

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 24 MAY 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, Criss, Etmanski, Forner, MacIntosh, Earles K., Earles P., Hyshka W., Hyshka J., G. Biddiscombe

Excused: Comrade Wiebe, Werner

Absent: Comrade Deugau

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Joyce Bruce	96 years	May 2022	
Rhea Gagon	75 years	May 17, 2022	
Earl Anderson		April 30, 2022	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade K. Earles
Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: move Service Officer after Poppy Trustee report
Add: Old business – Ramp, Silent auction
Add: New business – Evolve Surface proposal, trees

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 26 APRIL 2022:

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Forner
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade R. Wills We reviewed the 2021 Audit with Jamie from Ellis. During the meeting it was decided that we would make some changes to our bookkeeping that would correct areas the need improvement. We feel that it would be in the Branches best interest if we hire Jamie for a day to sit with Matthew to bring things in line with accounting standards.

We require a Letter of Tolerance from the bank before the audit can finalize the audit. The bank is not willing to provide the letter until we pay the outstanding taxes we owe the city.

Looking at our bank account, we appear to be in a good financial position. Currently we approx. \$119K usable income.

Our pursue for the full tax forgiveness option will be brought forward during the Jun 1, 2022 City Council Meeting. I will be attending to speak on the item.

Matco Moving Fundraiser for the Branch – The amount to date is \$1,663.80.

The cheque is to be delivered during Nestor Pestor Event

Comrade R. Wills presented the draft audit to the Members.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

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

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

Still waiting on approval for a 3rd 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 mid June, 2022 unless something goes sideways.

We have our 4th musical bingo coming up this Saturday at 5:00pm, It's a 70's theme looking forward to the turn out for that.

We just finished our and May 24 we just received the new dates but still waiting on our licence. We are in bad need for volunteers as last 8 bingos we been short handed. If you know anyone that can volunteer and is able to walk let me know. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1128 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
438	395	268	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 12 New Applications 4 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Losier, Mathieu
Elkow, James
Tracey, Paul
Gallant, Joseph
Desrosiers, Arthur

Associate

Nicolson, Sheryle
Beko, Dean
Markland, Heather

Affiliate

Paproski, Maria
Cornell, Linda
Cornell, Alan
McKay, Ray

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Jackson, Marion
Black Diamond Br 078

Associate

Affiliate

Byrtus, Dave
Grande Prairie Br 054

Jackson, Joseph
Black Diamond Br 078

Loney, Gordon
Pembroke Br 072

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Smith, David

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of 17

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

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

Gene Honish
Barbara Daynes
Jack Ringdahl
Robert (Bob) Poburan
Blake Dunphy
Jean Baker
Donna Rellier
Russ Majeau
Angelina Cook

Michael Ledig
Bernard Kozakevich
Edward Freeman
Glen Vienneau
Giselle Drew
Darreyl Baruzzini
Robert Sampson
Leola Hillaby

Valarie Perry-Jahn
Mary Karpo
Kathy Proehl
Ronald Sullivan
Wilf Fitchett
Jean Smith
Deborah Price
Angele Joly

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills

Website was last updated May 23. There have been 3,855 visitors in the past 30 days. I am currently working on the Jun/Jul 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Saturday 28 May. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

I have investigated repairing the bathroom stall doors and will require parts. I am looking into who carries these parts.

I assisted in the kitchen with the Perogy Dinner and helped in dealing with the small flood that followed in the kitchen. This matter has been taken care of.

Supervised the cadets in the clean up of the grounds – many thanks to the officers, parents and cadets of C.B. Hill Navy League Cadet Corp.

It was my pleasure to attend the Provincial Convention in Red Deer as a Kingsway voting delegate. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: No Report

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Friday and Saturday dances are going well. The Ukrainian Dinner went very well, and we were able to donate \$500.00 to each of our (2) charities. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

May 27/28 – Steppin Out

June 3/4 – Norman and the Country Jammers

June 10/11 – Country Gold

June 17/18 – Frannie Klein

June 24/25 – Country Gold

Friday Night Executive meat draws are doing very well.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

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

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

Upcoming Events

Elvis Tribute show with live band has been scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2022
Adult Hypnotist Dinner and Show for Saturday, September 17, 2022
Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance for Saturday, October 1, 2022

Diva Tribute show for Saturday, October 15, 2022

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MOTION: Anyone who has volunteered to work a special event will be offered a free meal

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

Subject to approval at the General Meeting by members

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

When the 2022 Poppy Campaign has been completed, I will be stepping down as the Kingsway Legion Poppy Campaign Organizer. After having the good fortune of spending two years learning how to run a campaign with Bill O'Brien and then two years organizing campaigns with Trese, its time for me to move on. With Covid-19 becoming more manageable, Trese and I are planning on checking off some travel boxes.

