

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023

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

Attendance: 50 Members 1 Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade MacIntosh

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades R. Torrie, Ferguson, Etmanski, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Fecteau, Walsh, Criss, Nelson, Morrill

Excused: Comrade Sean Danyi (sick), Finch (holidays), Wiebe

Absent: Comrade Deugau

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
John French	84 years	April 24, 2023	
Gerald Giguere	88 years	May 8, 2023	RCAF

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Walsh
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Miles MacAuley – 25 year pin
Donald Ste-Croix – 25 year pin
Terry Zech – 40 year pin
Elaine Arthur – 45 year pin
Dennis Ambrose – 50 year pin

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

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Financial Committee:

We are waiting for the final draft of the 2022 Audit with the notes so we can review it correctly. It is due this week. The committee will be reviewing it at our next meeting.

We are still low on fund and must control our spending over the next few months.

AB/NWT Command has deposited \$12,000 into our account. That money is slated for the audio upgrades in the Maple and the Wild Rose rooms. Comrade Criss will give you a breakdown on how things are moving forward in his report.

BMO Business Proposal

We signed the required documents for the mortgage on Mon May 29 at the Lawyers. We signed the required documents for BMO this morning. We have negotiated with BMO to hold off on the principle of the mortgage for two months, this will give us a working capital of \$10,000.00 which will help us get everything in order without feeling financial pressure.

The naming of the ledger accounts we be forwarded today to BMO they will be setting up accounts and issuing cheques to us so we can start closing off Servus Credit Union. I anticipate this will be completed by the end of next week is what BMO is telling us.

The debit machine contract will be signed next week so by the first week in June we should have the new units in place.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss as per the Executive meeting of 23 May 2023, with the following addendum,

We had a musical bingo on May 29th we sold 208 bingo cards which we brought in a total of \$416.00. We brought in a total of \$375.00 on the 50/50. I will have the Master Function sheet completed for the next meeting. Our next music bingo will be on June 17th.

Speaker system, the electrical work is done. On June 12th and 13th we have a lift coming in here, I have booked the rooms off, the speakers will be installed and wired up. So as of today our new speaker system should be installed by mid June. I have ordered the speakers and did manage to get a deal on bigger speakers at the same cost. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1380 members in good standing.

<u>Ordinary</u> 521	<u>Associate</u> 502	<u>Affiliate</u> 357	<u>Life Members</u> 27
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I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills – 13 New Applications 2 Transfer Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u> Hobson, Christopher	<u>Associate</u> Bloom, Louis Piegrass, Mary Louise Chernenko, Louise Bronson, Michael	<u>Affiliate</u> Welwood, Alaunia Welwood, Robert Holstrom, Cardith Ball, Dave Filion, Michel Timmons, Valda Wilcox, Keith Wilcox, Stephanie
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Transfer:

<u>Ordinary</u> Daniel Christensen Branch 015 Elienne Gaudreault Branch 015	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
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REINSTATE

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
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For a total of 15

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported Janet is on holidays so he will cover for her and give the report.

The website was updated today, I will be updating the website regularly. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson as per the Executive minutes of the 23 May 2023
I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

- Removal of garbage and cigarette butts
- Cut grass and weeded with Rick
- Assembled stage with Mac
- Assisted where needed
- If there are any concerns or requests please write them down and give to the front counter, I will get them there.
- I will be removing the post that was sheared off at the fence and we will be replacing the fence and the cost of the fence will be paid by the person who hit it.
- Thanks to Vicki Torrie for planting the flowers out front.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Morrill

Just within the last week I have been going thru the large amount of pictures, souvenirs, badges etc. I am going to try to sort things out so that we can find things in the room so we can put it in the displays.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka as per the Executive minutes of 23 May, I so move my report with the following addendum

June 9th Ladies Night has been cancelled

June 16th Dean Henry

June 23rd Joe Luce

July 1st Canada Day

August 27th – Johnny Cash Tribute

September 30th – Tribute to the King

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Walsh – as per the Executive minutes of 23 May 2023

I so move the report
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh as per the Executive minutes of 23 May 2023

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

Deb Doyle – Appreciation for Bingo
Dan Doyle – Appreciation for Bingo
Terry Zech – Appreciation for Bingo
Roger Nelson – Appreciation for Bingo
Noella Mah – Appreciation for Bingo
Carol Simon – Appreciation for Legion Volunteer
Deb Doyle – Merit for Legion Volunteer
Dan Doyle – Merit for Legion Volunteer
Rick Etmanski – Merit for Legion Volunteer
Kim Earles – Merit for Legion Volunteer

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Fecteau

570 Squadron will be having their Annual Cadet Review. 11:00 at 3rd June 2023

I have yet to hear from 504 Squadron. I will visit them on Wednesday. The President and Comrade Colpitts have taken care of 180 and 1809 Army Cadet Corps. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski No report

LADIES AUXILIARY: Madam K. Earles

Today we held a celebration luncheon for our 75th anniversary combined with our 2023 Honours and Awards. A huge thank you to our branch for supplying the luncheon, it was so much appreciated.

We surprised two members, Lorraine Knudsen and Zelda Doell, with recognition for their over ten years of volunteering weekly with the Kipnes Centre. We invited two Kipnes staff to say a few words.

Our 75th anniversary display remains in the foyer please have a look.

We will not be holding our executive or general meetings now until September but have no fear we are still around every Saturday with our meat raffles and 50/50. On June 10th we will have an “All Things Bar-B-Que” meat raffle. Hope to see you out for it.

And please make use of our library. It is in our Ladies Auxiliary storage room. Any Saturday you are welcome to gain access just ask one of our members.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie No Report

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Rogers Communications have a company Evolve come forward to see if they could place a Telecommunications Tower of approximately 30 meters high. Two locations were selected, one on the northeast corner of our parking lot and one inside our fence along the south wall of the building. They approached the City and the one at the upper corner of the parking lot was denied. They have come back to us with the City's agreement if we would agree to put it inside the fence on the south side of the building. It is very similar to the Pattison sign in that it would generate revenue to the branch in our lifetime and further down the road. It would be approximately \$17,000.00 plus per year revenue on a 5 year term and after 5 years Rogers would increase it 10% that would be over a 20 year span. The location inside would be between the 2nd Vice office and Executive office, and it will appear to be a tall chimney. If we approve this location Evolve can go back to the City and state our approval. They then will go to the neighbors for any objections. I have a color photo of the tower, if you are interested.

Comrade Fecteau: I so move that Kingsway Legion Branch 175 sign the contract with Evolve.
Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

Edmonton Eats, Comrade R. Wills made the motion that Kingsway Legion donate \$1000 to
Edmonton Eats

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

New Fundraiser – Comrade Vicki Torrie – Gifts cards for a list of various businesses. Each business will give a percentage of the gift card to the Legion. Any monies received will go onto the mortgage.

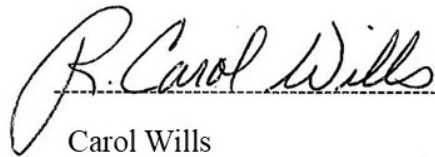
50/50 # 733451 Winner: Chuck Colpitts
Amount: \$75.00

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175