

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2023**

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

Attendance: 41 Members 1 Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade Danyi

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Excused:** Comrade Ferguson (sick), V. Torrie (sick), Wiebe, Deugau (prior engagement)

**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>
Jack Hill	80 years	November 2022	Airforce
Wayne Place	83 years	September 25, 2023	

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

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

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

**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

**Financial Committee:** Finance Committee will be meeting on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. All accounts have been closed at the Servus Credit Union.

**Treasurer report:** Comrade R. Wills presented the written report on Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet for all members.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K.Earles

**CARRIED**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 for the spring application, if approved. Heard back from the CFEP grant and will get a final answer in November 2023.

Had our first round of Musical bingo on October 7<sup>th</sup>, was good turn out for a long weekend, next bingo will be on December 15, 2023, doing a movie and TV show theme. Our next bingo after that will be January 13, 2024, and due to few requests will do a mid day bingo and turn it into a Bingo Marathon come February 24, 2024, where we will run bingos from open to close with a 90 min break between bingos.

Currently looking for someone to take over calling for volunteers to work our regular bingos at Kensington. If anyone would like to help, please contact myself.

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](mailto:steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca)

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1295 members in good standing.

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Life Members</u>
489	459	320	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Comrade C. Wills – 11 New Applications 9 Transfer 1 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Stutt, Owen	Mallow, Leora	Sams, Charlie
Dewing, James	Bennett, Eilleen	Harbour, Robert
Russell, William (Bill)	Beteta-Russell, Patricia	

Neil, Elaine  
Neil, David

Scheuerman, Donna

**Transfer:**

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Watson, Colin  
Ft McMurray Br 165

Blaikie, Laura  
Cloverdale BC Br 06

Ewan, Alexander  
St Albert Br 271

Barty, Charlotte  
Branch 15

Scott, Peter  
Branch 15

Brooks, Lawrence  
Kenebecas NB Br 58

Audette, Marcel  
St Paul Br 100

Scheuerman, Victor  
Cadomin Br 124

Hazelwood, Christopher  
Ontario Br 04/238

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Craplewe, Anthony

For a total of 27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade E.MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Simon/Hanzen

I received a letter and posters from RAUSI. Insights and Impact with the Veterans Ombudsman. Anyone interested in attending, see poster by front desk.

If anyone wishing to post anything in the newsletter, contact me before the weekend, so I can send it out after the General Meeting on Monday 30, 2023.

The newsletter will go out on Oct 30, 2023, as we would like a great turn out for Nov 11. I am

trying to have the letters out to the membership before the start of the new month.  
I think I have finally cleared up some of the cliches for the revolving TV screens, but I still have a few hurdles to accomplish.

Thank you all for the support you have given me since March.

Addendum: as per my report in the Executive minutes with the following. The display revolving TV is updated, and the newsletter is ready to be sent.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Nelson

Since our last meeting the Leion of Sports has been pretty active!

Area Euchre was held September 30 in Fort Saskatchewan. All our participants are moving on to District play to be held in Fort Assiniboine on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

They are Bill O'Brien, Marion O'Brien, Lionel Foote, Mac Torrie, Dave Barnard, Jeff Biddiscombe, Jim Coleman, Charles Colpitts.

Legion Crib (4 player team) was held at Norwood on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. All participants moving on to District McGrane (Lac La Biche) on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

They are Vicki & Mac Torrie, Noella Mahe and Roger Nelson.

Seniors Mixed Darts was held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. All participants moving on to District December 16<sup>th</sup> to be held in Smoky Lake.

They are Rick Etmanski, Brenda Gerrow, Jim Jacques, Pam Cottrell, Wes Hyshka, Jackie Hyshka, Joanne Waugh, Bob Waugh.

Crib pairs was held in Gibbons on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Noella Mahe and Roger Nelson came in 5<sup>th</sup> and will move on to District, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Westlock.

Area 8 Ball Pool doubles Area play was cancelled for October 28<sup>th</sup> as Kingsway was the only participating Legion and all participants will move on to District play to be held at Kingsway on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

There are 8 teams in total.

