

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023**

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Comrade Danyi

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades R. Torrie, Ferguson, Etmanski, Danyi, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Criss, Fecteau, Deugau, Walsh, Wiebe, Finch, Nelson, Morrill, Werner

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Deceased</u></b>	<b><u>Service (if applicable)</u></b>
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**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Etmanski  
Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 31 JANUARY 2023**

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

**CARRIED**

**Errors or Omissions:** None

**Business Arising:** Command Loan – nothing yet  
570 Squadron – Comrade Fecteau – I have not been able to get hold of them yet but will keep trying.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills  
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Comrade R. Wills – as the bookkeeper is on vacation we do not have the January financials.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Had out Musical Bingo on February 18th theme was 70s music. Our next one in on March 25th and this one will be music from all decades from 50's up. Musical Bingo been going well. Getting allot of regulars showing up now.

Still on the go is the Family Attraction Pass for West Edmonton Mall for 1 year. There will be 1000 tickets available. This draw will be online through raffle box. This is a pass for a family of 4 to all attractions at WEM plus food discounts for 1 year.

Had submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 and an CIP grant for \$30,000.00. So, waiting on confirmation on both.

The Entertainment and Ways & Means Committee is looking at donations from businesses for prizes. If you know if 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](mailto:steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca)

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1354 members in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
504	481	342	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Comrade C. Wills 13 New Applications 1 Transfer 0 Reinstatement

Ordinary  
Richard, Lucie  
Boone, Troy  
Phillipson, Blair

Associate  
Fayant, Gina F  
Fournier, Luc  
Graham, Amanda

Affiliate  
Nowaselski, Daryl

Switzer, Don

Hemmings, Tanya  
Labonte, David  
Edwards, James  
Nieberding, Albert  
McDonagh, Gordon

## TRANSFER

### Ordinary

### Associate

### Affiliate

Bingham, Susan  
Red Lake Legion Br 102

For a total of 15

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

## **NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGNED DELCARATION:**

### **February 2023**

Robert Hemmings

Joseph Heilman

Patrick Wilson

Loretta MacKinnon

Peter Garrant

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Morrill – no report

**SPORTS:** Comrade Nelson

Just a couple of points of interest, we had three teams of shuffleboard players go to Calgary weekend of February 17/18. In the mixed division Carol and Ron Wills came in 8<sup>th</sup> place. In the Seniors division Carol G/Maxine L, came in 4<sup>th</sup> place and LeeAnn/Audrey came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They may not have come back with any hardware but I'm sure they represented our legion admirably.

On another note the \$100.00 meat draw that is currently held on the last Friday of each month is going to move to the last Wednesday of each month starting in March. The reason for the move is because it was interfering time wise with the Friday night dance.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Comrade W. Hyshka

- Removed the broken fence pieces and disposed of them
- Cleaned the beer fridge compressor
- Cleaned the ventilation diffusers in the kitchen
- Snow removal, garbage and cigarette butts
- Removed stage extension
- Assisted where needed

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau

Everything is ongoing with the display out front. I am gathering some more artifacts to put on display.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**SICK & VISTING:** Comrade Wiebe – No report

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS:** Comrade J. Hyshka

Friday and Saturday dances are going well. Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

February 24/25 – Steppin Out

March 3/4 – Joe Luce (DJ)

March 10/11 – Dean Henry

March 17/18 – No Band in the Juno Lounge

March 24/25 – Sweetwater

March 31/April 1 – Steppin Out

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Viva Drag Vegas – as of today February 21, 2023 there are 110 for dinner and show and 24 for show only

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Show at 7:30 pm

Dinner and show - \$55.00

Show only - \$35.00

Tickets available on Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/viva-drag-vegas-tickets-513131529217?aff=efbeventix>

St. Patrick's Celebrations

Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, 2023

Traditional Irish Meal - \$25.00  
Meal from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Dance Only - \$10.00 per evening  
Doors open at 5:00 pm  
Live Music with Black Velvet Band  
Reserved Seating Only

