

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Attendance: 45 Members Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Gregory Adolf	68 years	January 2021	
Alan Barkley	90 years	27 July 2023	Army

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Comrade Torrie and Comrade W. Fecteau presented Comrade Roberta (Carol) Wills with her Life Member Award.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 27 June 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Hyshka
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Financial Committee:

The Finance Committee met meeting Sat 18 at 10:00. We will review the last two months statements. In addition, we completed the 2024 budget.

BMO

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 R. Charlet

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss No report

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

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Life Members</u>
533	523	378	26

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

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

2 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Truhn, Josie	Bronson, Michael	Wilcox, Stephanie
	Brown, Eva Pearl	Wilcox, Keith
	Neal, Bonnie	Smith, Rhonda
	Langille, Deborah	Martinez, Herman
		Murphy, James

Transfer:

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Schofield, David R		
Branch 15		

REINSTATE

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Goddard, John Edward		

For a total of 20

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

New members for July, August

July 2023

Ordinary

McQueen, Jeremy
McQueen, Tammy
Dumouchel, Rod
Zinger, Susan

Associate

Neid, Douglas
Kent, Daniel

Affiliate

Dewald, Paul
Haining, Colin

Transfer

Jackson, Candice
Command 16, Br 15

August 2023

Ordinary

Michaud, Kesha
Cure, Michelle

Associate

Lake, David
Arky, Magdi
Augustine, Norma Jean
Rumsey, Christopher

Affiliate

Harel, Shane
Amero, Kelley-Anne
Bugera, Irene
Aranibar, Edggar
Aleman, Ruben
Anderson, Kyle
Scanie, Lorraine
Ward, Frederick

Transfer

Brown, Melvin
Lethbridge Br 004

Reinstate

Sparrow, Ken

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon/Henzen No report

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 Juno Room 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 Juno Room. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

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 N. Danyi

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.

Comrade Morrill is working on the Historian room. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

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/	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 Andrew 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 K. Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch reported

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 Lawrence **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 N. Danyi

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

I will move or cause to be moved the following changes to the Kingsway Legion Branch 175 Bylaws dated October 25, 2022.

Cover Sheet - Change date on front page to October 31, 2023

Article 6 Nominations and Elections

Add 6.3 (c) to read: More than one member of a household and/or family may run and hold a position on the Branch Executive Committee. No two signing authorities may be related to each other or live in the same domicile.

Seconded by Comrade D. Claggett

CARRIED

Change the current 6.3 (c) to 6.3 (d)

Change the current 6.3 (d) to 6.3 (e)

Change the current 6.3 (e) to 6.3 (f)

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

Article 8 Executive Committee

8.3 Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) meetings of the General Membership and/or the Executive Committee without being excused for just cause by the Executive Committee, shall cease to hold office and his office shall be filled as provided in Article 5.02 (c).

Change to read: Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) meetings of the General Membership and/or the Executive Committee without being excused for just cause by the Executive Committee, shall cease to hold office and his office shall be filled as provide in Article 5.2.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

Article 8 Executive Committee

8.5 The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting shall be ratified at the next General Meeting of the Branch. Any Voting Member shall have the right to question any item covered by these minutes.

Delete 8.5 in its entirety as the minutes of the Executive Meeting are for information only.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

Article 10 Finance

10.7 All monies in excess of \$100.00 payable by the Branch shall be paid by cheque by the Branch President together with the Branch Manager, provided however, that in the absence or disability of either of these regular signing officers, the First Vice President shall sign in place of either, and in the absence of both regular signing officers, the First Vice President shall sign together with the Second Vice President, Treasurer or the Immediate Past President. No two signing authorities may be related to each other or live in the same domicile.

Change to read: All monies in excess of \$100.00 payable by the Branch shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the Branch Officers who have signing authority. No two signing authorities may be related to each other or live in the same domicile.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

10.9 At the regular General Meeting, the Treasurer shall submit a statement of income and expenditure for the month (or months, if there is a summer recess) immediately preceding such a meeting. This statement shall be checked and verified by the Finance Committee.

Change to read: At the regular General Meeting, the Treasurer shall submit a statement of income and expenditure for the month (or months, if there is a recess) immediately preceding such a meeting. This statement shall be checked and verified by the Finance Committee.

Seconded by Comrade R. Etmanski

CARRIED

10.14 The Ways and Means Committee will be responsible for analyzing the request as to the monies available, and to ensure that the Charitable Organization falls within the guidelines of the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission and the Branch Permits. The Ways and Means Committee will then make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will be responsible to judge the merit of the request and make a recommendation to the next General Meeting for final approval or otherwise.

Change to read: The Ways and Means Committee will ensure that the Charitable Organization falls within the guidelines of the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission and the Branch Permits. The Ways and Means Committee will then make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will be responsible to judge the merit of the request and make a recommendation to the next General Meeting for final approval or otherwise.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

Page 9 Article 12 General

12.5 The Ladies Auxiliary members employed by a Branch or Command may, at the discretion of the Branch or Command, hold office in the Auxiliary.

