

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Forner, MacIntosh, Hyshka W, Hyshka J, Earles K.

Excused: Comrade P. Earles, Comrade Werner (holidays) Comrade Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Robison, Paul	86 years	09/Jan/2022	Army
DeGroot, Ted	81 years	20/Dec/2021	
Goeree, Jan	89 years	16/Jan/2022	Airforce

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 25 JANUARY 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Deugau
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 W. Hyshka

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Comrade R. Wills see attached report.
The \$2000.00 REP Implementation Grant was deposited into our account on 26 January.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

TREASURER: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

Submitted the CIOG grant on 12 February and working on 3 other grants to help to bring in funds.
We had our first Musical Bingo on the February 12th. The event was a success we brought in \$216.00 at the door, \$583.00 liquor and \$706.00 on food from the buffet and few items off the menu. We had 33 people for the Bingo and 10 more that came down to check it out and had a good time. We are planning another one later March, keep your eyes open for dates.

The new online prize raffle is up and tickets available online, this one will be spread out over 2 months and will have three prizes. First draw 500.00 gift card for the Mayfield Dinner Theater, 2nd draw will be one-year free membership for one person, 3rd draw will be two free tickets for future show or event in 2022. Check for the link on Kingsway Legion website

Our next bingo is on February 23rd, March 10th, March 23rd, April 1st, April 20th, May 4th, and May 24th. AS always will need volunteers for these days. Kingsway Legion has also teamed up with Capital City Regiment as they are a new club and need help so will be picking up the odd extra bingo here and there. Any questions if we have bingo not on the dates provided contact Steve Criss.

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 Forner

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 910 members in good standing for 2022

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
338	274	271	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 7 New Applications 3 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Gompf-Spence, Sherry
Sexton, Dennis W.
Shaw, Beverly J.
Vriens, Lorissa
Cochrane, Neil
Cochrane, David

Boyd, Wayne
Huculak, Erika

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Matthews, Patrick E.
Agassiz, BC Branch 32

Nelson, Maxine D.
National Headquarters Br 013

Hemeon, Clifford G.
St Albert Branch 271

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Masse, Cathy

For a total of 11

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

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade R. Wills

Publicity Report:

Website was last updated Feb 15. There have been 705 visitors in the past 30 days.

I am currently working on the Mar 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Friday 25 Fri.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson - No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

Repairs are slowly coming along.

Articles of that were voted on in the last General Meeting for removal - 90% have been taken to the dump.

The kitchen sinks have been repaired and hand paper dispensers have been replaced.

The rear loading dock door has been repaired.

Maintenance Room is slowly getting organized.

Slowly consolidating all building maintenance materials to the maintenance room.

I am currently looking into whether the rug cleaner is operational or can be made operational.

The track snow blower motor has been tuned up. A shear pin needs to be replaced.

The rear patio/emergency exits have been cleared.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau regarding the front display, I am checking with Loyal

Edmonton Regiment whether it is ok that we keep the display until April.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe - No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

I have been working hard with the Ways and Means team. It is with great hope that with the upcoming announcement on March 1 that we will be able to start up our Friday and Saturday dances. I have tentatively booked Steppin' Out for March 4 and 5.

We have four upcoming events. They are:

Tribute Show – Garth Brooks March 13

Show and Meal - \$50.00

Show Only - \$30.00

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Meal at 5:30 pm

Show at 7:00 pm

Ukrainian Dinner – April 24

Tickets are \$25.00

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Mother's Day Special High Tea – May 8

3 sittings

10:00 am

12:00 pm

2:00 pm

\$25.00 per guest

Nestor Pistor Live – June 4
Show and Meal \$50.00
Show Only \$30.00
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Meal at 6:00 pm
Show at 7:00 pm

I have scheduled a Perogy Bee for March 20th. I would like to make approximately 2000 perogies. The more pinchers we have the faster we get this done. If you are interested in helping out, let Norma or myself know.

I will be looking into booking some entertainment for July and August.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe No report

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

YTD 2021

Veterans or their Dependents: 27 Clients for	\$30,287.94
Ft Sask Donation	\$861.00
Food Vouchers	\$1,650.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Medical	\$0.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$125.72
Rent	\$7,430.00
Client Utilities	\$521.22
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Bursaries: / six students	\$9,000.00
Current Balance:	\$ 1,399,646.95

75th Anniversary Report

The date of Apr 2, 2022, has been confirmed. We will be having our next meeting on Sat Feb 26 at 10:00 am.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson - No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau - No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills read a letter from Veterans Voices of Canada

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss - No report
SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles - No Report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski there will be two members plus myself to attend the funeral of Lyle McIvor, who is not a member, however he is a veteran. He was a member of the PPCLI Association so therefore we will have the Colour Party.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: No report

LADIES AUXILARY: Comrade Kim Earles

In February we resumed meetings with members glad to be back and anxious to get on with our business. We are looking to hold our Spring Raffle, 50/50, bake sale, craft sale and Ham & Turkey draws on Saturday April 9, 2022. Preparations are still in the works.

We resumed our Saturday Meat Raffles in February. We appreciate all your support. With a little reminder at our meat raffles members were taking up our February challenge blowing kisses to those they care about and appreciate. Nice to see!

Speaking of appreciation, a huge thank you to the Legion Executive for all their endless volunteer hours in these difficult times of Covid-19.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be presenting the President with a cheque for \$5000 at the General Meeting. Also, our member that won our 50/50 draw today, turned it over and asked it be given to the legion as her donation.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau

Monday February 14th was Valentines Day. Hopefully, everyone had the opportunity to bring joy to a loved one or friend by contacting them and wishing them a happy day.

Your executive has been actively working to bring the branch toward a debt free environment.

