

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade MacIntosh

Attendance: 41 Members 3 Guests

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Sean Danyi (hospital), Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Norm Henderson	75 years	9/April/2023	
Ken Hindman	71 years	19/April/2023	
Lloyd Kratky	75 years	16/April/2023	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 28 MARCH 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade
Seconded by Comrade Danyi

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising: Motion for Sports – amend the gas vehicle to read per vehicle
RCMP Dinner – no response

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Financial Committee:

We had a meeting on Apr 22. We reviewed the 2022 Draft Audit, which was received on 15 Apr. We have asked Jamie for a copy of the notes. We will have a presentation to the general membership at next months General Meeting.

We have received approval from AB-NWT Command for a \$15,000 loan to upgrade our sound systems. This is a important step to securing more rentals of our meeting rooms.

The accounts are being cleaned up as we find smoother ways to control our accounts.

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

Treasurer

BMO Business Proposal

We are in the final stages of completing the transfer to BMO. We have a 25 year mortgage at Prime + 1.27. In addition, we only have to pay the interest for the first two months. This will free up the cash to cover the cost of the transfer to BMO.

We are entering into an agreement with Moneris for our Debit Machines. They will all be 4G capable. As long a Telus doesn't go down we will always to able to complete transactions without delay.

Motion: to accept the Profit /Loss Report and Balance Report

Seconded by Comrade B. Lawrence

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss as per the Executive minutes of 18 April 2023

With the following addendum: Loan was approved to get new speakers and I will be making arrangements to have them installed.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1360 members in good standing.

Ordinary

515

Associate

497

Affiliate

348

Life Members

27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Danyi

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills - New Applications 1 Transfer 2 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Houston, Preston
Chernenko, Louise
Moyles, Daniel
Strachan, John

Ruelling, Douglas⁴
Pinzon, Cruz
Serbu, David

Transfer:

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of 7

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills

The website was updated today and we have had 4,393 hits the past 30 days. We now offer Eventbrite link or front office sales for easier ticket purchases. Janet Hazen will be taking over the website next week. A special thanks to her for taking it over. Carol Simon is working hard learning to do and getting out the newsletter to our members. Keep up the good work.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka reported

- Removal of garbage and cigarette butts
- Scraping and cleaning of landing by grease disposal unit
- Replaced the glass to picture frame flag display
- Repaired the weather stripping on rear door
- Vacuumed the Maple Leaf room
- Assisted in making perogies
- Assisted where needed

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Morrill

We have been working on gathering information and items for the upcoming displays. Information has been found on the North West Mounted Police and some photos as well. The R.C.M.P have not been contacted because of the death of the officer was being dealt with and they were given the respect they required. I foresee approaching headquarters in the next week. There has not yet been an opportunity to inventory all of the items in storage but that will be

hopefully undertaken in the next month.
I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

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

March 31/April 1 – Steppin Out
April 8 – Trick Ryder
May 5/6 – Steppin Out
May 12/13 – Joe Luce (DJ)
May 19/20 – Dean Henry
May 26/27 – Trick Ryder

Upcoming special events are as follows:

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

Edmonton Eats & Kingsway Legion Present
Cooking Around the Globe – Destination Morocco and Libya
May 6, 2023
Tickets: \$25.00
Doors open at 5:00 pm
The adventure and dinner start at 5:30 pm

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

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

Upcoming Events

A Tribute to the Johnny Cash Show
Presented by Jaedyn's Tributes
August 27, 2023
More details to come

A Tribute to the King
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Featuring Bruce Stewart as Elvis
More details to come

On Sunday, April 16, 2023, a group of us got together and made approximately 1,800 perogies for the upcoming Ukrainian Dinner. Many thanks to Rick, Ron, Carol, Phyllis, Dan, Deb, Laura, Trese, Wes and Debbie.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch

The month of April has been relatively quiet with respect to any new business. I attended a meeting at Home for Heroes with respect to supporting a veteran currently residing there & to meet new staff working in the facility & to strategize in how best to support individuals moving forward. The GEPF Board met late this month & a confirmation of roles for upcoming 2023 Poppy Campaign was discussed along with continuing to discuss & create a new "Terms of Reference (ToR)" going forward.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

Provided assistance to a veteran in completing documentation for disability pension, the individual was also referred to Command Service Officer for follow-up.