The reason I am sending this notice out is to let people know about this position opening up in January 2023.

If you are interested in taking over this important and rewarding position which directly assists Veterans and their families, please let me know.

If anyone is interested in job shadowing me during the 2022 campaign to gain a better understanding of what the position requires, I would be happy to accommodate you.

Some main activities associated with the position are as follows;

- 1 Executive meeting a month
- 1 General meeting a month
- 1 Poppy meeting a month
- Maintaining and updating Poppy Campaign documents and routes

- Recruiting volunteers to help with the campaign
- Starting in September manage the established routes which include 71 schools, 3 malls, 2 hospitals, Canada place and 325 business partners

Thank you for your support

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

**POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade R. Wills
YTD 2021**

Veterans or their Dependants: 27 Clients for	\$152,240.72
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	\$4,470.25
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$321.47
Client Rent, Moving, Furniture	\$16,247.00
Client Utilities	\$3,047.26
Current Balance:	\$ 1,291,289.97

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade P. Earles

I assisted with three disability claims, had one referral to the Command Service Officer and completed two requests for information.

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson - No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau - No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss - No Report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski - No report

I would like to thank everyone who helped me when I was away.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

We are now closed on Mondays for the remainder of the summer and will open Mondays again after the September long weekend.

Do you want tablecloths for the Nester Pestor show our cost will be \$72.00 for 25 tablecloths?

YES

I would like to discuss raises for the staff, I was thinking 3or 4 %, the cost of living has gone up, and with summer hours some shifts will be cut, making it tough for some staff to make ends meet.

Comrade C. Wills moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

MOTION: We approve a 3% pay raise for all staff, effective by June 2022

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILARY: Comrade Kim Earles

On May 24, 2022 we held our Honours & Awards Ceremony. We invited our Provincial Commander Margaret Koenig, District #2 Commander Jackie Hyshka, some other District #2 Ladies Auxiliaries as well as our Branch President. The recipients were mainly years of service and executive medals and bars and Tracey Colautti was presented with a Certificate of Merit. A list of members who are able to volunteer for the Legion was gathered and will be given to the Legion volunteer co-ordinator. Our LA meetings are done until September. We will continue to have our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50’s throughout the summer. Ticket sales begin at 1 PM hope to see you there! I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau

Things are going very well at the Branch. We have several events planned for June such as Nestor Pistor, Father’s Day as well as other events. Please refer to the June Newsletter, we look forward to your participation in these events.

The AB/NWT Command Convention was held in Red Deer, May 6th to May 8th. We were allowed 13 delegates. Many issues were brought forward such as changes to the Command Bylaws and changes to the sports fund. Anyone wishing to review the Convention book can borrow it from the President.

Many of our sports activities will be ending by the end of the month for the summer and resuming in September.

The Executive Committee wishes all our Comrades a safe and happy summer. Final Branch meeting will be held 28th June. We look forward for all members to attend.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Silent Auction – because the Golf Tournament was cancelled, we are still going to hold a silent auction from 25 June to 1st July in the Boardroom. This will be run by Trese Biddiscombe and Audrey Ferguson. Volunteers are needed to be in the room for those 5 days, please see Trese or Audrey for the schedule. We have 159 items for auction.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Evolve Surface** – Comrade Fecteau brought forth the proposal from Evolve Surface Strategies Inc. The Executive committee tabled this proposal until the General Meeting on 31 May to have the proposal explained by the company.

- b) **Miller Ramp** – Comrade Bill O’Brien asked for a letter of consent to change the steps between Miller Crossing and Kingsway. Comrade O’Brien was asked for 3 quotes and could not obtain them. Comrade O’Brien then offered to pay out of his own pocket. The Executive committee declined this request as the Legion would still be held responsible for any maintenance or injuries and we cannot allow a member to pay for changes within the building or property.

- c) **Trees** – Comrade W. Hyshka will make a presentation at the General Meeting on 31 May

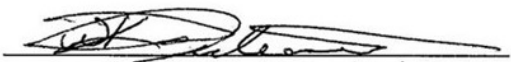
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Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade P. Earles

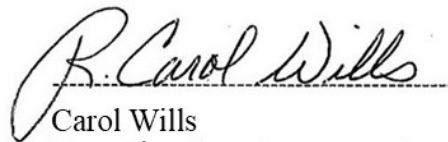
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Next Meeting: 21 June 2022 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
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