

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 31, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE: 51 members 3 guests

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY HEATHER SWEET, MLA, EDMONTON-MANNING FOR THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

Mac Torrie
Victoria Torrie
Carol Wills
Ron Wills
Trese Biddiscombe
Geoff Biddiscombe
Jackie Hyshka

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Ferguson (sick) Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
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MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Leben
Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

SHARON WATTS – 15 YEARS
DONALD LEBEN – 25 YEARS
EDWARD BURROWS – 45 YEARS
MILES MACAULEY – 25 YEARS
PHYLLIS MOLDOWAN – 10 YEARS
ROSE KOSTURA – 5 YEARS
CAROL WILLS – 10 YEARS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 29 NOVEMBER 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade L. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 20 DECEMBER 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade G. Biddiscombe
Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 24 JANUARY 2023:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade G. Biddiscombe
Seconded by Comrade T. Biddiscombe

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade R. Wills

The committee has developed a condensed version of the Profit & Loss Statement. Our hope is that the membership accepts this 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 \$2,808.00.

Once again, we find ourselves low on fund and will 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 Etmanski

CARRIED

MOTION: WE APPLY FOR A \$20,000 LOAN FROM COMMAND TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM IN THE MAPLE LEAF AND WILDROSE ROOMS.

SECONDED BY COMRADE W. HYSHKA

CARRIED

MOTION: WE EMPLOY JAMIE ARAUJO OF ELLIS GROUP LLP TO COMPLETE OUR 2022 YEAR END AUDIT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000 INCLUDING GST.

SECONDED BY COMRADE R. CHARLET

CARRIED

WAYS AND 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 1,000 tickets available. The draw will be online through raffle box.

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

Should we get the loan/grant for the new speaker system we will be increasing the cost of renting out our equipment, i.e projector, mic's, laptop.

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

Online tickets – a discussion was held on the difficulty and extra cost of purchasing of online tickets. This issue was tabled until the next Executive meeting.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

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 Leaburn

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS:

16 New Applications 2 Transfers Reinstatement

Ordinary

Leslie, Rodney
Silvius, Leonard
Robitaille, Willard

Associate

Benedetto, Alice
Hemmings, Robert
Waplak, Janina
McIntyre, Donna
rathen, Catherine
Steeves, Philip
Gaulhofer, Peter
Demetrius, Aristotle
Grande, Michelle

Affiliate

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

Transfer:

Ordinary

Schlender, Marc
Ottawa Br 13

Associate

Affiliate

Ward, Sandra
Wetaskiwin Br 86

Motion: I move that we accept those individuals for processing and transferring into our Branch.

Seconded by Comrade Danyi

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

January 2023

Wally Wychopen
Trinda Moldown
Tanya Allen
Louise Darou
Daniel Magnan
Daniel Reichert
Al Kreklay
Donald Zinger
Donald Haberstock
Crystal Gilbert

Christine Kravontka
Blair Knott
Alan Wesley
Robert Perreault
David Pomeroy
James Slaght
Dennis Adams
James Kennedy
Wilma Botha

PUBLICITY: Comrade Morrill

Learning curve is sharp for me, I am trying to catch on to 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 K. Earles

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

There is not much to report in the world of Legion Sports this month. We did, however, have two members go to Calgary for Command Euchre on the weekend of January 20th. They were Bill O'Brien and Dave Barnard, where they came in tied for 5th place with Fort Saskatchewan

I so move my report with the following addendum

Command Crib was played at Norwood Legion on Jan 27 & 28

Our teams

Elain Dean

Donna Olson

Dave Bernard

Ron Rurka

Came in 6th place out of 16 teams

1st place was won by Northwest Territories

Congratulations to all the teams.

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND 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, a 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 outside.

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 R. Charlet

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

The British Commonwealth Training program is in the process of being installed.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No report

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 – Stepp’n 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=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

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 K. Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by 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 G. Biddiscombe

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. A meeting was held with the Command Service Officers to discuss how we can jointly 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 R. Charlet

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:

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

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

Appreciation of Merit was awarded to Phyllis Molodwan

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

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

President Torrie read:

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

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 handrails.

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

Also, we received documents from Courageous Companions to have either the Legion donate to their cause or if individuals would like to donate. All papers were put on the board outside the main office.

I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Fecteau/Hyshka
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.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Luce

CARRIED

MOTION: That the Branch accept sponsorship of 570 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Seconded by R. Charlet

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Etmanski

I am asking for volunteers at the General meeting for the Colour Party.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

LA REPORT: President K. Earles

We begin 2023 with 49 members in good standing and two to pay 2023 membership fees. We accepted two transfers and a new member at the meeting in January also.

We held our first "Button Bingo" in January which everyone seemed to enjoy. Our next "Button Bingo" is February the 11th. It is held right after the meat raffle. It's free so come join the fun!

Our Easter Raffle tickets will be available in February. The Easter Raffle, bake sale, craft sale, ham & turkey draws and 50/50 will be held April 1st, 2023.

On behalf of our Ladies Auxiliary, a big congratulations to Madam Jackie Hyshka on her Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal recognition. Well done!! Congratulations to all the recipients of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medals.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET – No Report

KIPNESS CENTRE – No Report

VETERAN’S VILLA Comrade P. Earles

I attended the quarterly meeting on 26 January. Overall things are going well, there are no major concerns at this time. With the increased cost of utilities etc rents were raised slightly. There are currently three suites vacant. The board would once again thank Kingsway Legion for their support of their BBQ this past summer.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Comrade Torrie

I have no report at this time, however, I would like to remind members if you have not paid your 2023 membership fees, you are not in good standing. Therefore, for any event, dance you will have to pay non member fees.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Next meeting to be held on 28 February 2023

50 / 50 DRAW:

Winning Ticket 535992 Amount: \$105.00

Winner: Geoff Biddiscombe

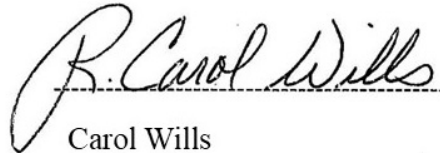
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175