In closing I would like to point out that there is a wide variety of sport related activities at the Legion level, Inter-branch level, and House league level that are always looking for members to participate in.

It is a great way to meet new members and old friends that one may have lost contact with. I encourage all members to look at the activities available and come out and enjoy themselves.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**MOTION:** As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, there will no longer be a Friday meat draw. However, the 50/50 will continue at the Friday Night dance.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

**CARRIED**

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

Fixed the fence over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Constructed a table using the old shuffleboard table and it is in the back hallway by the Maple Leaf Room

Repaired the trim in the canteen.

Pulled out the snowblower and it is ready for the season.

Drain the gas out of the mower and put it into storage.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau

The Remembrance Day display is completed. If anyone would like to help me with displays, contact me with their name and number at the front desk.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P.Earles

**CARRIED**

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

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

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

October 27/28 – Sparkling Tones  
November 3/4 – CC & High Ryder  
November 10/11 – Sweetwater  
November 17/18 – Sparkling Tones  
November 24/25 – Dean Henry  
December 1/2 – CC & High Ryder  
December 8/9 – Dean Henry  
December 15/16 – Sweetwater  
December 22/23 – Daybreaker  
December 29/30 – NO DANCE  
December 31 – Euphoria Band

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Deck the Heels Drag Show  
Friday, November 24, 2023  
Doors – 5:30 pm  
Dinner – 6:00 pm  
Show – 7:30 pm  
Dinner & Show - \$55.00  
Show only - \$25.00

New Year's Eve Gala

Euphoria Band

Tickets went on sale October 15

Advanced sales to December 1

\$70 for Legion Members  
\$75 for Non-Members  
December 2 – 27 Sales  
\$75.00 for Legion Members  
\$80.00 for Non-Members  
Tickets on sale until December 27  
Poster is on the website and on the Entertainment Board  
Tickets available at the office

The Elvis Tribute show went very well. Fun was had by all. This entertainer was very interactive with the crowd, and they loved it. Thank you to all our wonderful staff and volunteers.

I will be doing a Widynowski's Sausage Christmas fundraiser. Further information will follow.

Trese Biddiscombe asked that I pass on a message. We have been allowed to attend the Heritage Classic hockey game on Sunday, October 29 at Commonwealth Stadium with poppies. She needs volunteers for this and if you are interested to contact her.

I have started to book bands for 2024.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K.Earles

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Comrade Finch

I attended October GEPF meeting & all Branches are getting ready for the 2023 Poppy Campaign, supplies arrived at Kingsway Legion & have been dispersed. The sign-up sheets have been out for a little over a month (placed ~ September 19<sup>th</sup>) & after the initial flurry of those who regularly sign-up every year, it has slowed down considerably & there are many vacant positions, drivers desperately required & interest in the mall positions is also very lacking. We were tasked with taking up the Kingsway mall this year in addition to other malls, only one position has been spoken for with the Kingsway sign-up sheet. I have placed out additional posters in various locations at the Kingsway Branch to highlight the urgency of the 2023 Poppy Campaign need for volunteers. I may have some additional assistance & have people verifying their availability to assist though they are not Legion members.

The transition of the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund website to the new service provider that maintains AB-NWT website did not proceed as efficiently as hoped & for that reason it was decided by Directors of GEPD (Branch Presidents) to maintain our current presence on the Edmonton service provider that hosts the "poppyfund.ca" website. If local Edmonton members are asked by local Edmonton friends where to make an online donation, all contributions to "poppyfund.ca" website stay in the Greater Edmonton area & all donations will get an emailed tax receipt within minutes of their donation. The Calgary AB-NWT Command office had a fire recently & those that receive the AB-NWT Command newsletter will see they are seeking temporary space while their office undergoes repairs. I would expect past previous experience of working out of office during the past pandemic will help mitigate that situation.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

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

I have completed five requests for Poppy Fund assistance. Referred four veterans to Command Service Officer for additional follow-up. Assisted one veteran in completion of VAC disability forms. Provided information to a widow of a veteran pertaining to the Last Post Fund  
I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson No report

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau

I have been requested to activate a Certificate of Merit for a member and I am completing a request for MSM for a Legion member.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills

One letter read from the 700 Wing; this will be posted at the front desk.

