

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023

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

Attendance: 38 Members 1 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,

Excused: Comrade Morrill (work), Criss (medical), Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Ron Santos	84 years	14 June 2023	RCAF
Cordell Boland	49 years	26 June 2023	ARMY

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Comrade W. Fecteau presented President Torrie with a picture representing the Indigenous.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 30 MAY 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade R Charlet
Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills:

Financial Report – A financial Committee Meeting was held on Sat Jun 17. We felt that we should start doing spot checks on both the regular accounts and the AGLC accounts. Donna is going to look after the regular accounts, Comrade Criss will do the AGLC accounts. We are looking into holding White Elephant Bazaar, more to follow.

Motion: To approve the monthly financial statement as presented
Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

BMO Accounts – We are in the final stages of moving our accounts to BMO. Cheques for the new accounts have arrived, and we are setting up the last two accounts. BMO wants us to close the General Account ASAP before the final funds are released. We are unable to do that right now, as there are still cheques that must be cleared.

Audit Presentation – Comrade Wills did a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022 Audit Review. The report will be presented at the June General Meeting.

Motion: To approve the 2022 Audit review as presented
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

Motion: To approve payment for the 2022 Audit Review in the amount of \$4,515.00 (GST included)
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Torrie presented report for Comrade Criss: we had our last round of musical bingo for the summer on June 17, 2023. This one was all era theme with a silent auction to wind things down for the summer.

Still waiting on the status of the CIP grant for the new speaker and sound system for the banquet rooms. The speakers are now installed and operating great. We came in underbudget which is good.

The Entertainment and Ways & Means Committee is looking at donations for prizes. 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

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1415 members in good standing.

<u>Ordinary</u> 524	<u>Associate</u> 507	<u>Affiliate</u> 357	<u>Life Members</u> 27	= 1,415
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I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills – 10 New Applications - 1 Transfer - 1 Reinstatement

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

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

<u>Ordinary</u> Goddard, John Edward	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
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For a total of 12

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon:

Janet Hanzen has been keeping the website up to date.

July newsletter will be out by June 29 with all updates of current events and functions.

Please submit any requests or ideas to me Carol Simon before the General meeting in the future months.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson:

It has been decided that the Friday Meat Draws will be cancelled for the months of July and August. The Wednesday draws will continue as will the \$100.00 last Wednesday of each month.

The \$100.00 monthly draw will now be a gift card for Save on Foods or a Gas gift card.

We are currently looking at a couple of options to recover our dart boards.

- 1) Is to cover the cork backing with a felt material which will slow the deterioration of the existing cork backing.
- 2) The other option is to go to rigid foam backing with the dart board inserted into it.

The actual cost of either is not confirmed at this point but for sure will be substantially lower than the cork board.

It is hoped we can do a couple of our dart boards up this summer with these ideas and have feedback on them before we go forward with improving the boards in the fall.

Effective July 17th we will be asking Drop- In Pool Players to pay \$5.00 daily per person for the use of our tables.

As this will be on the HONOUR SYSTEM, we ask that the funds be deposited in the collection box, which will be clearly marked on the wall by pool tables. I thank those that use the tables in advance for your cooperation.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka:

- Removal of garbage and cigarette butts
- Started on fence repair was unable to continue as we do not know where the underground lines are – Flo was booking First Call to get the lines marked.
- Assisted where needed.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau:

I'm working on the next displays as well as organizing the displays for the new year. Battle of the Atlantic and the Anniversary of the RCAF. I'm coordinating with Rick Etmanski to clean the uniforms on display.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Comrade Morrill reported

I am sorting, cataloguing, and arranging photos, magazines, books and artifacts in the History room. In many cases, there are dozens of copies that are not related to us. All photos will be labeled to identified categories and some will be either returned to the donor or thrown out after being scanned and listed.

There are still items being dumped in the back room and some control must be denied. I have spoken to the Ladies 'Auxiliary, so we can accommodate any Legion related items.

I do not mind my phone number being shared with anyone regarding the history department.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

June 23/24 – Joe Luce (DJ) and Hickey Wind

June 30/July 1 – Trick Ryder

July 7/8 – Steppin Out

July 14/15 – Dean Henry

July 21/22 – Trick Ryder

July 28/29 – **Unfilled?**

July 1 – Canada Day

Pancake Breakfast

BBQ Dinner BBQ Pork Ribs with Trimmings

Saturday Night Dance

A Tribute to the Johnny Cash Show

Presented by Jaedyn's Tributes

August 27, 2023

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

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

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch No report

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Walsh:

I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance, one for \$75.00 and one for rental assistance in the amount of \$640.00. Referred one veteran to the Veterans Emergency Transition Services (Vets Canada), where he was provided with funding to have his power reconnected. Referred one veteran to Command Service Officer. Assisted one veteran at Kipness Centre complete a Legion Claim form.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson:

See attached **NOTICE OF MOTION**

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Fecteau:

I visited 504 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron for their Annual Inspection Wednesday, 14 June and presented the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence to Cadet Andy Gu There were 110 cadets on parade.

