

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, C. Wills, Deugau, R. Torrie, Earles, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Rayfield, Forner, Wiebe, McIntosh, K. Earles

Excused: Comrade Werner, R Wills, Kuervers

Absent: Comrade Ferguson

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Dal Raymond Newman	71 years	March 26, 2021	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade Deugau
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 23 MARCH 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Earles
Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Criss
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers

Brian, I truly appreciated the time you took to talk to me back in March. I will be your primary point of contact with our Legion moving forward, but please include Flo Werner, mgmt@kingswaylegion.com, our Manager, in future correspondence to me. For reference, I am both the First Vice President and the Financial Committee Chairperson for Kingsway Branch #175 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Apologies for the delay responding to your email below, but I needed to wait for a response from Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC). After our telephone conversation on 23 March, I reached out to AGLC and filed an objection over the fact that they had not made the change to our Liquor License in March 2020, as requested by Flo Werner at my direction. I heard back from the Duty Inspector who clarified that our licence had been updated. We requested a copy of the licence and received it today by mail. I've attached the corrected licence in PDF for your records to this email.

Note that the revised licence reflects our requested licence modification - restricting it to only the Canteen (which you refer to as the Cantina in your email) at 4,582 sf. We will be maintaining the canteen as our licensed area for the foreseeable future.

I request that you modify our current year city taxes to reflect the reduced space, in accordance with the provided license. In addition, I ask that you identify the process to correct the taxes for 2020 from 1 Apr - 31 Dec, reflecting the changed licence space on the current Liquor License. We will submit that request once we know the process to request it.

Finally, please be aware that we have since become aware that our licenced premises have been incorrectly identified since we occupied and re-opened the Legion. According to our contacts at AGLC, our licenced area has always been the Canteen, with the additional banquet halls available as "Caterer's Extensions" under Section 4.3 of the Liquor Licensee Handbook. We are looking into our own historical records, as it appears that poor labeling on our Liquor Licences since then has resulted in a misperception by the City of Edmonton regarding the size of our licensed facilities.

I have asked AGLC to provide a written clarification on this topic, so that we can explore this possible "Error in Fact" under the Municipal Government Act. No action is requested at this time, as this is clearly a file that would need to be carefully written and staffed through to City Council by the Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch #175 Executive Committee.

Questions can be directed to the undersigned.

Further to our conversation regarding Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch No. 175's Class C Liquor License, I wanted to provide the following clarification.

Previously the areas known as Hall 1 and Hall 2 were noted on the liquor license as extensions of the license itself. Those two areas were never considered standalone licensed areas and as per the

provisions of Section 4.1.4 Liquor Licensee Handbook (LLH) the premises' liquor license could extend to those areas only when there were specific events occurring within them. On a day-to-day basis, in the absence of a planned event, there would have been absolutely no liquor service or consumption permitted in those areas.

In layman's terms they were never to be used as an overflow for the main licensed area and would have only been considered licensed if they were the designated location for an event where liquor service was planned and all AGLC's requirements were being met.

As you know, we have now removed those two extensions from your liquor license as they were not being used.

Section 4.1.4 LLH can be reviewed here: <https://aglc.ca/documents/liquor-licensee-handbook>

If you require further information or discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Comrade C.Wills so move Comrade Kuervers report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

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

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

Motions

- 1 To accept the 2021 financial review as prepared by Ellis Group LLP, Chartered Accountants.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

- 2 To authorize payment of \$4305.00 to Ellis Group LLP, Chartered Accountants for the preparation of the 2020 financial review.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

As of Monday April 19,2021, the 50/50 jackpot is sitting at \$1,350.00. The deadline for the draw is Friday May 7, 2021 with the draw on Saturday May 8th.

Submitted CIRA grant for repairs outside beams on April 9th, and still awaiting word on CIOG grant.

During the last Farmers Market on April 3rd, Don Bilyea with VoxxLife did a fundraiser where a percentage of the proceeds raised at the Farmers Market will go towards the Legion. He raised \$45.00 for the Legion from his sales. A link to the Legion was created for a fundraiser and that raised \$145.00 from purchase from one of our members. A percentage of that will be going to the Legion as well.

Bingos will remain virtual bingos only until we are advised otherwise. Once our turn comes up will need 2 volunteers for the evening.

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 Earles

CARRIED

Motions

1. That if no issues with Command, and not in conflict with any Corporate Sponsors that Kingsway Legion BR 175 is able to sell products of VoxxLife. **TABLE**
Pending approval from Dominion Command

2. That Kingsway Legion hold the proceeds from the online 50/50 in the holding account till such time we hear back from applied grants, and as grants get approved or denied proceeds can be released at that time. This giving the legion a chance and the capability to apply on more grants to help offset branch costs.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1283 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
567	469	222	25

We have had no new, transferred or reinstatements. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported the website had 492 visitors this month and was last updated 11 Apr.

