

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024**

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, Etmanski, W. Hyshka, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, Criss, , Deugau, Nelson, Morrill, Danyi, Simon, N. Danyi, D. MacIntosh, Wiebe, Walsh

**Excused:** Comrade Fecteau (vacation)

**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>
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**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Criss  
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Comrade N. Danyi

We have let our old bookkeeper go. Debbie Geiger has been with us for three weeks now and in working hard at bringing our books up to date. Our hope is to have the books reconciled by end of May. Until the book are completed the P&L and Balance Sheet will not be correct. The Cash-on Hand, Fixed Assets and Inventory is correct. We reviewed the BMO Account balances. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Morrill

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Comrade R. Wills

We held a Financial Committee Meeting on Sat Apr 20.

**BMO** – We have our Annual Credit Renewal due by 31 Mar. We have asked for a extension until the 2023 audit review is completed. We are currently setting up Direct Deposit for Payroll, should be completed by next week.

**AGLC Audit** – The final copy is in.

A fine of \$100 for one contravention Section 4.4 (amended May 2, 2022, to Section 4.4.1) of the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook. If the fine is accepted, it is to be paid from nongaming funds to the AGLC by 4:00 p.m., May 9, 2024.

A fine of \$100 for one contravention of Section J.1 (amended May 24, 2022, to Section 6.1.1) of the Pull Ticket Terms & Conditions. If the fine is accepted, it is to be paid from non-gaming funds to the AGLC by 4:00 p.m., May 9, 2024.

Section 2 of this report identifies \$15,441.63 of net non-gaming funds deposited in the gaming accounts. The unapproved amount of \$15,180.98 will be reduced by the \$15,441.63 of non-gaming funds in the gaming account. As a result, no reimbursement is required. The Legion reimbursed the gaming account \$5,161.48 on December 12, 2023, in response to the PAR. The Legion is welcome to transfer these funds out. Please ensure you advise the auditor if this is happening.

**Use of Gaming Funds for 2024 Dominion Convention** - Turned down, Gaming funds does not cover administration and they deem the convention as administration except for the 1st day workshops.

**GAIN Training** – A reminder that all executive members should take the GAIN online course as soon as possible. The website is : <https://gain.aglc.ca/Index.aspx?tabid=2> Our AGLC Number is 66217

We are holding off paying as many operation cost bills until we received our Casino cheque, which is due mid May

**Silent Auction** - We are starting to plan a Silent Auction for Sep more to follow.

**Class Action Lawsuit**- No Change

**Insurance Claim** for Broken Pipes is currently in the hands of Intact Insurance. Sent an email on Fri for an update.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Next round of Extreme Musical Bingo is May 4th. This will be an All Era Theme, we are also doing a bring a buddy night and enter a draw for a prize. Following for our year end bingo June 22, 2024.

For people that can volunteer for our regular bingos at Kensington Bingo Hall please contact Renee Lafrance, her number is 780 222 8018. Her email is [rsilafrance1957@gmail.com](mailto:rsilafrance1957@gmail.com).

Will be doing up raffle tickets for the farmers market starting second week of May. There will be 500 tickets printed up 1st prize will be \$250.00 grocery card to Safeway, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 100.00 to gas card for Shell, and \$50.00 spa treatment. Draw will be Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, or 2 weeks notice if sold out. Tickets will be sold at Farmers Market only.

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 W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1092 members for 2024 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
443	390	233	26

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Comrade C. Wills 9 New Applications 4 Transfer 1 Reinstatement

### **New Members**

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Demaine, Todd D. Lone, Howard	Hunt, Alana Keller, Linda Gerber, Christopher Miller, Kinley	Buzak, Sam Amritpal, Ronnie Chisholm, J. Wayne

### **Transfer**

Limoges, Bernard  
Innisfail Br 104

Usher, Kenneth  
Penticton Br 40

Tanguay Robert  
Ottawa Br 15

Weber, Matthew  
Kingston Br 560

### **Reinstatements**

Ringdahl, Jack

For a total of 14

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Simon

A second newsletter went out, including the posters and upcoming events and sports leagues, except pool.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Nelson

Meat draw nights I have some leagues that won't work over the summer. I need volunteers to work the summer dates, as well as the Executive members and the Color Party.

Friday Night Shuffleboard has refused to work any meat draws, to work the meat draws then they will have to pay door fees on Friday nights.

Comrade Torrie advised that we need to start preparing for the Command 8 Ball Pool in February. We need to organize volunteers, paperwork etc.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

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

Upcoming requests to complete the following:

Steam clean carpets and chairs.

Plant the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tree.

Paint the trellis white in tear drop.

