

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade McIntosh

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Walsh (vacation) Danyi (sick), Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Wayne Garritty	84 years	March 16, 2023	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade W. Hyshka
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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

CARRIED

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Business Arising:

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Financial Committee:

The 2022 Audit review is underway don't expect a report until early May 2023

We are still low on fund and have to control our spending over the next few months.

Motion: 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

BMO Business Proposal

We can have as many accounts as we need at no cost

The mortgage balance \$1,520,000 will be transferred to BMO at Prime +1.27 = 7.97% Monthly payment of \$5066.67 + interest. Currently we are paying \$10,151 and an interest of \$4,698.51.

We are trying to get it amortized for 25 years, which will lower the payments. We can pay down the principle at any time with no fee.

The \$80,000 Operating Demand Loan interest at 6.7 + 0.29 = 7.99%. Currently it is 6.7 + 0.5 = 7.2%.

We can have two company credit cards for a total balance of \$25,000.

Cost of moving to BMO

Application Fee \$2,350.00

Paying of both the Branch & BMO legal fees approx. \$4,000.00

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade R Wills moved 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 including GST

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Doing another Musical Bingo this weekend March 25, 2023, so far looking like it'll be a bigger one. The theme for this one is an all decades one from 50s' to 2000's. On April 29 will be our next one with an all 80's theme.

Family Attraction Pass for West Edmonton Mall has been cancelled and patrons who has bought tickets as agreed to switch the money to our new current raffle. Our new current raffle is a \$500.00 gift card for either Safeway, Sobeys, Save- On Foods, or Walmart. SO far happy to say sales are going well.

Had submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 and an CIP grant for \$30,000.00. So, waiting on confirmation on both. The New Horizons Grant is geared mor towards a new POS system and some small network upgrades for what is left over. The CIP grant is going for the new speaker and sound system for the banquet rooms while the CIP grant will be to redo the sound system in both banquet rooms. The CIOG grant now also has come due and is working on it.

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 Etmanski

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1359 members in good standing.

Ordinary 504	Associate 486	Affiliate 342	Life Members 27
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I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills 16 New Applications 1 Transfer 2 Reinstatment

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Roth, Melvin	Grande, Michelle	Pryor, Kenneth
Hooks, Terry	Kollesavich, Francesca	
Taylor, Cheryl	McCormack, Wilfred	
Wood, Brian	Alm, Gregory	
Thomas, Shane	Thomas, Ann Denise	
Zanger, Helmut	Hemmings, Tanya	
	Gaigneur, James	
	Alexander, Leona	
	Ferguson, Derric	

TRANSFER

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
	Hindle, Paula	
	Nanaimo, BC Br 256	

REINSTATE

Jordan, John Milton	Troppmann, Lloyd
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For a total of 19

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS WHO SIGNED DELCARATION:

March 2023

Duncan Dalzell	Ralph Coffill
Timothy McCormack	Karl Schmitz
Ann Thomas	Gerard McDougall
Anne Rivet	William Cockburn
Lorette Purschke	James Webster
Robert Peever	Leonard Silvius
Janet Sanders	Gordon Murray
Daryl Nowaselski	William Haberer

PUBLICITY: Comrade Morrill No Report

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson No Report

MOTION: to amend (Sports criteria)

1: All participants will initially pay their own accommodations. IF YOU QUALIFY you will be reimbursed as follows.

Para la to now read.

Kingsway Legion will cover accommodation expenses for up to two nights and fuel expenses for one vehicle round trip with receipts for Command Sports. You must have been a member in good standing of Kingsway Legion Branch 175 for a minimum of a full calendar year.

Any exceptions to above will be reviewed by Sports rep. and branch management and their decision will be final.

(b) upon return from event, participants will submit their receipts for reimbursement to sports officer for approval.

(c)The branch does not pay for the following,

- i SPARES.
- ii SPOUSES
- iii Non-qualified members

2: If the District or Alberta/NWT Command sport is being held at a distance of 150 Km or less from Kingsway branch and you wish to stay overnight it will be at your own expense.

EXCEPTIONS will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

- Snow removal, garbage and cigarette butts
- Reinforced stage extension
- Assisted where needed

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau
Ladies Auxiliary's 75th Anniversary in May. I will be setting up a display to honor the Ladies.
Comrade Criss and Comrade R. Wills reminded that displays should be put up to honor the U.N
and the R.C.M.P 150th.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No Report

Comrade Torrie reminded us all that Comrade Sean Danyi is in the hospital very ill. Keep good thoughts for him.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Entertainment and Special Events Report

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

March 31/April 1 – Steppin Out
April 8 – Trick Ryder
April 14/15 – Trick Ryder
April 21/22 – Dean Henry
April 28/29 – Trick Ryder

Our Viva Drag Vegas was a very successful event and our profit was \$3,636.74. Thank you to all the volunteers 😊

Upcoming special events are as follows:

2nd Annual Ukrainian Dinner
Sunday, April 30, 2023
Cost \$25.00
Reserved seating Only
Tickets on sale until Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Edmonton Eats & Kingsway Legion Present
Cooking Around the Globe – Destination Morocco and Libya
May 6, 2023
Tickets: \$25.00
Doors open at 5:00 pm
The adventure and dinner start at 5:30 pm

Alan Jackson & Friends
Friday, May 12, 2023
Dinner and Show - \$55.00
Show only: \$30.00
Doors open at 5:00
Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30
Show at 7:00