I am currently working on the May Newsletter; if you want something add I must have it by this Sat Apr 24. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SPORTS: No Report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie reported he is continuing with Spring clean up of the grounds. In the process of finding a parking lot cleaning outfit and a line painting outfit. More to follow as to costs! I will be getting touch with the Cities agency to have the graffiti removed once it stays warm. It's Free! I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau reported the Loyal Edmonton Regiment is still slated to put up a display toward the end of April. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield - On Monday, March 29, I had further conversation with the contact person for the Steppin' Out Band.

I am sorry to report that they have chosen to perform at the Chateau Nova Yellowhead on Sunday afternoons as they did at the Drake Hotel.

The determining factor on their decision came down to their remuneration for the afternoon. As the saying goes, I simply could not compete with a big fish.

I've corresponded with the band that I'm trying to negotiate with for our NYE Dinner and Dance with a final offer. I've informed their spokesman that I must have an answer on whether they will accept or decline the offer by April 30, otherwise I will be forced to make alternate arrangements.

Since our Executive meeting last month, I've had the opportunity for further communication with the President of the Wild Rose Old Tyme Fiddlers Assn, with regards to our Jam sessions. After searching online and finding videos and receiving photos of their performances from their President and in conjunction with the remarks of several people that had gone to the North Glenora Jams, it has become quite clear that they cater to a much older crowd and do not offer the same kinds of music and dancing that our patrons prefer.

As I am attempting to draw a younger crowd to our Thursday, Friday & Saturday functions, I am convinced that booking them to perform at our Jams would not be financially beneficial and in the best interests of the Branch. Therefore, I have informed their President that I am not prepared to hire them for our Jam sessions. I have, however, invited her to reach out to me, for which I am favourable, if and when they would like the Kingsway Branch to host future Wild Rose Old Tyme Fiddlers Association Fiddle Fest's, as we have done on two occasions in the past. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

1. Contacted Trudy Ressler, to determine if she or each individual branch will be contacting malls and Hospitals for 2021 Short-term leases. Trudy confirmed that she will be looking after all the Short-term leases. Currently the malls are not taking bookings at this time, due to Covid-19.

2. Kingsway Legion Requirements:

Malls

Northgate Shopping Centre
Londonderry Mall
Commerce Place

Ladies Auxiliary Support

Canada Place
Royal Alexandra Hospital
Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital

3. Completed a draft of the Dates to remember for the 2021 Poppy Campaign.

Need to confirm Ladies Auxiliary date with Comrade Kim Earles.
Need to confirm Tag Day date with Comrade Ron Wills.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

YTD 2020

Veterans or their Dependents: 54 Clients for \$16,991.53

Medical \$5,001.00

Food Vouchers \$4,700.00

Other Vouchers \$184.80

Emergency Vouchers \$95.00

Rent \$6,000.00

Client Utilities \$1,810.73

Bursaries: \$6,000 / six Students

Current Balance: \$ 1,232,408

2021 Poppy Campaign Working Group

We are currently looking into new ideas on how to promote the 100 anniversary of the Poppy and how to improve our donation levels.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills read one letter from Dominion Command regarding the 2021 Dominion Convention. This letter was emailed to all Executive's and will be posted.

I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: No Report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles, I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance. I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Torrie **CARRIED**

SGT-AT-ARMS: No report

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner's report was read by Comrade C. Wills I am almost finished with the information that Comrade Kuervers wanted for the taxes. He wanted to know how many times we used the banquet rooms from when we opened until 2020. I am missing 2012 and 2015, but I do have all the other years. Comrade C. Wills moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau, Here we are once again in shut down conditions due to Covid19 restrictions. I am in complete agreement with these restrictions. The Covid19 variants are many and deadly. Yes, this will affect our Branch members and our financial situation greatly. However, we have been down this road before and survived. We recovered then and we will overcome again when conditions get back to normal.

During the shut down comrades, you can rest assured that your Executive Committee remains active to ensure the well being of our comrades in need, the welfare of our staff, and our financial obligations. Further, we are here Monday to Saturday to ensure the safety of our building by ensuring that all vital equipment is functioning correctly. In the meantime, we wish all of our comrades to stay safe by following the AHS protocols. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILARY REPORT: Comrade K. Earles

Our Easter Ham & Turkey draw was a success. We had one meat raffle the following week before we shut down due to Covid-19. Both weeks saw large numbers in attendance. We thank all for their support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption. Goes before the court on 26 Apr to decide if the class action will be accepted and move forward in the court.
- b) 75th Anniversary – Comrade R. Wills is still looking for ideas and volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Poppy on Honour Board – Comrade Fecteau

Motion: To place a small poppy on all deceased members posted on Honour Board

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

Mother's Day Luncheon – We will set up patio tables & chairs in back yard. Meal will be BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw for \$12.00. There will also be a portable bar for serving beer.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade Criss commented that we should have a Saturday backyard patio BBQ for members and market patrons can attend. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pop, Chips and portable bar.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Earles

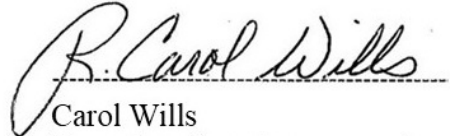
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

Next Meeting: 18 May 2021 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175

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