Clean up flowerpots and replant.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau

I am working on the Battle of Britian display to add to the Air Force display.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**SICK & VISTING:** Comrade Wiebe

I have officiated 2 services and will be officiating a service on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> for Doris Haines.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

**CARRIED**

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

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

April 26/27 – CC & High Rider

May 3/4 - Sweetgrass

May 10/11 – Sweetgrass

May 17/18 – Trick Ryder

May 24/25 – Dean Henry

May 31/June 1 – CC & High Rider

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mother's Day Tea  
Two sittings  
12:00 noon and 2:00 pm  
\$30.00 per ticket  
Tickets at the office

Real Canadian Wrestling  
Clash of the Titans  
Saturday, May 25, 2024  
\$25.00 first row  
\$20.00 general admission  
\$25.00 at the door  
Bell rings at 7:30 pm  
Advance tickets at the office

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Elvis Show featuring Jaedyn Pilon  
The Vegas Years  
Doors 5:00 pm  
Dinner 5:30 pm  
Show 7:00 pm  
Show Only \$30.00  
Show Only at the door \$40.00  
Dinner and Show \$55.00 +GST  
Tickets at the door and Eventbrite

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Bonnie Kilroe Show  
Patsy Cline Tribute  
More information to come

Sunday, June 16, 2024  
Father's Day BBQ Steak Dinner  
\$25.00 for tickets  
Doors open 4:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Advance Tickets only  
Available at the office

Friday, June 21, 2024  
Real Canadian Wrestling  
More information to come

Saturday, September 28, 2024  
Elvis Show featuring Bruce Stewart  
More information to come

Saturday, November 30, 2024  
Twilight Time  
More information to come

December 31, 2024  
New Year's Eve  
"The Diamonds Band"  
I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Comrade D. MacIntosh

Committee is trying to streamline the processes for the required paperwork both at the Greater Edmonton Poppy as well as the Command approval levels. Although the goal is to simplify things there are some requirements that are currently just making it more complicated. Our service officer, Mike provided a great example of how to present requests to the executives and branch members while still protecting the privacy and integrity of the party requesting assistance. It did help to clarify some confusion surrounding how much information the executives at a legion should or should not be receiving in these instances. The Service Officer at each branch obtains and protects the information required for the paperwork. We are grateful to have Mike looking after those requests coming into Kingsway Legion. We have received a couple more bursary requests and they will be going forward. The Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund currently has the funds to support the bursary program so please spread the word to keep these requests coming.

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

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

I have completed 3 requests for Poppy Fund assistance, referred 4 veterans to the Command Service Officer for additional follow-up and assisted one veteran in completing Veterans Affairs forms for disability benefits.

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Simon

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Comrade R. Wills motioned to approve the listed assistance given

Motion 175-24-007 Grocery Cards \$300.00

Seconded by Comrade Simon

**CARRIED**

Motion 175-24-008 Grocery Cards \$200.00

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

**CARRIED**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills – I have 3 letters as follows:  
Yesterday's Auto Gallery a tribute to D-Day on June 8, 2024, Saturday  
Command Level Winners for Poster Competition  
2024 KHQ RCMP Golf Tournament – June 21<sup>st</sup>  
All posters will be posted at the front office.

**CADET LIAISON REPORTS:** Comrade Fecteau No Report

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski No Report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Comrade Werner

We have hired two new people for the kitchen, please introduce yourselves to Wayne and Kayla.

I am going to talk to Janja from the farmers market to see if she is getting food trucks or if we are going to sell hotdogs and pop like we did last year. If we do sell these hot dogs, we will need volunteers to help with this.

We have started charging GST on event tickets that are sold online or at the front desk.

Comrade W. Hyshka moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Loyalty Cards and information

Comment cards (to be read and addressed at the General Meeting)

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

We read all the comments left in Comment Box and Executives will address each comment at the General Meeting.

After much discussion it was decided that effective June 1, 2024 we will be increasing door entrance fees for Friday and Saturday night dances, Members will be required to pay \$10.00 and non members \$15.00. This is in response to comments raised by members.

Increase on all Event shows from \$55.00 to \$60.00 dinner and show, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Buying for show only, will increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00. Tickets sold at the door will increase to \$45.00.

Pride month is coming in June, we should look at becoming registered at Rainbow Register, it is like the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, it means we are accredited as a safe space for people of that community to come into. It has us listed on a number of websites that they can come to or

host events, including the National registry and the one here in Alberta.

**MOTION:** N. Danyi motioned that we cover the cost is \$20.00 to apply Once we join we will receive a kit, which we could display a small flag in the corner of the door window.

Seconded by Comrade MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

League Sports – Effective September 1' 2024, a fee schedule will see an increase in league fees charged by the Branch. Member will continue to pay \$1.00 each and non-members will be \$2.00 each time they participate.

**Motion:** To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie

President

Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills

Executive Secretary

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