

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2024

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Members Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades R. Torrie, Etmanski, W. Hyshka, Danyi, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, , Fecteau, Walsh, Wiebe, Criss, Nelson, Morrill, Deugau, N. Danyi, D. MacIntosh, Simon

Excused: Comrade

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Deceased</u> | <u>Service (if applicable)</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Faraschuk, Lori | 68 years | 23/12/2023 | |
| Cotton, Violet | 86 years | 7/05/2023 | |
| Pengelly, Douglas | 91 years | 5/01/2024 | |
| Santo, Violet | 86 years | 14/01/2024 | Air Force |
| Weinman, Ray | 90 years | 15/01/2024 | |

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda were made by Comrade
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATING 23 JANUARY 2024

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills
We held a meeting on Saturday 20 Jan 2024

AGCL Audit – I have responded to the AGCL Preliminary Audit Report. We are busy sorting out the \$6,789.00 of Pull Ticket Deposits. We are waiting for AGCL ruling on us having more than one family member on the executive board.

We have submitting the two Request to Amend Use of Gaming Proceeds. The first one is for adding District, command, and Dominion Sporting events. The second one will be plaques and Engraving.

Kitchen Repairs - We have two major repairs to be completed in the kitchen.

Updating the fire suppression system @ \$9,454.52.

The grease trap will cost \$11,329.

Boiler Repair – Nodic was able to weld the heat exchanger for boiler # 2 at one-third the price of a replacement. They will be in on Fri Feb 2 to complete the work.

Cash Envelopes – We could only get brown or white for our cash envelopes. The brown will be for office use. The white will be for Raffles, Meat Draws, and 50/50s.

Class Action Law Suit Latest update 14 Mar 2022 – No Change

AB Community Grant – Due to the breakdown of the boiler and other HVAC issues I have reached out to Rea Trinidad-Penton from AB Community Grant requesting permission to divert the \$20,069 to repairing all the HVAC issues. They seem receptive to the idea. Nodic will be coming in next week to review our system and provide a quote. The quote is required before ABGC will look at our request.

Over 60 Club – The over 60 club has shut down and donated the balance of their remaining funds (\$200.00) to the Branch

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Checking on three other grants that was provided from members, just waiting on information before start applying. Would like to get grants for chairs in ballrooms, POS system, Legion repairs, and parking lot lights and various equipment.

Next round of Extreme Musical Bingo is February 24th. This one is our first marathon one where we are having one mid day for people who can't attend on the evening ones. Day one be an All ERA one followed by the 80's in the evening.

Looking at redoing raffles and go with smaller 1 day raffles that matches the event. Raffle will start at beginning of event and draw towards end of event.

For people that are able to volunteer for our regular bingos at Kensington Bingo Hall please contact Renee Lafrance, her number is 780 222 8018. Her email is rsilafrance1957@gmail.com.

If you know of anyone or a company that can donate prizes or any other fundraising ideas, please contact Steve Criss at 780 278 1233 or at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 858 members for 2024 in good standing.

Ordinary
347

Associate
315

Affiliate
169

Life Members
27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills – 11 New Applications 1 Transfer Reinstatement

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Watt, Bob
Friesen, Joseph
Foisy, Joseph
Chavin, Michel

Smith, Sheldon
Hill, Monica
Wallace, Brenda
Johannsson, Gerry
Johannsson, Debby

Smith, Galina
Kulchyski, Richard

Transfer:

Ordinary
Wrenn, Andrew P.
Jasper Place 255

Associate

Affiliate

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of 12

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon/Henzen

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka
Worked on lighting in main foyer.

Had my team check the lighting shorts in the hallway.

Back door buzzer was installed for the kitchen.

Snow removal – thanks to all to stepped up to help in this regard.

Thanks to Rick, Claude and Greg for all your assistance.

Thanks to all who helped during the water pipe break and boiler failure.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

I'm working on the display for the anniversary of the RCAF. Anyone wishing to help please let me know.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka
Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

January 26/27 – Dean Henry
February 2/3 – CC & High Rider
February 9/10 – Sparking Tones
February 16/17 – Trick Ryder
February 23/24 – Dean Henry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting to work on the Ukrainian Dinner (I am looking at April) but I will need to see about room availability.

I am currently working on 5 shows for February onward.

The New Year's Eve dinner went very well. Thank you for all who volunteered for this event. I do not have the final numbers and hope to have these numbers by the General Meeting.

I have tentatively booked a band for New Year's Eve 2024 – The Diamonds Band. Their cost is \$1500.00 for the event. They play “old time dance music, country, Ukrainian, Latin, Rock and Roll and just about anything that fits your fancy!”

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade S. Danyi

Poppy Committee Report - Kingsway Legion Branch #175

Period Covered: January 2 to January 17

**January 2 & 3

The Poppy room was thoroughly cleaned and reorganized to enhance efficiency. Additionally, a comprehensive inventory was conducted for both the Poppy room and the Sea Can, to ensure accurate records of available items. Many thanks to the Trese & Geff Biddiscombe for their help in the inventory.

**January 3

Poppy committee meeting was held on January 3, with the attendance of Donna, Natalie, Sean, and Geoff. The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss and allocate roles and responsibilities among the committee members, ensuring a clear understanding of tasks to be performed.

**January 8

GEPF meeting held at Strathcona Branch on January 8. Attendance served to strengthen inter-branch communication and foster collaboration within the broader Legion community. A new Chairman for the GEPF was elected: Darryl Gullberg.

**January 10

Handover meeting with Donna, Natalie, Sean, and Geoff with Brett. During this session, Brett formally handed over the Poppy keys, and detailed explanations were provided regarding the Poppy petty cash fund. The group diligently verified the funds and gift cards to ensure accuracy. Brett also took the time to explain the procedure for processing a bursary request, ensuring the committee was well-versed in the necessary protocols.

**January 17

A follow-up inventory was completed on January 17, specifically focusing on the Wreath room.

This meticulous examination aimed to maintain precise records of the available wreaths, ensuring that adequate supplies are on hand for various occasions.

****Other**

A critical aspect of the Poppy Committee's responsibilities involves financial oversight. In response to this, the committee implemented new petty cash protocols, incorporating weekly counts conducted by two individuals. Additionally, record-keeping procedures were enhanced, and forms were updated to ensure a transparent and accountable paper trail.

These proactive measures undertaken by the Poppy Committee during the specified period are instrumental in maintaining the efficiency and integrity of the Kingsway Legion Branch #175's Poppy program. The committee remains committed to its duties and looks forward to continued collaboration and success in fulfilling its mandate.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 5 requests for Poppy Fund assistance, referred 3 veterans to Command Service Officer for additional follow-up and completed two requests for information.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Fecteau

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIE

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

50/50 #

Winner:

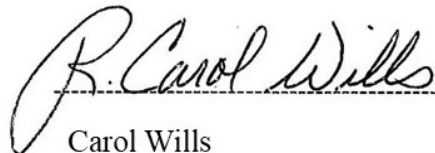
Amount:

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175