

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 31 MAY, 2022

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Ferguson, Wiebe

Absent: Comrade Criss, 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	
Robert Mark	89 years	May 31, 2022	U.S Navy

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Danyi

CARRIED

Motion: To adopt the agenda was made by Comrade K. Earles
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

Doreen MacIntosh
Charles Morland

PRESENTATIONS: None

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 26 APRIL 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Torrie
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 24 MAY 2022:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Danyi
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Comrade R. Wills – The Financial Committee 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 few days to sit with Matthew to bring things in line with Not-For-Profit accounting standards.

We require a Letter of Tolerance from the bank before the audit can finalized. 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. Comrade R. Wills will be attending their meeting 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

Question from Comrade Foote – what was the cost to Kingsway Legion when we had to cancel the golf tournament?

Answer from Comrade R. Wills – It cost us \$500.00 for the band and \$750.00 for advertising, for

a total of \$1250.00. I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

Comrade R. Wills did a power point presentation on the 2021 Draft Financial Audit with the general membership.

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned to accept the 2021 Draft Financial Audit presented by Ellis.
Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

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

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss - No report

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

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

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Losier, Mathieu	Nicolson, Sheryle	Paproski, Maria
Elkow, James	Beko, Dean	Cornell, Linda
Tracey, Paul	Markland, Heather	Cornell, Alan
Gallant, Joseph		McKay, Ray
Desrosiers, Arthur		

TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Jackson, Marion		Byrtus, Dave
Black Diamond Br 078		Grande Prairie Br 054

Jackson, Joseph
Black Diamond Br 078

Loney, Gordon
Pembroke Br 072

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Smith, David

For a total of 17

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

Seconded by Comrade Simons

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

Gene Honish

Michael Ledig

Barbara Daynes

Bernard Kozakevich

Jack Ringdahl

Edward Freeman

Robert (Bob) Poburan

Glen Vienneau

Blake Dunphy

Giselle Drew

Jean Baker

Darreyl Baruzzini

Donna Rellier

Robert Sampson

Russ Majeau

Leola Hillaby

Kathy Proehl

Ronald Sullivan

Valarie Perry-Jahn

Mary Karpo

Wilf Fitchett

Jean Smith

Deborah Price

Angele Joly

Angelina Cook

PUBLICITY: Comrade R. Wills

Website was updated as of today, we have had 4022 visitors in the last 30 days. I am working on the June/July newsletter, submissions have to be sent to me no later than tomorrow if you want to add anything to it. There will not be a newsletter in July, as I will not be here for a month.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

SPORTS: - Comrade Ferguson - No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka as per the Executive minutes of 24 May with the following addendum:

CB Hill Cadets, Leaders & Parents came to the Legion and picked up all the garbage in the front and back. I thank them for their help.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade Hyshka presented that when we remove the dead trees from the back area, we offer members to replant a tree with a memory plaque.

This will be tabled until Comrade Hyshka gets prices and types of trees to present to members

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau - No Report

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Weibe - No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka as per the Executive minutes I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Claggett **CARRIED**

Motion: Anyone who has volunteered to work a special event will be offered a free meal
Seconded by Comrade Forner 1 Opposed **CARRIED**

POPPY: Comrade Biddiscombe as per the Executive minutes. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Danyi

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Nelson **CARRIED**

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles as per the Executive minutes, I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Torrie **CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson - No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau
Joy Cardinal – Certificate of Merit and Branch Service Medal

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C, Wills - No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss - No Report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski - No Report

LA REPORT: Comrade K. Earles as per the Executive minutes, I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien **CARRIED**

LEST WE FORGET Comrade V. Torrie

The Lest We Forget Concert Committee met at Stony Plain Legion, via Zoom and in person, on May 19, 2022.

The Bank Balance is \$ 6,097.52.

The sub-committees were consulted for the information they had so far.

Ticket prices were reviewed. Adults are \$ 25.00 and children, up to age 18, are \$10.00.

We are waiting for letters for fundraising, volunteers, Silent Auction items and a letter explaining who we are, for other groups to participate with our Committee.

It was suggested that when the School Board pick up the Poppy Pails and Packages, that an information letter be included for the teachers and students, about the Concert, and how we honour our Veterans.

It was also suggested, that each Legion, put up a sale table to sell the Lest We Forget donated

items, to fundraise for the Concert.

We still have not heard from the Winspear, whether they have a concert date for us.

Anyone or any group, wanting to help out at the Concert, can let me know. Our next meeting will be at the Kingsway Legion on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA Comrade P. Earles, brought forward a letter from the management of Veterans Villa requesting the branch support a BBQ for the residents. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Roach

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade Earles motioned that Kingsway Legion donate \$500.00 in support a BBQ for the residents of Vets Villa

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau as per the Executive minutes of 24 May

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class Action Lawsuit – on going

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Evolve Surface Strategies** – Don Reiter presented his company's proposal and answered questions from the membership in regards to erecting a cell tower on Legion property.

Motion: Comrade Fecteau – I move we approve the engineered design to erect the tower on the northwest corner of the property with a rental payment of \$12, 500 per year paid to the Legion.

Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

Amendment to the Motion: - Comrade R Wills We approve the installation of the tower location to be decided based on the City's requirements.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

Comrade W. Hyshka also brought up the fact that we should be negotiating the price of the rental of the tower with the Legion.

This motioned was tabled until Don Reiter gathered more information and reach out to his company to obtain a better financial compensation for the use of our property.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

- a) **DANCE FLOOR** - Comrade Don Claggett raised his concerns and was greatly disappointed in the fact that the dance floor in the Canteen, to which he donated, was not completed. He was advised that as the executive did not receive the required three quotes that the motion was defeated at the last general meeting. Comrade Claggett would obtain three quotes to replace or enlarge the dance floor in the Canteen and present them to the Executive and General membership for review.
- b) **SILENT AUCTION:** Comrade T. Biddiscombe addressed the mention of a Silent Auction running from June 25th until July 1st. We currently have 139+ items ranging from \$5.00 to \$700, there are some wonderful items, so please check out the website to have a look at them. We will be putting a call out for volunteers, and we will be setting up in the Boardroom and down the hallway if necessary. So, we will need people to sit and be present in those areas when the items come out.

So if you have any questions please see myself or Audrey Ferguson. Thank you

50 / 50 DRAW:

Winning Ticket #109275 Amount: \$85.00

Winner: Norma Yerex

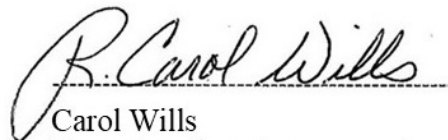
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175