

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2022

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, Biddiscombe, Forner, MacIntosh, K. Earles. J. Hyshka

Excused: Comrade Rick Etmanski (sick), P. Earles (work), W. Hyshka (sick)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade E. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

Motion: To adopt the agenda was made by Comrade K. Earles
Seconded by Comrade Schneider

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:
Lillian McDermott
Sean Danyi

PRESENTATIONS:

COMRADE YVONNE PELLAND – 5 YEARS
COMRADE MATTHEW STRANG – 30 YEARS
COMRADE F.A. WILLIAMS – 35 YEARS
COMRADE TIM RANN – 45 YEARS
BILL FECTEAU – 50 YEARS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Walsh
Seconded by Comrade Steele **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Roach **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 14 DECEMBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade K. Earles
Seconded by Comrade F.A. Williams **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade F.A. Williams
Seconded by Comrade Schneider **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 18TH JANUARY 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade M. Steele
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Walsh **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Clement **CARRIED**
Three opposed

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Comrade Wills reported that the branch is in relatively good standing, with the exception of the Taxes owed the city. We currently owe \$118,718 In addition we are paying a monthly penalty of \$1,729. We have reached out to our Councillor Aaron Paquette to assist us in getting an exception or reduction for our taxes. We have also contacted Command about a loan approval.

We recently received approval from the AB Gov for \$2,000; this grant will be deposited into our bank shortly.

Comrade Wills also answered question about line items in both the Balance Sheet Profit & Loss Statements. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Nelson

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). I am working 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 we will still need volunteers.

February 1st, 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, 2nd draw will be 1-year free membership for one person, 3rd 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 25th, January 31st, February 8th, February 23rd. We may possibly have an evening one for February 11th 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 Holmes

CARRIED

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

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|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Ordinary | Associate | Affiliate | Life Members |
| 540 | 487 | 338 | 27 |

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 7 New Applications 2 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

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

Arcand, Lloyd

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Reiner, Blake
On-line from Dominion

Davies, Christopher
Strathcona Br 150

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of 9

Motion: Comrade C. Wills moves that we accept these individuals for processing into our Branch.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 18 January 2022

Website was last updated today. 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. If you are not receiving your copy of the newsletter please let me know and I will add you to the list. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive minutes of 18 January 2022, 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. All 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 1st place. These two players will advance to Command to be held in Turner Valley. Dates may be changed.

Carol Gwilliam and Audrey Ferguson placed 2nd in the Crib Seniors event and the team of Donna Olson and Charles Clement placed 3rd 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 so move my report with the following Addendum

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.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

A vote was taken on the propose increase for sporting events with the following results:

Votes: for Pool, (b) \$2.00 per person/per game

Cards (canasta, crib, and euchre) each player pay \$1.00 at the beginning of the card games

Darts each player pay \$1.00 at the beginning of the dart game

Motion: all ballots are to be destroyed by Comrade Ferguson

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka No report

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau No Report

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka as per the Executive minutes of 18 January

I so move my report with the following addendum the Garth Brook tickets are now available for purchase.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Biddiscombe reported that:

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 18th.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 18 January 2022

YTD 2021

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|--|------------------------|
| Veterans or their Dependants: 21 Clients for | \$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 |
| Current Balance: | \$ 1,237,038.88 |

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Clement

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive minutes of January 18th Bylaws are complete for the next three years. The House Rules have been enlarged and posted. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

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 Torrie

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 Ferguson

CARRIED

LA REPORT: Comrade K. Earles as per the Executive minutes of 18 January 2022. Since my last report we held our December 18th 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 V. Torrie

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET No report

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Surplus Table & Chairs

MOTION: All surplus tables, chairs, broken furniture to be ether donated, or disposed of by Feb 5th.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Friday Night Meat Draws will begin on Friday 28 January 2022. Ticket sales start at 5:30 pm, draws at 6 pm

50 / 50 DRAW:

Winning Ticket # 667224 Amount: \$85.00

Winner: Roger Nelson

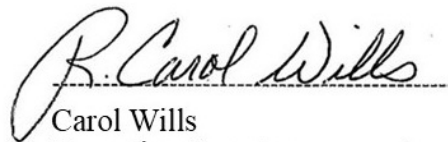
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Charlet

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175