

**BRANCH 92 EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**ATTENDEES:**

President	Bob Howard	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Janet Gaylord
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Kevin Offord	House & Property	Bill Beswetherick
Poppy Chair	Owen Fitzgerald	Youth Ed.	Joanne Lancaster
Ways & Means	Sandy Cleveland	LA President	Shirley Walker
Branch Manager	Ann DeWolfe	Vet. Service Officer	Alf Read
Sec./ Treas.	Shirley Howard		

**ABSENT:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Anne Parker	Executive	John Beddows
Executive	Dan Beauchamp	Past Pres.	Wes Rideout
Sgt at Arms	John Robertson		

Ontario Command has instructed all Branches to now start every meeting with a “Thank You” to the Indigenous peoples for allowing us the use of their lands for our Branches. Since we do not have the full information, Bob will forego this for today and plans on getting this for the next Executive and General Meetings.

Minutes from the last Executive Meeting held on September were reviewed and a motion to adopt them as presented made by Sandy Cleveland. Seconded by Janet Gaylord. Carried.

Business from the last Executive Meeting – Donation to Minor Hockey members Mya Dickson and Trent Dickson. It was discussed and agreed to donate, but the amount was not determined. Motion by Bill Beswetherick and seconded by Kevin Offord to donate from the Lottery Fund \$ 250 to each. Motion was voted on and carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Bob Howard presented the 30 second video made by Cogeco and himself to the Executive and asked their opinions and suggestions. After some discussion, they voted to have Cogeco run this infomercial as is and Bob will present this also at the General Meeting. Motion by Alf Read and seconded by Owen Fitzgerald to proceed with this.

Sunday Brunches – Tammy Serson, bartender here has made up tickets for the Sunday Brunch to be sold at the Bar. Bob has laminated these so they can be reused. Ann DeWolfe has used 2 of these tickets in the past at the Meat Draws and has made \$ 52. on 2 ten dollar tickets. Tammy has also had requests to purchase tickets from patrons at the bar.

Rogers have a special 5g network plan for a Canada-wide talking and texting at a cost of \$ 20 per month. There was no mention about receiving data in that particular offer. This is exclusive to Legion members. Bob will provide the website to anyone interested.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report for the Month of August is a little bit brighter. We did have a small profit, instead of being in the red.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence at this time.

## **BRANCH MANAGER:**

Ann DeWolf reports that for the month of October, bookings are looking very good.

## **HOUSE & PROPERTY**

Bill Beswetherick reported that the restoration of the War Memorial will start on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to get some publicity coverage during the restoration process. There will be \$ 4000. from the Poppy Fund and \$ 1000. from the Lottery Fund.

Bill also re-printed the book he wrote and is selling it for \$30. a copy. Any profits made will be donated to the Branch.

## **POPPY REPORT:**

Owen Fitzgerald reported that he has the sign-up sheet ready for volunteers to sign for Poppy distribution on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be placed in the foyer near the Bar area. On Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at the War Memorial, the presentation of the first Poppy to the mayor will occur. On Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, the distribution of the 26 Poppy boxes to the stores, so Owen will need 2 or 3 members of the Executive to accompany him that day. After some discussion, it was decided that the Ladies Auxiliary will provide chili on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 40 to 50 volunteers. Also they will provide chili on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost for both of these will come from the Poppy Fund. Bob Howard will look after getting the donuts the morning of Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Owen is also looking for a volunteer to man the High School on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Craft Sale happening that week-end. On Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Owen plans to pick up the boxes from the stores. He also plans on talking with the Mayor regarding the use of the Town's coin counting machine.

## **VETERAN SERVICES:**

Alf Read brought up questions regarding the passing of Murray Salter. Ann DeWole responded that his daughter plans on contacting the Branch when she has recovered enough to deal with these arrangements.

Alf has completed 1 file and is working on 2 others.

## **WAYS AND MEANS:**

Sandy Cleveland has handed out forms to the Executive and will also have the forms included with Membership application forms to list volunteer times and positions that members are available to fill. If she doesn't get more help, she will not be able to continue with plans she has in the works to help the Branch.

Sandy has a retired Chef who has offered to come and prepare a meal the next 2 months. She needs volunteers to help make this happen.

She has Trivia night starting Nov 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 9 PM and it will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. She is also looking at a Karaoke happening as well.

## **YOUTH ED**

Sandy Cleveland read Joanne Lancaster's report. In her report, Joanne stated Poppy competition is ready to start. Also Joanne made a motion for \$ 400. from the Poppy fund to cover expenses for the Competition. Motion seconded by Sandy Cleveland and after a brief discussion this motion was voted on and carried.

## **LA PRESIDENT**

Shirley Walker is asking the Branch to assist with 2 more volunteers to work in the kitchen on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob is available to carve turkeys for Lori Fletcher if needed.

Shirley Walker has spoken with the Mayor and she is requesting something to be done about the signage in front of the Legion for **LOADING ZONE**. He agrees but also stated this needs to be sent to the Public Works Department. People are using it after business hours for their own personal use and it is meant for “**PICK UP AND DROP OFF**” of people with special needs so they can use the handicap access. It is intended to be for a 15 minute time frame useage.

After a lot of positive discussion, the General Consensus was to have a letter drafted and sent to the Public Works Department requesting the sign be changed to “**PICK UP AND DROP OFF ONLY**”. Also a suggestion was made to have this parking spot policed more stringently.

Motion to adjourn

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**