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ukrainian Dinner  
Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Cost \$25.00  
Reserved seating Only  
Tickets on sale until Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Mother's Day Special High Tea  
Sunday, May 14, 2023  
2 sittings 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm  
\$25.00 per guest

#### UPCOMING NEW EVENTS

Alan Jackson & Friends  
Friday, May 12, 2023  
Dinner and Show - \$55.00  
Show only: \$30.00  
Doors open at 5:00  
Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30  
Show at 7:00

EdmontonEats  
Tastes of the Middle East  
More information coming  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

**CARRIED**

#### **POPPY:** Comrade Finch

The new directors to get signatures done for signing authority to issue monetary requisitions. Discussion on "Terms of Reference (Tor)" tabled to have dedicated committee as there are many gaps in current ToR (i.e., no mention of a need for Treasurer, no election dates, change of fiscal year moves events to the right on calendar entries). Provincial command has concerns over operating costs at the GEPF level, is looking to have Edmonton branches carry funds to bank after counting versus cost of Armored service & risk of large sums of funds in a safe at Kingsway, concern over possible attempt of robbery. The "concern & comments" from branches were risk to volunteers with so much transportation

of funds required & more work of volunteers at the branch level. With security camera monitoring & a large safe at Kingsway Legion it was felt security concerns were addressed & more than adequate, provincial command representative disagrees but will go back to provincial command with the branch's "concerns & comments" & response is pending.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade Walsh

Completed three request for assistance from Poppy Fund, total of \$800.00 in Grocery Cards distributed. One of the veterans is also applying for assistance with mortgage and utility bill payments.

Provided assistance to one veteran in completing documentation as requested by Veterans Affairs Canada. Completed three miscellaneous requests via telephone.

Referred one veteran to Veterans Emergency Transition Services Edmonton for additional assistance.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson – no report

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau - no report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills

"Heroes of Their Day" WWII Ukranian Canadian Veteran Commemoration

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Distinguished Guest Speaker

Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Paul Wynnyk

At the Norwood Branch

11150 – 82 St NW

Edmonton, AB

**CADET LIAISON REPORTS:** Presented by Comrade Fecteau

I visited 504 Squadron on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The Squadron has grown by two new members. They were inspected by Maureen Bianca as the reviewing officer.

Three cadets were aged out and a march past was conducted in their honour.

I have passed the army cadets on to Comrade Wes Hyshka.

I have been unable to contact the Commanding Officer of 570 Squadron and will try again upon return from my vacation.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

**CARRIED**

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski – no report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Comrade Flo Werner: I am asking that people, please do not go behind the counter in the Canteen, even if it is just to pour coffee, don't go behind the counter.

We received a \$2000 donation from the Ani vets, I don't have the date as the bookkeeper has the cheque and he is away on holidays right now.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, a lady wishes to book the canteen. There is no band that weekend, she will pay for her own DJ. She has about 60 guests coming, And I told her she needed to be open to the members, she doesn't have a problem with that.

Comrade Ferguson moved the report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Comrade Torrie will be getting hold of the Engineer regarding the stage in the Canteen. We need the drawing to strengthen and return the extension of the stage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Event Tickets – we will be having tickets at the front desk as well as tickets and seating available on Eventbrite. Comrade Criss will have to keep an eye on seating and tickets, he will be speaking with the front desk about working with both.

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175**

Canteen speaker – Comrade Criss inquired about rewiring and installing speakers in the Canteen/Juno Room, which would cost an additional \$5000 to \$10,000. **REJECTED**

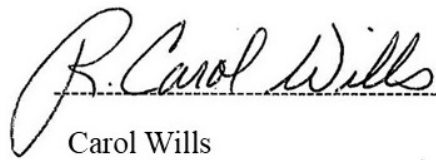
**EVERYONE** will show their membership cards when entering the Juno room for Friday and Saturday night dances.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175