However, we need **YOU** the members to help us achieve that goal by attending our various events.

I know that Covid19 is a contributing factor, we always maintain a safe environment. There are several events planned such as a Garth Brooks show and Nestor Pistor. Please contact the front desk or go to our website for information.

In the meantime, stay safe.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class action lawsuit – Insurance coverage for business interruption – On going

- b) 75th Anniversary – our next meeting is set for Feb 26th at 10 am in the Boardroom

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Special General Meeting** – we are holding a Special General meeting on Feb 20th 7 pm in the Maple Room.

Motion made by Comrade R. Wills

Motion: That Kingsway Legion Branch # 175 apply for a five-year interest free loan from AB-NWT Command in the amount of \$30,000.00 (subject to the membership at the next General Meeting)

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

- b) **Provincial Convention** – Red Deer May 6-8, 2022, the call out for the Convention has arrived and will be presented at the General meeting on Feb 21st
- c) **In House Bingo** – has been suggested for the Legion members, however, we will have to check on AGLC, cost of bingo sheets, prizes and volunteers. Tabled until further information can be confirmed.
- d) **Friday Night Meat Draw** – all Executives are to sign up for a Friday so that the same members aren't working every event.

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- a) Go Fund Me page – We have launched a Go Fund Me page <https://gofund.me/7770875> It is set for \$150,000 in hope of raising enough funds to pay for both the mortgage and the repairs to the roof.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

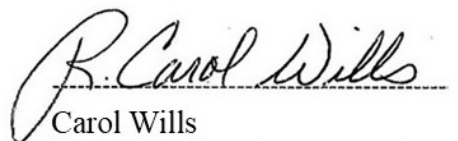
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: 22 March 2022 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175

**Minutes of the Kingsway Legion Financial Committee Meeting
12 February 2022 10:00 am.**

1. The meeting was call to order at 10:00 am
2. **Roll Call:** Ron Wills, Committee Chairman; Gary Forner, Treasurer; Steve Criss, Ways & Means; Pat Earles, Service Office; Natalie Danyi, Branch Member; Donna MacIntosh, Branch Member; Bill Fecteau, Branch President.
 - a) **Excused:** Flo Werner, Branch Manager;
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Approved
4. **Chairmen's Comments** - Ron thanked everyone for making the meeting and how good it is to have an active committee.
5. **Treasurers Report-** Gary reviewed the Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss Statement in good detail. He noticed a few small items that we need to talk to Matthew about. Gary will look into this prior to the Executive meeting.
6. **Ways & Means Report** – Steve report he will be submitting another grant CIOG (Community Investment Operating Grant) this week. We should have an answer by June if it's approved and if is how much, the average has been \$12,000 - \$14,000.

We have Voice of Legends Garth Brooks tribute coming up in 4 weeks and in April thanks to our Entertainment Chair a Ukrainian dinner later in April after the Anniversary Dinner followed by a comedy evening Nestor Pistor in June.

Right now, we have a prize raffle going on with a draw date of April 9th. The plan is to have a raffle on months that we have our bigger events as there we tend to get allot of sales. In the middle of trying to set up advertising with very little payout.

Over the next 2 weeks will be negotiations with Eventbrite on costs of advertising and sales where we will go to an online format of advertising and selling tickets. Bingos are doing not bad, always looking for volunteers. We have opened communications with Capital City Regiment to help with Bingos.

Over the last 2 years we have lost 1/3 of our bingo volunteers either to covid scare or other health matters. My estimate over the next 3 years time we will be seeing a bigger drop in bingo volunteers as they will not be able to walk the floor, and in approximately

5 years we won't be able to man a bingo. So am on the look out for other ways to bring in money that will help offset that cost.

7. Manager's Report – No Report

8. Old Business

- a. Taxes – Ron submitted a letter to Ward Councillor Arron Paquette about getting the city to reduce or forgive our 2021 taxes on Jan. We are still waiting for a response from him. Ron will reach out to him next week.
- b. Mortgage- Bill will contact Servus Credit Union about reducing our mortgage rates. We hope to have a meeting for the week of Feb 14 - 18
- c. Rent Subsidies & Wage Subsidies – Gary reported that we are still able to apply for both. He is continuing to do so monthly.
- d. Line of Credit (LOC) – Bill will be talking to the bank about eliminating the GICs as a security depot for our LOC. We hope to have a meeting for the week of Feb 14 - 18
- e. Best Business Practices – on going
- f. AB Gov REP Implementation Grant –The grant has been approved; we are still waiting for the funds to be deposited. Ron will follow up on this.
- g. General Meeting Financial Report – Gary will be presenting a revise format for the Branch Financial Report at the next General Meeting.
- h. Recommendation for Switching to Sage 50 – After a brief discussion the committee will recommend to the Executive Committee that we switch to Sage 50 for our accounting needs.

5. New Business:

- a. 2021 Audit – Jamie from Ellis Group LLP has received most of the documents his requested. He should have the rest by the end of next week. Jamie will try to have the audit ready for the February General Meeting.
- b. Special General Meeting Monday 21 February – We reviewed the report Ron completed for the special meeting. A few changes were made and it was decided that Ron would do the presentation.

- c. Letter to City Councillor – Natalie will draft a form letter for the members, living in Edmonton, to send to their City Councillor I support of forgiving the arrears owed on city taxes.
- 6. **Around the Table**
 - a) Natalie gave us a session on how depreciation works and how it effects our financials.
 - b) Natalie requested some face time with Matthew to review how he is imputing records into QuickBooks. Sat 19 Feb at 10:00 am has been setup.
- 7. **Next Meeting** – 19 Mar 2022 at 10:00 am.
- 8. **Motion to Adjourn** – Made by Gary
- 9. **Adjournment** – 12:15 pm