

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 26 APRIL, 2022**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President opened the meeting by ritual at 7:00 p.m. Comrade McIntosh chaired the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades Ferguson, R. Wills, J. Hyshka, Forner, C. Wills, W. Hyshka  
MacIntosh, Earles P, Earles K

**Excused:** Comrade Etmanski, Fecteau, Criss, Biddiscombe, Wiebe

**Absent:** Comrade Deugau

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>
Della Gagnon	81 years	13/March/2022	Air Force
Ronald Parr	61 years	11/March/2022	Army

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

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

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh  
Seconded by Comrade D. MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

**WELCOMING CEREMONY:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 29 March 2022:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade K. Earles  
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** page 2, Executive Minutes 19 April 2022

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

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

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 19 April 2022:**

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

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade O'Brien  
Seconded by Comrade Williams

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022, there was no Committee meeting this month as we were waiting for the 2021 audit. The auditor has all the documents and we should get the report shortly. Looking at our bank account, we appear to be in a good financial position. Currently we approx. \$152K usable income.

We have not applied to Command for the \$30,000 loan. At this time, the committee believes that we will not require the funds to meet our financial obligations. But it's nice to have in our back pocket should we need it.

Fundraiser events, we are still waiting on the City on whether or not they will give us credit or write off our tax penalties. Hopefully we will have some good news at the next General meeting.

The golf tournament that was slated for this weekend has been cancelled. We received 9 applications for teams and we required 36, so it was decided to cancel it. If you look at the bottom of my financial report you will see that we had to cancel, with a charge of \$500 for the Band and \$750 for Cattail.

Matco moving is still ongoing, so haven't been told the numbers on that one yet.

The Bear meat raffle, we sent an application to AGLC they sent it back needing a few corrections, and now has gone back to them, so we are waiting on AGLC for approval on that funding.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER:** Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Still waiting on approval for a 3<sup>rd</sup> meat raffle and 50/50 with 100.3 The Bear. which we are hoping to raise \$35,000 for the meat draw. The target date so far is May 16, 2022 unless something goes sideways.

We have our 3<sup>rd</sup> musical bingo coming up this Friday at 7:30 pm, looking forward to the turn out for that.

Our next bingo is on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are in bad need for volunteers as last 5 bingos we been short handed. If you now anyone that is able to volunteer and is able to walk let me know. No news yet on our new bingo dates going forward after May 24<sup>th</sup> but expect should hear something soon. Comrade Ferguson moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1022 members in good standing

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
<b>413</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>27</b>

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Danyi

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS: 18** New Applications 6 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Baker, Jean  
Pharoah, Mark  
Jackman, Michael  
Davenport, Eugene  
LaPlante, Michel

Associate

Rybuck, Bernice  
Vienneau, Gordon  
Dunsford, Niilo  
L'Hirondelle, Melissa  
St, Lawrence, Charlotte

Affiliate

Rellier, Donna  
Sullivan, Ronald  
Rose, Barbara  
Brulotte, Janice  
Joly, Angele  
MacNeil, Chris  
Thomson, Kathryn  
Freeman, Edward

## TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Loney, Gordon Pembroke, On 05-072	Fitchett, Wilfred Norwood Br 178	
Chiasson Marc Brampton, On 16-015	Smith, Jean Norwood Br 178	
L'Hirondelle, Alex Edson, AB Br 51	Straty, Brenda Norwood Br 178	

## REINSTATEMENTS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
		Smith, William (Bill)

For a total of 25

Motion: Comrade Wills moves that we accept these individuals for processing into our Branch.  
Seconded by Comrade Williams **CARRIED**

### **New Members Who Signed a Declaration:**

Curtis Lynn Helberg  
Marnie Wyllie  
Jose Thistle-Boucher  
Desiree Fuchs  
Ernest Shumansky  
Michelle Briones  
Clifford Hemeon  
Jim Smythe  
Teresa Persson  
Teresita Duque Ochoa-Goeree  
Beverly Shaw  
Sherry Gompf-Spence

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills Website was last updated Apr 17. There have been 5005 visitors in the past 30 days.  
I am currently working on the May 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Saturday 29 Apr. I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Danyi **CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022

The District 2 Spring Rally was held on April 03, 2022 at Kingsway. We were not successful in obtaining one of the two Command sports for 2022-2023. We have however succeeded in hosting the following events

Area Cribbage Legion on September 17, 2022

Area Darts Mixed on October 29, 2022

District 2 Shuffleboard, all categories, on November 26, 2022.

