# ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2022

The  $1^{ST}$  Vice President opened the meeting by ritual at 7:00 p.m. Comrade MacIntosh chaired the meeting.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Comrades Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Forner, Wiebe, MacIntosh, Hyshka W, Hyshka J

**Excused:** 

**Absent:** Comrades Fecteau (holidays), P. Earles (work), K. Earles

**Guests:** 

## **LAST POST**

<u>NAME</u>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>
William Spry	85 years	Dec 7, 2020	
Edward Waugh	87 years	Dec 13, 2021	Army

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade Biddiscombe Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED** 

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 14 DECEMBER 2021:

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Criss

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka CARRIED

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade J. Hyshka

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski CARRIED

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## FINANCIAL COMMITEE: Comrade R. Wills

We had to postpone last night meeting due to the road conditions.

The Canadian Emergency Business Account Grant repayment date has been moved from Dec 2022 to Dec 2023.

We received notice that the \$2,000.00 REP Implementation Grant was approved on 15 Jan the money should be in the bank shortly.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED** 

**TREASURER:** Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED** 

#### **WAYS AND MEANS:** Comrade Criss

The New Horizons grant was submitted on December 18, 2021 and looks like the city of Edmonton has reopened the Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG). So, in the works on submitting this one to help go towards operational costs for the legion.

We have a committee drawn up now and working hand in hand with Entertainment and working on providing more venues and more activities in 2022.

People are asking about the bingos, as of right now bingos are still up and functioning. So will still be needing volunteers for this.

February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be doing another raffle, this one will be spread out over 2 months and will have 3 draws. First draw 500.00 gift card for the Mayfield Dinner Theater, 2<sup>nd</sup> draw will be 1-year free membership for one person, 3<sup>rd</sup> draw will be 2 free tickets for future show or event in 2022. Check for the link on Kingsway Legion website

Our next bingo is on January 25<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We may possibly have an evening one for February 11<sup>th</sup> where that one may be split with a newer group that needs support.

For any other fundraising ideas please call me at 780 278 1263 or email me at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED** 

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1392 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
540	487	338	27

I so move my report Seconded by Comrade W.Hyshka

**CARRIED** 

**NEW MEMBERS:** 7 New Applications 2 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

**Ordinary** <u>Associate</u> <u>Affiliate</u>

> Lalonde, Anthony Arcand, Lloyd

Lalonde, Corina Cramp, David Pasheka, Myron Baines, David Pasieka, Cheryl

**TRANSFERS** 

**Ordinary Associate Affiliate** 

Reiner, Blake

On-line from Dominion

Davies, Christopher Strathcona Br 150

REINSTATE

Ordinary Associate Affiliate

For a total of: 9

Motion: Comrade Wills moves that we accept these individuals for processing into our Branch. Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka **CARRIED** 

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: 25 members

Pamela Santiago Cleve Domet Alan Deck Walter Cardinal Salvador Lelis Dave Sinclair Patricia Meertens Roger Desrochers

Keith Lush Jeff Matlock

Janice Arndt Alinda Lush

Karen Loren Jeannette Desrochers

Gordon Wilson Chad McFadyen
Marcel Laroche Richard Wilder

Sabrina Lee Patricia MacDonald Ronald Strauss Margot Swenson Theodore Swenson Valerie Kenny

Jean Perreault

#### **PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills

Website was last updated Jan 16. There have been 894 visitors in the past 30 days.

I am currently working on the Feb 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Tues 25 Jan.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

**CARRIED** 

## **SPORTS:** Comrade Ferguson

District Sports with the exception of Crib Pairs were completed before the end of

December. Crib Pairs will be played when the current restrictions are lifted. Command Sports are postponed until the restrictions are lifted.

District 8 Ball Pool Singles was played on December 18, 2021 at Norwood. Craig Nowell took  $1^{st}$  place and took  $2^{nd}$  place. These two players will advance to Command to be held in Turner Valley. Dates may be changed.

Carol Gwilliam and Audrey Ferguson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Crib Seniors event and the team of Donna Olson and Charles Clement placed 3<sup>rd</sup> which was held on December 19, 2021 at Fort

Saskatchewan. Carol and Audrey will advance to Command to be held at Strathcona Branch No. 150 and again dates may be changed.

