

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Comrade Danyi

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Flo Werner

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
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MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Fecteau
Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATING 20 DECEMBER 2022

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising: Coffee News paper at front foyer

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Criss
Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

The committee has developed a condensed version of the Profit & Loss Statement. Our hope is that the membership accepts report as it is easier to understand.

We have completed the new Function Budget Report. This will be used for any Branch events. We are back to paying our City taxes on a monthly bases, the amount is \$2808.00.

Once again, we find ourselves low on fund and have to control our spending over the next few months. Currently there are two small functions this month and none for Feb.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Had our Musical Bingo on January 14th theme was 80s music. Our next one in on February 18th and this one will be 70s theme. Musical Bingo has been going well. Getting a lot of regulars showing up now.

Starting up a new raffle, this one is a Family Attraction Pass for West Edmonton Mall. This is a pass for a family of 4 to all attractions at WEM plus food discounts for 1 year. There will be 1000 tickets available. The draw will be online through raffle box.

Had submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 and a Community Incentives Program Grant for \$30,000.00. Currently waiting for confirmation on both.

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 J. Hyshka

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1328 members in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
495	468	338	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

Ordinary
Leslie, Rodney
Silvius, Leonard
Robitaille, Willard

Associate
Benedetto, Alice
Hemmings, Robert
Waplak, Janiwa
McIntyre, Donna
Trathen, Catherine

Affiliate
Maxwell, Elaine
Nonay, Terry
Nonay, Tina
Shalanski, Donald

Steeves, Philip
Gaulhofer, Peter
Demetrius, Aristotle
Grande, Michelle

Transfer:

Ordinary
Schlender, Marc
Ottawa Br 13

Associate

Affiliate
Ward, Sandra
Wetaskiwin Br 86

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGNED DELCARATION:

January 2023

Wally Wychopen	Christine Kravontka
Trinda Moldown	Blair Knott
Tanya Allen	Alan Wesley
Louise Darou	Robert Perreault
Daniel Magnan	David Pomeroy
Daniel Reichert	James Slaght
Al Kreklay	Dennis Adams
Donald Zinger	James Kennedy
Donald Haberstock	Wilma Botha
Crystal Gilbert	

PUBLICITY: Comrade Morrill

Learning curve is sharpr for me, I am trying to catch on what is going on and asking questions.

If anyone has suggestions or see anything that I am not doing, please let me know.

Newsletter is to be done by Carol Simon, there will be a newsletter for February.

Facebook is being done by Jackie Hyshka

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

Since we last gathered, I have contacted the supplier for parts for the washrooms, the supplier for AED's batteries (both batteries have gone dead, he will be looking into the reason).

I have repaired the steam table, the control required replacing.

I have assisted in removing the Christmas and New Years decorations and storing them.

Have been clearing the snow and cleaning the cigarette butts and doing the garbage out side.

I have patched some walls, replaced some more light bulbs and have assisted where help was required.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

The British Commonwealth Training program is in the process of being installed.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

Information only: I have not been able to visit anyone in hospitals, but I have been phoning members.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

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

January 27/28 – Dean Henry

February 3/4 – Sparkling Tones

February 10/11 – Dean Henry

February 17/18 – Trick Ryder

February 24/25 – Steppn Out

Upcoming special events are as follows:

57th Super Bowl

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Doors open at 1:00 pm

Kick off at 4:30 pm

Half time meal special \$15.00

Viva Drag Vegas

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=efbeventtix>

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

I wish to thank all the people who assisted me with decorating for Christmas and New Years and for taking all that stuff down and putting back into boxes.

I spent the better part of a Saturday and have cleaned out the Entertainment Room. Thank you to Rick, Wes, and Carol for the help.

New Year's Eve was a smashing success. I cannot thank our kitchen staff and volunteers enough for the outstanding job that they did. Our total profit for New Year's was \$3,720.70.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch

I attended the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund (GEPF) & there was some new faces, some familiar faces back for another term. Elections were held for a new Chair & it was also discussed on which Poppy reps from the legions would be able to take on some of the roles at the GEPF level (Mail Ads, Mall insurance, Digital Campaign Poppy Orders). It was decided to review the requirements & in February meeting choose roles. This group is running with a recent "Terms Of Reference" (ToR) where there has been identified "gaps (such as no specific mention of the requirement / role of a treasurer but there is one for a secretary)". A copy of most recent &

previous ToR's was sent out for review & this will also be taken up in the February meeting. Within Kingsway Legion, met with Service Office to go over some of the paperwork (signing) requirements of this role & continue learning the role & understanding the processes in place.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

POPPY FUND SUPPORT REQUESTS

1. **Motion:** Client Support Request 175-23-01 for \$300.00 in Food Vouchers

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

2. **Motion:** Client Support Request 175-23-02 for \$741.35 (Telus Bill \$667.66 Medical Bills \$73.69)

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

CARRIED

3. **Motion:** Client Support Request 175-23-03 for \$637.47 (EPCOR)

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

4. **Motion:** Client Support Request 175-22-01 for \$300.00 in Food Vouchers

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

5. **Motion:** Client Support Request 175-22-02 for \$300.00 in Food Vouchers

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

6. **Motion:** Admin Support Request 175-22-03 for 164.84 for Poppy Office Supplies

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed four requests for assistance from the Poppy Fund, assisted three Veterans with Disability claims. One has been referred to Command Service Officer. Assisted one Veteran with additional information request from Veteran Affairs Canada. Meeting was held with the Command Service Officers to discuss how we judge and work together for the benefit of Veterans.

