoque Food Bank for our donations at the Levee.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

This report is up to November 30th 2023. We have received a donation which has greatly helped our financial status, along with a successful Sunday Brunch. We were actually money ahead for November, and not in the red.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

Shirley Walker reported that the LA Bingo will be starting up again on January 11th. Friday

lunches are continuing this year and this Friday January 5th will be the first. They continue to be held the first and third Fridays each month. Also the Ladies Auxiliary will endeavour to donate \$ 1500 each month when financially possible. If the finances do not allow, then they will donate the usual \$ 1000.

BRANCH MANAGER:

Ann DeWolfe reminded that all the persons who took the Food Handler's course, their certificates expire in April of this year. We must have someone in the kitchen with a certificate when food preparation is happening.

New Year's Eve Party made \$ 558 profit prior to Bob Howard's bill for the meat and the buns .

Ann has been in contact with Shaw regarding the Sports channels for the Branch. We can get both Sport Channels for \$ 48.00 per month. A motion was made by Owen Fitzgerald to have Shaw connect us for both Sports Channels. The motion was seconded by Bill Beswetherick. Carried
This should help bring in more people to the Bar.

POPPY CHAIR:

Owen Fitzgerald reports that the poppy campaign is in the process of shutting down for this year and was very successful. Bill Beswetherick reported that we have \$ 19, 998.88 in the Poppy Fund. Also Owen mentioned that the Museum in town has a very good information and display of the Links Trainer which by the put together here in Gananoque.

SICK & VISITING:

Owen Fitzgerald has nothing to report at this time.

YOUTH EDUCATION:

Sharron Dorey reported for Joanne Lancaster that they received 263 entries for the Remembrance Day Contest. 14 of those entries were sent to Zone level. At the Zone level, 8 of our entries advanced. There were 2 first place entries, 2 second place entries and 3 third place entries. Sharron stated that they are just waiting for the certificates etc to pass along to the students.

P R O:

Janet Gaylord reported that there has been something about the Legion in the newspaper every week, and there should be something coming up about the Levee as well. Janet also touched on the sale of Rain Barrels in May and wondered if it would be beneficial to link with the Town as they run sales of these at about the same time. The money raised could possibly be donated to the same charity as the Film night donations. Bob stated he would talk with the Mayor about this.

HOUSE & PROPERTY:

Bill Beswetherick – reminded that we are hosting the Service Clubs dinner. Date to be determined, but it usually occurs in April. Waiting to see if the photos of the donation to the Wheels of Care from the Levee are adequate .

SGT. at ARMS:

John Robertson stated that he thought that the Levee went very well. He reported that plans for the Robbie Burns Dinner are pretty well finalized. Tickets for the basket are now available for sale.

MEMBERSHIP:

Anne Parker reports that there is 78% of the membership paid for the 2024 year. She has ordered Legion Business cards. Vista print no longer had her original design, so she had to redesign them and they are available now.

Motion to Adjourn - John Robertson , seconded by Shirley Walker

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER