

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade MacIntosh

Attendance: 26

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Sean Danyi (hospital), Steve Criss (hospital), Padre Wiebe
Comrade Deugau (sick), Fecteau (vacation)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Fred Zoe	76 years	25/01/2023	
Marvin Stevenson	92 years	27/01/2023	
John Mroczek	89 years		

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

Motion: to adopt the agenda was made by Comrade Lawrence
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 31 JANUARY 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade M. Steele
Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade V. Torrie
Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Presented the financials for month of January. I am waiting for a response back from BMO on information sent to them in regards to changing our banks accounts to BMO.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade J. Hyshka read:

Had our Musical Bingo on February 18th theme this time was 70s music, pretty good turn out making \$1,113.03 for the night. Our next one is on March 25th and this one will be music from all decades from 50's up. Musical Bingo been going well. Getting alot of regulars showing up now.

Still on the go is the Family Attraction Pass for West Edmonton Mall for 1 year. There will be 1000 tickets available. This draw will be online through raffle box. This is a pass for a family of 4 to all attractions at WEM plus food discounts for 1 year.

I have submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 and an CIP grant for \$30,000.00. Waiting on confirmation for both. The New Horizons Grant is geared more towards a new POS system and some small network upgrades for what is left over. The CIP grant is going for the new speaker and sound system for the banquet rooms.

The Entertainment and Ways & Means Committee is looking at donations from businesses for prizes. If you know if 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

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1354 members in good standing.

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Life Members</u>
504	481	342	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills - 13 New Applications 1 Transfer 0 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Richard, Lucie	Fayant, Gina F.	Nowaselski, Daryl

Boone, Troy
Phillipson, Blair
Switzer, Don

Fourier, Luc
Graham, Amanda
Hemmings, Tanya
Labonte, David
Edwards, James
Nieberding, Albert
McDonagh, Gordon

Transfer:

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Bingham, Susan
Red Lake Legion Br 102

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGNED DELCARATION:

Robert Hemmings	Joseph Heilman
Patrick Wilson	Loretta MacKinnon
Peter Garrant	Lucy Villebrun

PUBLICITY: Comrade Morrill - No report

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

Just a couple of points of interest, we had three teams of shuffleboard players go to Calgary weekend of February 17/18. In the mixed division Carol and Ron Wills came in 8th place. In the Seniors division Carol G/Maxine L, came in 4th place and LeeAnn/Audrey came in 3rd place. They may not have come back with any hardware but I'm sure they represented our legion admirably.

On another note, the \$100.00 meat draw that is currently held on the last Friday of each month is going to move to the last Wednesday of each month starting in March. The reason for the move is because it was interfering time wise with the Friday night dance.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka reported

- Removed the broken fence pieces and disposed of them
- Cleaned the beer fridge compressor
- Cleaned the ventilation diffusers in the kitchen

- Snow removal, garbage and cigarette butts
- Removed stage extension
- Assisted where needed

I so move my report
 Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau - No report

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Friday and Saturday dances are going well. Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

February 24/25 – Steppin Out
 March 3/4 – Joe Luce (DJ)
 March 10/11 – Dean Henry
 March 17/18 – No Band in the Juno Lounge
 March 24/25 – Sweetwater
 March 31/April 1 – Steppin Out

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Viva Drag Vegas – as of today February 21, 2023 there are 110 for dinner and show and 24 for show only

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Show at 7:30 pm

Dinner and show - \$55.00

Show only - \$35.00

Tickets available on Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/viva-drag-vegas-tickets-513131529217?aff=efbeventix>

St. Patrick's Celebrations

Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, 2023

Traditional Irish Meal - \$25.00

Meal from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Dance Only - \$10.00 per evening

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Live Music with Black Velvet Band

Reserved Seating Only

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

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

UPCOMING NEW EVENTS

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

EdmontonEats
Tastes of the Middle East
More information coming

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch reported

The new directors to get signatures done for signing authority to issue monetary requisitions. Discussion on "Terms of Reference (ToR)" tabled to have dedicated committee as there are many gaps in current ToR (i.e., no mention of a need for Treasurer, no election dates, change of fiscal year moves events to the right on calendar entries).

Provincial command has concerns over operating costs at the GEPF level, is looking to have Edmonton branches carry funds to bank after counting versus cost of Armored service & risk of large sums of funds in a safe at Kingsway, concern over possible attempt of robbery.

The "concern & comments" from branches were risk to volunteers with so much transportation of funds required & more work of volunteers at the branch level. With security camera monitoring & a large safe at Kingsway Legion it was felt security concerns were addressed & more than adequate, provincial command representative disagrees but will go back to provincial command with the branch's "concerns & comments" & response is pending.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed three request for assistance from Poppy Fund, total of \$800.00 in Grocery Cards distributed. One of the veterans is also applying for assistance with mortgage and utility bill payments.

Provided assistance to one veteran in completing documentation as requested by Veterans Affairs Canada. Completed three miscellaneous requests via telephone.

Referred one veteran to Veterans Emergency Transition Services Edmonton for additional assistance.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson - No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau - No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

Read 3 correspondence items.

- 1) Town Hall with the Veterans Ombud in Edmonton
- 2) Nesa
- 3) Heroes of their Day

All posters of advertising these events are at the front bulletin board.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss - FeNo report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski - No Report

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles - No report

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie - No report

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Torrie – No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade Torrie -I just want to mention that the member that drove into the fence, has been quite ill, so his sons are going to be discussing with him as to how he will pay for the damage. Comrade Steve Criss had surgery today and is doing well. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also, just a reminder to ALL members, including ALL Executives, that when you are attending the Friday or Saturday night dances you must show your membership card and pay the door fees.

50/50 Draw

Winning Ticket 734100 Amount: \$50.00

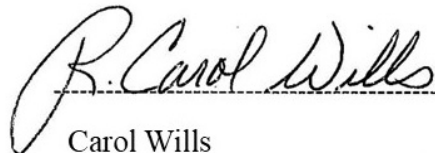
Winner: Sharon Watts

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175