In closing I would like to thank Paddy Earles and Ron Wills for the advice and assistance they have provided to me in assuming the duties of the Branch Service Officer.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

Last month I was asked to check the Bylaws if the Executive minutes are to be approved by General membership. I found the article in the Procedure for Legion meetings, and it says "to take the sense of the members in attendance as to the correctness of the minutes of the previous meeting of that body. It is mandatory that the minutes of a branch executive committee be presented to the next branch general meeting for information".

So we will make copies of the Executive Meeting and members at the General Meeting can either read them there or take them home to read. We do not have to go through it page by page. Information only

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

There will be awards handed out at the General meeting next week.

MOTION: We approve the application for a Media Award for the Bear 100.3 Radio Station

Seconded by J. Hyshka

Motion is subject to the approval by the general membership.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

President Torrie read:

Installation of a Ramp between Kingsway Legion Br 175 and Miller Crossing Long Term Care

Requesting permission to install a ramp that will join the 2 parking lots.

The finished product will consist of a gravel floor, wood side walls to prevent cave-ins and hand rails.

Cement curbs on both sides are to be removed allowing ramp to be flush with pavement.

One section of fence will be moved West to fill the current opening and clear the way for the ramp. Also, the steps are to be removed.

Miller Crossing has agreed to take care of snow removal.

Expenses are to be covered by myself and Central Park Estates (my condo complex).

Bill O'Brien

Discussion held and this proposal has been rejected

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Presented by Comrade Fecteau

I've had the opportunity to visit 504 squadron. They have 127 cadets registered.

CB Hill Navy League cadet unit has a complement of 22 cadets.

With changing training programs and officer employment by DND, things are in a bit of a fluff.

This should be rectified by the end of the month.

Subject to Branch approval, I so move that we sponsor 570 Squadron.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

Motion: That the Branch accept sponsorship of 570 Royal Canadian Air Cadet squadron.

Motion is subject to the approval by the general membership.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

I will be asking for volunteers at the General meeting for the Color Party.

Flags out front will be changed before the General Meeting (31 January)

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Hyshka

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade C. Wills read

We have once again hit a wall with our expenses being higher than the income that we are bringing in. We do not have any banquets for February, we can only hope that we get a few Celebrations of Life. We do have a few things in March but we need to hold off on any expenditures for a while.

February 1, we need to pay snow removal, gst, payroll, cleaners, mortgage and taxes and on the 15th we will need to pay source deductions and utilities.

There have been a few mistakes made on the addition with the Loonie draw, we hope to have it fixed by Thursday.

Lyse, our cook, will be back to work on Friday.

I will be on holidays from 29 January until February 10, 2023

Comrade Fecteau moved the report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

KITCHEN REPORT

Comrade R. Wills

I have completed the new pricing for the canteen. There is no requirement to raise the price of food at this time. I have 12 interviews for cooks coming up this week.

OLD BUSINESS: Comrade C. Wills informed the Executive that they are to submit their reports two days before the Executive meeting through email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Speakers: Comrade Criss, we all know our speakers are not working correctly. The system keeps dropping out. Joe Deluce and myself have checked into this and what has to be done. I have some quotes, parts are from 1 source, electrical from another source, speakers another source.

I have three quotes and the rough overall costs, the lowest bid is \$12,749.00 to the highest bid is \$13,141.00.

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we apply for a \$15,000.00 loan from Command to pay for the cost of the new sound system in the Maple Leaf and Wildrose rooms.

Seconded J. Hyshka

Motion is subject to the approval by the general membership.

President Torrie will apply to Command for the loan if approved by the membership.

Comrade Criss: I have also applied for a grant which would cover the cost of the loan, so if we were to receive the loan and the grant one could pay off the other. Also, I feel that we are not charging enough for guests to use our projectors, etc. we need to increase the rental cost.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we employ Jamie Araujo of Ellis Group LLP to complete our 2021 Year End Audit for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 00 including GST

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

Motion is subject to the approval by the general membership.

Vacation times for Executives

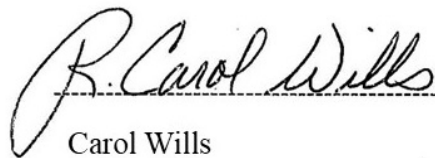
Mac Torrie	February 1 – 13
Bob Wiebe	February 4 – 24
Mike Walsh	March 9 – 23
Ron & Carol Wills	February 6 – 15

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. 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