

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 19 September 2023

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Wiebe (out of town), Criss (work)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
BARKLEY, Alan	93 years	27 July 2023	Army

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade R Wills
Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 22 August 2023

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

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Financial Committee

The Finance Committee is meeting Sat 18 at 10:00. We will review the last two months of statements. In addition, we will start working on the 2024 budget.

BMO

We are still waiting for a night deposit bag for BMO Br. # 20649 (Belmont Center)

The BMO On-Line Banking has been set up which will save us time when transferring funds. We are now able to accept e-transfers.

Servus

The Cash Management Account recreation was lifted yesterday, and we are now able to close all the Servus accounts. I will have it done before the end of the week. I am trying to get the bank to have everything closed by the end of the month. They are not charging us the September bank fees.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss No report

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1461 members in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
533	523	378	27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills 15 New Applications 3 Transfer 2 Reinstatement

For a total of 20

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon

The revolving TVs are all updated and running. I will continue to update regularly. Please, I need more ideas to be placed in the newsletter. If anyone has some appropriate cartoons or jokes, send them to me at Publicity.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

Noella Mahe and I attended the Seniors Crib in Smoky Lake on Sept 16th and came in 7th out of 11 teams.

The pool tables were recovered at the end of August.

There is plenty of Command sports that one can apply to participate in, such as darts, pool, crib, euchre etc. The games and dates are in show case by Canteen entrance.

Also, interbranch sports have started up after a year or so absent and all the information on that is in the display case by the Canteen.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

- Replaced lights over dishwashing sinks.
- Repaired the handicap handrail in the female washroom.
- Replaced paper towel dispenser in female washroom.
- Replaced paper towel dispenser in staff washroom.
- Replaced soap dispensers in male washroom.
- I like to thank the people that been assisting in the grass cutting and the weed picking.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

I'm close to having the United Nations display ready to go up. I need to get a few things for the display.

It was mentioned that the Remembrance Day display should be set up for October to remind everyone of the Poppy campaign.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

September 22/23 – Trick Ryder
September 29/30 – Sparkling Tones
October 6/7 – CC & High Ryder
October 13/14 – Trick Ryder
October 20/21 – Sweetwater
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 – TBA
December 29/30 – TBA
December 31 – Euphoria Band

A Tribute to the King

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Featuring Bruce Stewart as Elvis

Doors – 5:00 pm

Dinner – 5:30 pm

Show – 7:00 pm

Dinner & Show - \$55.00
Show only - \$30.00.
Show only at the door - \$40.00.

The Johnny Cash and Friends show went very well. Thank you for our wonderful volunteers and Legion staff.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch

I attended the GEPF September meeting where we were informed AB-NWT Command has declined our request for an ad campaign which included a digital & mail-out portion for the GEPF poppy fundraising initiative. The reasoning was this type of campaign was designed & suited for rural areas with limited contact & outreach, while urban areas did not face this same challenge, therefore deemed an unnecessary expense. An unfortunate decision, many members within the Kingsway Branch had contributed extensive personal time to meet the requirements obtaining additional information requested by AB-NWT Command, which they already had.

There was an administrative error in submitting the GEPF poppy supplies order this year, this has been corrected and should arrive within the next few weeks. The Kingsway Branch's current supply of poppies is sufficient for this year's campaign & there is a reasonable inventory of ancillary supplies for the remainder of items (i.e. rolls of poppy stickers). The poppies required for the Kingsway 2023 campaign have been packaged & are ready to be distributed, when the Business builds take place in late October with supporting volunteers. I have informed the other Branch's should they wish to get a jump on packaging poppies for distribution, that there is a backup supply of poppies held in the sea can (GEPF supplies not Kingsway's).

I have placed the clipboards with requests for volunteers for the roles & positions required for this year's 2023 poppy campaign on a table in the main lobby. There will also be a request going out in September's monthly newsletter after the monthly General Meeting.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

Assisted one Veteran with the completion of forms for a disability claim.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

The posted Notice of Motion will be confirmed at the General Meeting.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

Comrade Fecteau read the citation for a member of the Kingsway Legion to receive the Royal Canadian Legion's MSM medal.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

Read the invitation from Comrade V. Torrie for the annual Gala on 14 October. This will be posted on the front board for all members to read.

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Presented by Comrade Fecteau

I inspected 504 Air Cadets on Wednesday 13th September. They have 110 Cadets on strength and with the compliments of approximately 40 recruits waiting in the Hanger to enroll.

All Cadet units and Squadrons are struggling complying with new changes to the system from DND.

There are many new restrictions on the training syllabus. For example, they are only allowed one training trip per year.

CB Hill has a complement of 31 Cadets. They are holding a recruitment campaign to enhance their numbers. During my visit they held a meeting with the Branch representatives of which I am a member. Their main problem is with funding, however they have funding activities planned.

I could not visit 570 Squadron due to both Air Cadet units' parade on the same night. I will visit 570 Squadron next Wednesday 29 September.

Comrade C. Colpitts – 1809 LER RCACC

The Corps was visited on September 12, 2023. Met with Capt. Patrick Greenfield, the new CO, again. The Corps is looking good, Cadet wise, with 48 on parade and 89 signed-up. The first outing is a day camp on September 23, followed by a weekend bivouac on October 13-15.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

Remembrance month is coming up. Our first event is 26 October for the First Poppy. This is not confirmed yet. Then we have No Stone Left Alone the 2nd of November, Canterbury Court on Tuesday 7th of November. We have Remembrance Day at St. Joseph High School on 8th November at 10 am, then Northeast Seniors at 1:30 pm. On November 9th at 11 am we have the AB Legislature and followed by Central Lions Seniors (I will be phoning to confirm date and time). Comrade R. Wills sent me two more requests in which I will investigate. Of course, we have Remembrance Day here at the Kingsway.

We also have a couple of new members join the Colour Party, Brenda J., Kim Earles is also going to be joining us.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT:

We have been asked by DSI to upgrade our beer system to gas, We are currently on a compressor right now. The gas is a lot better, the price to start up \$590.00 and \$9 for two tanks of CO2 and then it will be \$45.00 a month for CO2 tanks. - **Executive voted and passed unanimously to change over.**

It has been suggested by Comrade R. Wills, that we charge \$.75 for a takeout container. **It has been agreed as of Oct 1, 2023, we will charge \$.75 per take out containers for Canteen and events. This applies to only what you have on your plate, not going for seconds at a buffet event.**

Told the Executive that our water & power bill was \$13,000.00 last month, this month it is \$16,813.00.

Comrade Fecteau moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers – who oversees calling volunteers? Norma Yerex is the only person to call volunteers for all events except for Bingo.

Friday night meat draw – **Executives**, Comrade C. Wills will be sending out a calendar for Executives to sign up for running the Friday night meat draw.

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Kitchen Report

Things are going well; I still must work with the cooks to ensure our clients needs are met. I have hired Helina back. She will be learning to work the line and functions. She appears to be a hard worker and, including English willing to learn.

The number of are slowing increasing and we may need to hire another cook to meet our demands.

The Sunday Buffet on Sep17th was a success. There were only 24 people that attended the event. I hope, once the words get out the numbers will increase.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Etmanski

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Robert “Mac” Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175

Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175