The Command Cribbage Legion is being held at Norwood Branch #178 on January 27-28, 2023

The Command Cribbage Pairs is being held at Strathcona Branch # 150 on March 3-4, 2023.

I have put the Sports Calendar on the Bulletin board to the left of the Canteen. Remember to sign up early so we know how many teams are entering the Area events.

District and Command are by elimination from the Area participants.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Williams

**CARRIED**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Comrade W. Hyshka as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022

I assisted with the making of the perogies for the Ukrainian Dinner.

Assisted making over 600 quiches for a large function.

Fixed the plugged sink in the men's washroom.

I am slowly get up and around as I have now ditched the wheelchair and walker.

Thanks again to all who have assisted me with the set up and take downs of the rooms

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** No Report

**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:

April 22/23 – Trick Ryder

April 29/30 – Steppin Out

May 6/7 – Country Gold

May 13/14 – Steppin Out

May 20/21 – Norman and the Country Jammers

May 27/28 – Steppin Out

Friday night Executive meat draws are doing very well.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Ukrainian Dinner – Sunday, April 24

Tickets are \$25.00

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Mother's Day Special High Tea – Sunday, May 8

2 sittings

12:00 pm

2:00 pm

\$25.00 per guest

Nestor Pistor Live – Saturday, June 4

Show and Meal \$50.00

Meal Only \$20.00

Show Only \$30.00

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Meal at 6:00 pm

Show at 7:00 pm

Father's Day BBQ Steak Dinner – Sunday, June 19

Tickets \$25.00

More information to follow

Canada Day Festivities – Friday, July 1

Pancake Breakfast 9:00 to 11:00

Price - \$2:00

Pig Roast 5:30 to 6:30

Tickets \$30.00

Regular Friday night dance featuring Trick Ryder from 7:00 to 11:00

## NEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Elvis Tribute show with live band has been scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2022

Adult Hypnotist Dinner and Show for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance for Saturday, October 1, 2022

More information to follow regarding these three new events

We have confirmed our New Year's Eve band – Ruby and the Hitmen. Thank you to Ron for making this happen.

I have been working closely with the Ways & Means Committee and Steve Criss will report with respect to the Extreme Music Bingos.

I have been asked by a member if we could donate the net profit of our Ukrainian Dinner to Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.

I am going to set up a donation plate for the CIRO (Canadian International Rescue Organization). This organization is a team of 100% volunteers responding to global disasters by

providing professional Search and Rescue services and consulting. They just recently returned from Kyiv doing what they do best. They trained local search and rescue teams in Ukraine and left all equipment to these teams when they returned to Canada. Wes and I have a personal connection with the Team Leaders.

I am aware of organizations here in Edmonton that 100% of all donations are sent directly to Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief – no administration fees. I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh **CARRIED**

**POPPY:** No report

**POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT:** Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022  
**YTD 2021**

Veterans or their Dependants: 26 Clients for	<b>\$145,883.13</b>
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Legion /Cadet Donation	\$100,861.00
Bursaries: / nine students	\$12,000.00
Medical	\$4,593.74
Food Vouchers	\$2,170.25
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$321.47
Client Rent, Moving, Furniture	\$12,850.00
Client Utilities	\$2,386.67
<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,293,779.07</b>

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Danyi **CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022  
Seconded by Comrade Williams **CARRIED**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Ferguson  
Tammy Ewaschuk – Branch Service Medal  
Ronald Wills – Public Relations Bar

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills – Garage sale see flyer on the front notice board.

