

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

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

Attendance: 38 Members Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade MacIntosh

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Deugau, Wiebe

Absent: Comrade Morrill

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Martin Mazurek	62 years	Jan. 26, 2024	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 30 JANUARY 2024

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

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATING 13 FEBRUARY 2024

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

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Servus Account – I sent an email to Servus Credit Union to close off our accounts. There is a total of \$49,267.48. \$22,000 will go back into the Holding account while the balance will be deposited into the General account.

BMO – We have our Annual Credit Renewal due by 31 Mar.

AGLC Audit – Mac and I will be meeting with Heather May on Wednesday 28 Feb at 1:00 pm

Community Facility Enhancement Program - I have applied to the CFEP grant to amend our grant from Telecom and Entertainment Upgrades to HVAC Repairs. The boilers will cost \$18,965.00 of which we are required to provide 50 % of the amount. In addition, I am requesting that the project be considered for the \$10,000 eligibility under section 5.7 Non-Matching Funds – Small Funding Stream Projects. We believe that we meet three of the four criteria:

1. financial hardship;
2. existing funds are restricted for other uses; and
3. there was an immediate need for the project to be undertaken.

2023 Branch Review– We have started to prepare the financials for Jaime Araujo of Ellis Group so they are able to complete our review.

Financial Committee: Comrade N. Danyi No Report

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

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 followed by March 16th bingo for an ALL-ERA theme.

For people that can 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 N. Danyi

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1377 members for 2023/2024 in good standing.

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Life Members</u>
524	493	333	27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills 4 New Applications 3 Transfer 1 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
	Gould, Omer Irvine, Caroline Tetreau, Paul	Badge, Chris

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Audette, Marcel St Paul Br 100		

Micheal, William C.
Dominion Br 16

Kotash, Robert
Vegreville Br 39

REINSTATE

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Lothman, John		

For a total of 8

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon/Henzen

I received a new USB stick and will be working on the new revolving T.V by the end of February.

Please submit posters for up-and-coming events by the beginning of next week.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka No report

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau No report

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

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

February 16/17 – Trick Ryder
February 23/24 – Dean Henry
March 1/2 – Sparkling Tones
March 8/9 – Sparkling Tones
March 15/16 – Trick Ryder
March 22/23 – CC & High Ryder
March 29/30 – EASTER WEEKEND NO DANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Twilight Time
A Tribute to The Platters and Doo Wop
Dinner and show \$55.00
Show Only \$30.00
Doors Open 5:00 pm
Dinner 5:30 pm
Show 7:00 pm
Tickets at the front desk

Saturday, April 13, 2024
Drag Show
More information to come.

Sunday, May 26, 2024
Elvis Show featuring Jaedyn Pilon
More information to come.

Saturday, September 28, 2024
Elvis Show featuring Bruce Stewart
More information to come.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade S. Danyi
The Last Friday of October is the 25th. This will officially mark the kick off the Poppy Campaign

and will give an extra week of poppy sales. It will also require more volunteers, but even if we can cover off one more mall or one more Hockey game it will be of benefit. Greater Edmonton Poppy will be looking to kick off the campaign in line with this date, currently looking at pinning the Mayor, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and K Division (RCMP) on the 25th. This of course is all dependent on when the GG/LG get pinned and Command has not heard dates for GG nor do they have dates yet for LG. Wait out to wait out.

We will be looking to order significantly more poppy centres, in the tens of thousands, as it was noted to be the biggest deficiency last year across all Legions.

We have confirmed that there is a single point of approval and denial for Veteran's Poppy Requests at Command level (i.e. those over \$1000) this has been done IOT expedite requests for emergency situations. That said, it provides obvious issues in the case of those requests that are declined. Command has agreed to investigate opening an appeal process for any requests that have had single source denial.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 4 requests for Poppy Fund assistance, Completed 2 Legion Claim Forms, which have been forwarded to the Command Service Officer for additional follow-up.

Motions to approve the following Poppy Fund Support Request:

1. 175-24-004 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$300.00

2. 175-24-005 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$100.00

3. 175-24-006 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$500.00

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Fecteau

I will be attending 504 Squadron for their CO's parade. They have 120 cadets.

CB Hill has 61 cadets, and they just went on a "Hollywood on Deck".

I will be going to 504 Squadron Feb.21st, Feb.22nd I will be seeing 180 and then I am going to try to get to 1809, C.B Hill Sea Cadets on Feb. 23rd.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

I am looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down the banquet rooms for all events. Anyone that can help out come see me later.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIE

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

I hope members were able to chat with or visit with family-on-Family Day.

The Ladies Auxiliary have Spring Raffle tickets available for \$2.00 each. The draw will be on Saturday March 23, 2024. This will be our Easter ham & turkey meat raffle date, our bake sale with a white elephant table. We are aware tickets sold have the wrong year they are for 2024 and my sincere apologies. There will be no troubles with this as the stubs we have from sales are for this draw only.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie No report.

KIPNESS CENTRE Comrade K. Earles

Kipnes Centre for Veterans have started a pilot program whereby veterans meet with some volunteers for “Community Connections”. It is an opportunity for the veterans to get to know each other and meet other like-minded people. It is a self-directed couple of hours where the veterans can visit, have a drink, play cards etc. Current scheduled dates are Thursdays Feb 20, March 7, and March 28 all at 2PM. RSVP is not required you can just join the comradery. Contact is Shauna from recreation department at 780-442-5734 for further information.

Kipnes is also desperately seeking volunteers to transport residents to physiotherapy Mondays and Thursdays. Bev Friske is the contact for this at 780-442-5720. They are also in need of weekly volunteers for their Bistro Coffee Shop Monday’s, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

If interested I have other volunteer opportunities on a list.

I so move the report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

VETERAN’S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SELECT DELEGATE FOR DOMINION CONVENTION – 4 MEMBERS ELECTED FOR THE CONVENTION ARE: RICK ETMANSKI

LIONEL FOOTE

LEROY MACINTOSH

CAROL WILLS

CANADA DAY – COMRADE SIMONS – I HAVE 2 MEMBERS WILLING TO WORK ON MY COMMITTEE. I AM LOOKING FOR DONATIONS AND WILL BE GOING TO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS TO HOPEFULLY GET DONATIONS.

WE ARE LOOKING AT HOLDING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS FOR LUNCH. FOR DINNER THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A PIG AND CORN ROAST.

JANA (FROM THE MARKET) HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE A CANADA DAY MARKET. SHE WILL LIMIT TO CERTAIN VENDERS ONLY.

I AM ALSO LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Members and staff not using decorum in asking members to remove hats. Absolutely NO yelling across the room. It is up to the bar server or attending Executive's to quietly ask the person to remove their hats. The only viable reason would be medical (i.e cancer).

Volunteers for set up and tear downs – this includes decorating and chairs. Comrade Carol Wills approached the Ladies Auxiliary to ask if anyone would be interested in helping the Legion for set ups and tear downs for all events. She received 5 new members to volunteer.

Florescent bulbs – we have bulbs that are no longer useable in the Legion. They are as follows:
15 – 36” long F32T12 Rapid start
9 – 48” long F32T12 Cool white
19 – 24” long F20T12 Cool white

These are FREE if you are interested contact Comrade W. Hyshka.

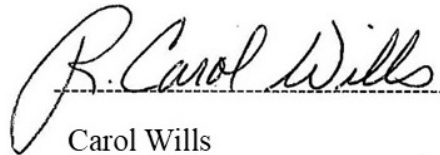
50/50 # 414514 Winner: Brenda Gerrow
Amount: \$70.00

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175