570 held their Annual Inspection Saturday 10th June. I was unable to attend due to illness. 180 and 1809 Army Cadet units were attended by Comrade Mac Torrie and Comrade Chuck Colpitts.

Comrade Colpitts:
1809 LER RCACC

On June 6, 2023, the Corps held its Annual Ceremonial Review. After the form-up and inspection by Brigadier-General S.G. Graham, OMM, MSM, CD witnessed the Change of Command.

Outgoing CO, Capt. J. Sieuraj was relieved by Incoming CO, Capt. P. Greenfield. After the forms were signed and witnessed, it was time to attend to the Cadets.

Of the 41 Cadet on Parade, 12 wore the Red Sash. Awards were presented to many worthy recipients, including Kingsway Legion Most Progressive Cadet trophy. After addresses from Reviewing Officer, Outgoing CO and Incoming CO, all moved upstairs for refreshments.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski:

Nine members of the Colour Party to attend Ron Santos funeral on Thursday, 22 June 2023. Thursday drop in Darts doing well, 20 people last week and going up each week and will continue during July and August.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular meat raffle and 50/50 on Saturday July 1, 2023. Meat raffles and 50/50's will continue every Saturday throughout the summer.

Don't forget to drop by the market in the summer. The Legion and Ladies Auxiliary share a table weekly.

Mark your calendars... Saturday Sept 9th is our next date for "Button Bingo". It will be held right after our meat raffle and 50/50.

Do you know someone interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary? Let them know they are welcome to come to our September 19th General Meeting at 12:30PM to check us out!

Enjoy your summer!

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade S Charlet

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie:

The Lest We Forget Concert committee met at St Albert Legion on 18 May 2023. The bank balance as of April 30th is \$4957.34.

The 2023 Concert will be held on November 5, 2023 at the Dow Centre in Fort Saskatchewan.

The Committees are working out what is needed for the concert. We'll be asking for donations to the Silent Auction and for your support for the event.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Torrie No report

OLD BUSINESS:

SPORTS

MOTION: to amend (Sports criteria)

1: All participants will initially pay for their own accommodation. IF YOU QUALIFY you will be reimbursed as follows.

Para la to now read:

(a) Kingsway Legion will cover accommodation expenses for up to two nights and fuel expenses for one vehicle round trip with receipts for Command Sports. You must have been a member in good standing of Kingsway Legion Branch 175 for a minimum of a full calendar year.

Any exceptions to the above will be reviewed by Sports rep. and Branch Executive and their decision will be final.

(b) Upon return from event, participants will submit their receipts for reimbursement to sports officer for approval.

(c) The Branch does not pay for the following,

- i SPARES;
- ii SPOUSES; and
- iii Non-Qualified members.

2: If the District or Alberta/NWT Command sport is being held at a distance of 150 Km or less from Kingsway branch and you wish to stay overnight, it will be at your own expense.

EXCEPTIONS will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade R Wills – we have a thought that starting in September to have a Buffett Sunday Dinner, once a month. A different theme for each month will be offered, ie pasta night, roast night (3 types of meat), comfort night (chili, stew, shepherd pie). This is something we will look into for menus cost.

- 1) Comrade Torrie, the bust of Queen Victoria in the foyer, we could have it melted down and reuse for the seal for the time capsule, that was designed the building, with information as to who designed it, was build, when it was dedicated etc. I will go to Baron Bronze and see if they could help us, and I will get an estimate of costs.
- 2) Comrade Torrie, received an email regarding the chairs in the Maple Leaf room were very uncomfortable and worn out. He acknowledged the email and stated that we know of this matter and thanked her for her concern, and we are looking into it.
- 3) Comrade Torrie, we need to reapply for the POS grant, we need to reupholster or replace the cushions.

50/50 # 918667 Winner: Natalie Danyi
Amount: \$72.00

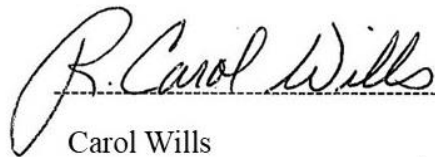
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175