Mother's Day Special High Tea
Sunday, May 14, 2023
2 sittings 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
\$25.00 per guest

Upcoming Events

A Tribute to the King
Featuring Bruce Stewart as Elvis
More details to come
I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch

ABNWT Command issued an updated directive & form for Veteran financial assistance, highlight is the increase per incident from \$350 → \$600 per assist from branch resources. I attended GEPF monthly meeting & it was agreed to update the “Terms of Reference (ToR)” with a sense of urgency to include this new directive within the “ToR” & too also ensure local branch’s Petty cash Poppy Funds for emergency assistance increase from \$1000 to \$1500. Kingsway & Norwood Legion presidents are overseeing the creation of new ToR & Kingsway Legion Poppy Chair is managing & sharing out created document for edits & comments. With the Kingsway Service Officer on leave I stood in for assistance inquiries. I issued (upon Executive approval) \$300 in grocery cards for one individual (who was directed to us via Command Service Officer for emergency assistance while they work on this individual’s claim),

coordinated assistance with “VETS Canada . org” for the assistance of another who required more immediate emergency housing assist (which was successful). I also assisted 2 veterans with contact information for the Command Service Officer to have disability pension claims updated or revisited.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Finch presented as Comrade Walsh is away Completed four requests for assistance from the Poppy Fund, including two requests for grocery and two for assistance with rent and utilities bills. Total of \$600.00 in Grocery Cards distributed.

Provided assistance to two veterans in completing documentation for disability pensions, both individuals were also referred to command service officer for follow-up.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

MOTION: approval for 2 defibrillator batteries at \$1623.85 (including GST)

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills read out the winners of the Command Level Winners 2022-2023 Poster Competition ALBERTA-NWT

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Presented by Comrade Fecteau No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

I have received a request from Canterbury Court to reserve the Color Party for Tuesday Nov 7th. On Saturday April 1st, we have a funeral here and I will be asking for maximum participation at the General Meeting.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT: Comrade Florence Werner

As of today we have 6 weddings booked from June to September. Business is picking up we had a lot of Celebrations of Life. Saturday’s are booking up, so we are taking bookings for Sunday’s and Monday’s for different groups. We had the R.C.M.P reach out to us, they want to have a formal Mess dinner for 200 people. So we may have to rent some tables, get lots of volunteers

and we need to give them a quote. I have reached out to them and asked what they are looking for i.e beef dinner or chicken dinner so we can give them a quote.

We are changing the pricing on food and liquor on April 3rd.

The Finance committee is proposing that we increase the wages by 6.25%.

The staff would like to have vacation time, so we will bank their vacation pay, so that they will have a cheque when they come back from vacation. An official notification will be sent out that if you have not used all your vacation time by the end of the year you will be paid out. There is no carrying time over to the next year. There will be a blackout period from November 10 until January 15th.

Comrade Ferguson moved the report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY – Comrade J. Hyshka

To the Kingsway Br 175 Legion Executive:

Comrades, as the Ladies Auxiliary of Kingsway Br 175 are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year; a committee is planning an event May 23, 2023 at 1PM. We are keeping it simple with a lunch, coffee, tea, and a drink ticket per guest.

Our vision for the lunch portion would be fancy sandwiches, fruit, cheese and pickles and desserts for approximately 50 people. Tablecloths for the buffet tables, 10 tables for seating and one small table for presentations would also be required. As the Ladies Auxiliary at Kingsway have been active volunteers and fundraisers for the branch over the years we are asking for the executive to consider covering the costs associated for the meal for this event.

We thank you for this consideration.

MOTION: Comrade Fecteau – I so move that the branch cover the cost associated for the meal.

Seconded by Comrade Nelson

CARRIED

KITCHEN MANAGER: Comrade R. Wills

I have completed the new pricing for the canteen. The prices will go up Apr 3.

OLD BUSINESS:

AGLC business – A report was started and almost finished. A few discrepancies not that much, she will having a meeting with M. Torrie, Flo Werner, Ron Wills when she is finished.

Apparently, it was stated there are a few minor things, not overly concerned.

Command Loan – no word yet on the Loan

NEW BUSINESS:

Comrade L. MacIntosh – I have a question, the our bylaws have to be done every 3 years. The copy of the AB/NWT Command bylaws was amended May 2019. Comrade Ferguson will print off a copy of the AB/NWT bylaws.

When we have big functions, 2 Day events that it goes beyond our normal cost of bands, I believe that this should be approved by the Executive.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Event tickets – we have a problem with buying tickets online. There are extra charges, some people don't buy online, or don't have computers. Comrade Torrie is proposing 50% of tickets should be at the front desk.

Comrade Criss stated that on events that we control there will be tickets at the door, but for example the Alan Jackson show, we have no control on that event. When we have control and people want to book a table and tickets, the front desk can do an update and book the seats.

After the Alan Jackson show, all events we will have control over the tickets.

Vacation for Executives

Roger Nelson April 15-May 1

Bill Fecteau May 1 – 16

Mac Torrie April 26 – May 6

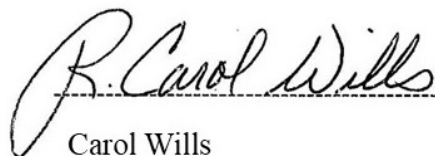
Audrey March 31 – April 3

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Fecteau
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175