I will be making a motion after we have a discussion on how to word the motion.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED** 

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka No report

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau No report

**SICK AND VISITING:** Comrade Wiebe – I have been working with a Vet to find a rehab facility and we have found one to help him. I will be conducting a funeral for a Fort Saskatchewan legion member

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED** 

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

On Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, President Fecteau asked me to take over the Entertainment position, in which I accepted. Right now, I am working with Comrade Steve Criss to organize a perogy

dinner. I am looking into setting up a comedy show soon.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

**CARRIED** 

## **POPPY:** Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

Thank you for the reminder about the meeting tonight. I have nothing to report for the Poppy Campaign. I would like to mention two things to the group.

- 1. I sent Steve Criss the 2021 Volunteer totals for last years Poppy campaign. The total was 1461 hours.
- 2. I also sent Ron Wills a Kingsway Legion Poppy material inventory report that was completed on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED** 

## **POPPY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Comrade Wills

#### **YTD 2021**

Veterans or their Dependants: 21 Clients for	r \$23,307.94
Ft Sask Donation	\$861.00
Food Vouchers	\$600.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Other Vouchers	\$4,625.72
Medical	\$0.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$125.72
Rent	\$4,500.00
Client Utilities	\$521.22
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Bursaries: / six students	\$6,000.00
<b>Current Balance:</b>	\$ 1,237,038.88

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED** 

## **RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson

Bylaws are complete for the next three years. The House Rules have been enlarged and posted. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED** 

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills No report

**CADET LIAISON OFFICER:** Comrade Criss No report

#### **SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade Earles

I completed three requests for assistance from the Poppy Fund, two referrals to the Command Service Officer and three requests for information.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED** 

#### SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

We have had to postpone our training day for the new members of the Colour Party to February 2022.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED** 

#### MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner

Our building and maintenance cost are going through the roof, the snow removal has cost us 12,298.00 for Nov and Dec. and it is still snowing. The kitchen equipment is breaking daily it seems.

We ended up giving refunds for approx. \$13,000.00 for New Years Dance.

We really need to have the Garth Brooks show to get back into the swing of things.

I will be on holidays from Feb 8, 2022 until the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Comrade R. Wills moved the Manager's report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED** 

#### **LADIES AUXILARY:** Comrade Kim Earles

Since my last report we held our December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Raffle, 50/50, Ham & Turkey Raffle, craft and bake sale. We definitely had a successful, fun day! Unfortunately, less than twenty children visited Mr. & Mrs. Claus. The over 130 remaining gifts were donated to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Gary Forner and I met with another Save-on-Foods to arrange for the 2022 meat raffles. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 numbers the Ladies Auxiliary did not feel we should start meat raffles until the numbers subside in 2022. I will contact Gary Forner when we have a start date. The LA did not hold and Executive or General Meeting in January due to Covid but hope to resume in February.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

**CARRIED** 

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Class Action Lawsuit Insurance coverage for business interruption ongoing
- b) 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we had a meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> and it was decided because of the restrictions to move the Anniversary tentatively to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, this will be confirmed once the band can be confirmed for the new date.

c) Christmas Dinner – Comrade R. Wills stated it was a success, we had 51 take out dinners and 47 dine in on Christmas day.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Name Tags – we need tags for the following:

Leroy MacIntosh Rick Etmanski Geoff Biddiscombe Wesley Hyshka

Jackie Hyshka

b) Surplus Table & Chairs

**MOTION:** All surplus tables, chairs, broken furniture to be ether donated, sold, or disposed of subject to the approval of the General Membership.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED** 

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

#### **SPORTS**

With the increase of operational cost, the Executive Committee is making the following recommendations. This will put some of the cost on the users who participate without over burdening the other members of the branch. These fees will be used to offset the operational cost of running the Legion.

#### Pool

- a) Remain the same, in which could result in a loss of \$5000 a year revenue.
- b) \$2.00 per person/per game
- c) Reinstall the coin operators at a fee of \$0.50 per game.

## Card Games (Canasta, Crib, Euchre)

We recommend that each player pay \$1.00 to be collected at the beginning of card games

#### **Darts**

We recommend that each player pay \$1.00 to be collected at the beginning of Dart games

You, as Branch Members need to decide how you would like to move forward with these proposed recommendations.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Next Meeting: 15 February 2022 at 7:00 pm

Audrey Ferguson 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Kingsway Legion Branch # 175

Andry Ferguson

Carol Wills

**Executive Secretary** 

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and Wills