Move 12.5 to Article 11 Ladies Auxiliary and make it 11.5.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

Article 12 General

12.2 (c) To attain eligible delegate status, a member must have attended four (4) General and/or Executive Meetings and One (1) District 2 Rally in the calendar year immediately prior to the Convention call and be a Member in Good Standing.

Change to read: To attain eligible delegate status, a member must have attended four (4) General Meetings and One (1) District 2 Rally in the calendar year immediately prior to the Convention call and be a Member in Good Standing.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

12.3 The Area and District Voting Delegates shall be the President and one other Voting Member.

Change to read: The District Voting Delegates shall be appointed by the President.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

12.6 Public Statements in connection with Branch Policy shall be restricted in accordance with Article 1 104 (2) of the General By-Laws. **Change the Article 1 104 (2) to Article 1 104 (a).**

Change to read: Public Statements in connection with Branch Policy shall be restricted in accordance with Article 1 104 (2) of the General By-laws.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

Renumber 12.6 to 12.5

Renumber 12.7 to 12.6

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K Steele

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

Comrade Fecteau read the citation to nominate a Comrade of the Kingsway Legion to receive the Royal Canadian Legion's MSM medal. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: 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 R. Charlet

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 would like to thank Comrade Frank Colautti for the window banners he donated. Also, I would like to thank Comrade Kim Earles for sewing them.

Thank you to the Colour Party for participating in the HiMarc ceremony. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

We will hold our October "Button Bingo" on Saturday Oct 14th right after our meat raffle and 50/50.

As November 11th falls on a Saturday, we will not be holding our meat raffle and 50/50 that day. Our Ladies Auxiliary currently has Christmas Raffle tickets on sale. First prize is a food hamper worth \$400; second prize is a Ninja dual air fryer worth \$300; third prize is Christmas decorations worth \$150, and fourth prize is a Magic Bullet worth \$50. Tickets are \$2.00 each. They can be purchased from LA members or at the front desk. The draw is Dec 16th which is also the date of our annual craft and bake sale and Christmas ham and turkey draws.

Thank you for your generous support throughout the summer at our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50's. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie

The Lest We Forget Concert will be held at the Dow Centre in Fort Saskatchewan at 7:00 pm on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Bank balance as of August 31, 2023, is \$5115.73. With the concert budget coming in over

\$21,000.00

We are looking for everyone's support for ticket sales, silent auction items and advertising this event.

We now have the booked publication from the 2022 concert available. Let me know if anyone can help us out with this event. I have the advertising blurbs for those who want to advertise for us. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

MOTION: I am asking for a donation of \$200.00 to help with the concert costs.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA Comrade P. Earles

Vets Villa current occupancy is, 15 Veterans, 5 spouses of Veterans and 17 seniors. Unfortunately, the House Manager found one of the tenants, a Veteran, who had passed away in his room. The past few months Vets Villa have seen some huge repair bills. In June and July repairs had to be made to the heating system totaling over \$7000.00. After a couple of flooding events, it was determined that all the sewer pipes had replaced. This entailed digging up the basement and replacing all the sewer lines. This cost over \$61000.00. Vets Villa has set up a Go Fund me page to hopefully pay for some of these repairs, it can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/veterans-villa-to-keep-being-able-to-help-vets> or by going to gofundme.com and search for Veterans Housing Project. On a positive note, the sump pump in the elevator shaft failed and the shaft filled with about three feet of water. The contractor replaced the pump free of charge. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Torrie - No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Comrade R. Wills stated the Direct Cost of the Maple Leaf Room was missed and was not included on the July Profit & Loss Statement; the total was \$8775.90.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water – Comrade Etmanski brought up that water will only be given when purchasing a meal, otherwise, you must purchase a bottle. He also said that members are not to be yelling at the bartenders regarding this issue. If you have a complaint, put it in writing with your name and phone number and it will be given to the President.

Casino Night – Comrade L. Foote has the sign up for casino night at the Yellowhead Casino on Feb 26-27, 2023.

Poppy – Comrade Brett Finch reminded everyone; we still need volunteers to work the hockey games. We need 12 volunteers for the Oilers on 29/October/23 and 10 volunteers for the Oil Kings game.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Elections – Executive elections are in November.

Take out containers – it has been decided that take out containers, as of Oct 1, 2023, will have a charge of \$.75 per container.

Comrade Norma Yerex – would like to thank all volunteers for the work they are putting into events, functions, etc.

Comrade V. Torrie – reminded everyone that there are Gala tickets available, and also, she has gift cards (numerous vendors) still available.

The October General meeting is scheduled for Oct 31 (Halloween), we voted on 2 dates. 34 members in favor and 7 opposed.

October 30 (Monday) 25 in favor 16 opposed
November 1 (Wednesday) 7 in favor 34 opposed

CARRIED

Comrade L. MacIntosh volunteered to chair the Election committee for November Executive elections.

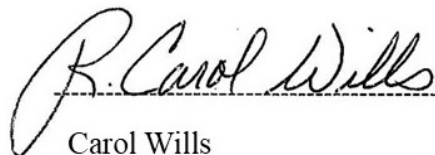
50/50 #319056 Winner: Audrey Ferguson
Amount: \$85.00

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade J. 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