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

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade

**CARRIED**

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski

The Colour Party will be extremely busy. The Honor Guard did a funeral on October 20. We have No Stone ceremony November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lest We Forget concert at the Fort Saskatchewan Dow Center on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Then we have two engagements per day on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to Thank Don Fraser and Benj Wornardt for doing guest speaking at Schools and Senior homes.

We need help with the following:

- 1) Volunteers for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> for wreath set up.
- 2) Wheel chair and walkers set up
- 3) Children’s Hospital

The Colour Guard

Richard Etmanski

Lionel Foote

Mac Torrie

Danny Roach

Jim Coleman

Terry Zech

Kim Earles

Paddy Earles

Bill Lawrence

Mike Walsh

Don Leben

Sharon Charlet

Brenda Gerrow

Honour Guard  
Chuck Colpitts  
Bill Fecteau  
Plus Colour Guard  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Comrade K. Earles

Our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50's will be held Nov 4, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup> only this month as Nov 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday.

Our "Button Bingo" will be held Nov 18<sup>th</sup> right after the meat raffle and 50/50. Thank you for all for understanding our need to move our October bingo date.

If you have not purchased your Ladies Auxiliary Raffle tickets yet just reminding you tickets are \$2.00 each with great prizes to be won. There is a food hamper, Ninja dual air fryer, Christmas decorations and a Magic Bullet. Draw date is Dec 16<sup>th</sup> which is our bake and craft sale and ham and turkey meat raffle.

I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Charlet

**CARRIED**

**LEST WE FORGET:** Comrade V. Torrie given by Comrade M. Torrie

The Lest We Forget Concert committee has been meeting to set up the Lest We Forget Concert, November 5, 2023 at 7 pm at the Dow Centre in Fort Saskatchewan. There will be a fundraising Silent Auction taking place in the foyer and a V.I.P reception in the Lions Pride room. The cost is \$30.00, \$10.00 for Cadets and youth.

The bank balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was \$5620.73, with \$285.04 Servus Credit Union common shares. Silent auction items can still be brought before the concert.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the concert.

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

**KIPNESS CENTRE** No report

**VETERAN'S VILLA** No report

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Comrade M. Torrie

We are having trouble mainly in the canteen, with members being disrespectful to each other. It is every members duty to ensure that there is peace in the house. I can be the judge of any issue however, you may not like my judgement and then it goes to an article 3 which could be much worse than my decision.



Bursaries, we have money in the Poppy fund to help your children, grandchildren. If you know of someone who could use a helping hand, I encourage you to apply, if we don't use these bursaries, someone higher up will be questioning us on why. The applications are on the website, so I encourage you to apply and help a student.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Comrade Biddiscome just a reminder that we still have sign up sheets for working at the hockey games.

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

Comrade L. MacIntosh – Elections will be held at the General meeting in November. All nominations and elections will be at the General meeting. Anyone wanting to nominate someone, I have the nomination paper, you can fill out and return to me before the Nov. Meeting.

Comrade Norma Yerex, I have had 3 volunteers quit because of verbal abuse by members of the Legion. They have been told if there is a problem to go to an Executive or Administrative personnel. I feel they should not have to put up with any verbal abuse whether there is Executives or Administrative personnel here, NO ONE has the right to verbally abuse anyone especially our volunteers.

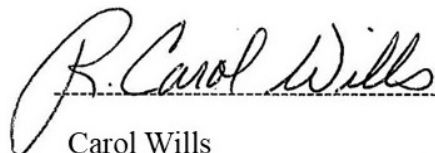
50/50 # 718854 Winner: Alex Sharkey  
Amount: \$60.00

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175