Meeting held with directing staff at Home for Heroes (H4H) concerning a veteran looking for assistance from the Poppy Fund, poppy assistance application forms left with staff for the veteran to complete. Telephone call received from a veteran in Lloydminster seeking help with completing disability pension forms, referred to Command Service Officer.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Danyi

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No report

HONOURS & AWARDS

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss/Fecteau
Comrade Fecteau

I visited CB Hill Navy League Cadet Corps on the 20th April. They recruited up to triple their strength this year. Corps strength is now at two divisions of 18 Cadets per division. The Commanding Officer has had to re-vamp the training schedule to accommodate their needs. I have still been unable to contact 570 Air Cadet Sqn. My time schedule has not permitted me to visit the other units and I will amend my schedule accordingly.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

Comrade Criss

The unit was visited on April 4th. Met with the Commanding Officer and got a feel for the changes since my last visit.

The Main item was the upcoming ACR and the Change of Command on June 6, 2023. The unit now as a strength of 70 cadets signed up with an average of 50 showing up on a regular bases. 15 Cadets has applied for summer camp and are awaiting approval.

Watching the parade and inspection, I noticed the number of Cadets are waiting on uniforms. Was informed that most if not all will be outfitted by the ACR

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

We attend 1 funeral

University – HiMarc

3 funerals are coming up

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

Our 75th anniversary display is up in the foyer. Take a look!

Thank you for all your support at our Easter Raffle, bake and craft sale, ham & turkey raffle and 50/50. We greatly appreciate it!

With sports starting to wind down for the season remember to come into the Legion to support the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meat raffles and 50/50 throughout the summer months.

Our last “Button Bingo” until September is on Saturday May 13th. It is held right after the Meat Raffles & 50/50. There is no cost and prizes are donated items. It is just for some fun so come out and enjoy!

I have been voted in as District #2 Commander for the Ladies Auxiliary at the Spring Rally. I will be maintaining my position as the Kingsway Br 175 Ladies Auxiliary President at this time.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade M. Steele

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie

The Lest We Forget concert committee met at St Albert Legion Thursday, April 20, 2023. Bank balance for March 30, 2023 is \$4957.34. Even though the Mayor loved the concert being in Sherwood Park. We are looking at different venues to hold the concert this year.

Elections were held with:

Chairman – Scott Sadler

Vice Chair – Bev Martin

Secretary – Karen Atkinson

Treasurer – Vicki Torrie

Sale committees are formed. Appreciations to go to our deserving Volunteers. We're still working to get the photo remembrance published and out.

We are always looking for ideas, volunteers and Silent Auction items for our group.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade M.Steele

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Torrie No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Comrade Etmanski is trying to arrange drop in Darts starting the 2nd week of May for Thursday afternoon and Thursday nights.

Comrade Yerex advised that NESAs will be closing their doors for 2 years due to renovations. She is trying to organize a second drop in Canasta, they days will be Tuesday and Thursday at 1 pm.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Sun Life Insurance is changed to Canada Life Insurance

Member asked about kitchen workers and who all had Food Safety, Comrade R. Wills advised that all his cooks and some bar staff, including himself and Comrade C Wills have their Food Service certificate.

Comrade Torrie advised us that Carlos Nunes, who does our parking lot cleaning and snow removal. Swept the parking lots and donated his time and cost for doing this. Comrade Torrie is putting Mr Nunes name forward for a Certificate of Appreciation.

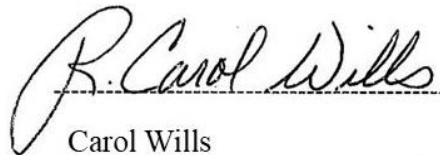
50/50 #492479 Winner: Comrade LeeAnn Leaburn
\$80.00

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175