**CADET LIAISON OFFICER:** No Report

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade Earles as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022

I have completed three requests for the Poppy Fund, completed two referrals to the Command SO, assisted with two initial disability claims and completed three miscellaneous requests. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski No Report

**LA REPORT:** Comrade K. Earles as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022

The Easter Craft and Bake Sale on April 9 was busy and a great success!! That was also the same day as the ham and turkey and 50/50 draws. We had a full house. Now for the raffle winners: Prize 1-Golf accessories/passes -Ryan Baskerville Prize 2-Food Hamper -Andy Moore Prize 3-Diamond Bracelet/ Canteen Gift Certificates -Holly Aubin Prize 4 -Kuhlmann's Basket / bird houses and wreath -David Yachimec Bonus-Patio Umbrella -Brian Serber

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help make this day a good one. We would also like to thank all those who donated items to sell at our craft and bake sale tables. A big thank you to the Legion for allowing us to do our set up in the foyer and the volunteer who set tables up and removed them for our Easter Raffle. Much appreciated!

Currently it is being planned for an informal celebration of life for Flo Rankin on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Flo was a Ladies Auxiliary Life Member. Although it has been almost two years since her passing, her daughter Sue Rankin, who brought Flo to enjoy the canteen life and the Ladies Auxiliary Meat Raffle, wanted to hold off on this celebration due to Covid-19. The current plan is that at 11 AM an informal get together will occur in the canteen. Flo touched many lives and a few words from those who knew her would be appreciated.

The Ladies Auxiliary is in need of a new computer. We will seek internal advice regarding our purchase and programs. We are also looking to purchase two shelving units for our storage room and a bookshelf. We would like to make a new table cover for General Meetings.

It was reported at our General Meeting today that "Funky Petals" a flower shop at 137<sup>th</sup> Ave and 97 St in North Edmonton chose to be involved in an "Adopt a Senior" idea. They have generously donated 120 bouquets of flowers to the Kipnes Centre. Each resident will receive a bouquet on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> between 1-3 PM. Our Ladies Auxiliary Members will assist with the distribution. So please if you are ordering flowers please consider ordering from this shop. Apparently the current owners are former military members. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**LEST WE FORGET** Comrade V. Torrie – the Lest We Forget Concert Committee and Society met April 21, 2022 at Strathcona Legion.

The Society's AGM was held and \$10.00 was donation to start the bank account.

The Concert Committee March 31<sup>st</sup> bank balance is \$6097.52. The sub committees were reviewed and we will be working on the VIP lists next month. We are still waiting to hear from



Winspear if they will give us a concert date. Thank you to Strathcona Legion for the use of their Board room and the lunch. I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence **CARRIED**

**KIPNESS CENTRE** No report

**VETERAN'S VILLA** Comrade P. Earles, nothing to report, however, I will be attending their quarterly meeting on May 26 and report back from there.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Comrade Fecteau as per the Executive minutes of 19 April 2022

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance coverage for business interruption – Comrade Ron, I checked the website, and the lawsuit has started to move forward there are 632 Legions that are part of this class action suit. We are moving forward - progress

b) Dance floor in Canteen

Motion: To move forward to have the dance floor replaced and finished in February 2022 for a cost of \$6869.00

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

This motion is tabled until 3 quotes have been presented to the Executive and the General membership. No work is to be done until this motion is either passed or denied

Seconded by Comrade Roach

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** Comrade L. MacIntosh moved that since no quotes have been brought in, so I move that we deny this motion.

Seconded by Comrade Roach

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Alberta flag outside is looking tattered and should be replaced, the Sgt At Arms will be asked to contact MLA Heather Sweet for a new flag.

Also, we will check with Florence Werner (manager) on replacement of flags.

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175**

Next meeting will be on May 31, 2022

**50 / 50 DRAW:**

Winning Ticket # 740337    Amount: \$ 55.00

Winner: Mickey Steele

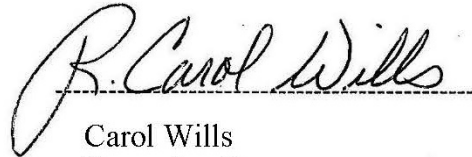
**Motion:** To adjourn was made by Comrade Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



Audrey Ferguson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175