

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 22, 2021

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, R. Wills, Kuerver, Forner, Wills C, Deugau, Earles, R. Torrie, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Ferguson, Rayfield, Werner., MacIntosh

Guests:

Excused: Comrades K. Earles (work), Wiebe

Absent:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
KIRYLUK, Joseph	100 years	16/05/2021	
JOLY, Bernie	82 years	09/05/2021	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED: 18 MAY 2021

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:

BUSINESS ARISING:

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers

Comrade Kuervers reported on the fact that the financial committee hadn't met in two months due to personal illness, and then revisited the change to the municipal taxes base that had reduced the tax burden on our Legion. He also asked for confirmation that his existing authority granted previously was sufficient for him to continue negotiations with the City of Edmonton to further reduce or mitigate tax expenses on our Legion. This was confirmed by the Past President after a quick review of previous minutes and Comrade Kuervers indicated he would pursue the tax issue with the city immediately.

In addition, I had the following points:

a. with regards to the change in pricing at the canteen, I did speak up and clarify that it was a operational decision and did not require a motion to be completed. Note sure where that sits in the minutes or reports.

b. We discussed the 75th anniversary under old business, and clarified that the event was moved to late Oct. (this might be in one of the reports)

c. News Year Eve booking was discussed (maybe it's inside the entertainment report?)

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

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

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported

July 50/50 will start on July 1st, 2021, and carry till August 6, 2021, with the draw on August 7th. The proceeds from the online 50/50 will go to help secure other grants such as the CFEP, CEP grants and such where we need to have matching funds. On Canada Day July 1, 2021, there will a table set up with access to the rafflebox page for anyone wanting an online 50/50 ticket.

We are doing a Voxxlife fundraiser pamphlets will be available at the front desk with contact information and website links for any questions about the products and to order any Voxxlife products. 25% of what is sold will come back to the Legion.

As for bingos we are back up and running back at 33% capacity, so volunteers are needed. The bingos we still need help for are July 21st, August 5th, and 17th Please see Steve Criss if you can help. 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 R. Wills

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C.Wills reported that we have 1038 members

We have 27 Life Members 428 Ordinary 355 Associate 228 Affiliate
I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 3 new applications 4 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Members	Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life
	Mastrangelo Patrick Colangelo, June Colangelo, Anthony		Wagar. Karen Ann	

Transfers

Deegan, Colin
02-178 Norwood

Wilson, Alexander (Willy)
02-178 Norwood

Howie, Dennis William
02-132 Onoway

Krushniruk, Russell
02-178 Norwood

Reinstatement

Hagen, Ernie

For a total of: 8

New members who signed a declaration - none

PUBLICITY: Comrade R. Wills reported the Website had 798 visitors this month and was last updated 21 June.

I am currently working on the Jul Newsletter; if you want something add I must have it by this Sat Apr 26.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson – No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie reported

A fan blade was destroyed when a couple of tack weld broke, thus with the vibration caused the blade to hit the fan guard. It has been replaced! The windings on a second unit had started to unwind and has to be replaced. Nordic combined the two (2) units so there are still two (2) units working. The third unit has since been replaced and all units are working properly, thus we have air conditioning!

The outside water outlet on the front wall is unserviceable and the replacement valve has been ordered.

Continue to maintain the grounds and Comrade Vicki Torrie continues to weed the tear-drop garden. She could use some help from other Branch members.

Thank you, to Comrades Carol Wills, Bill O'Brien, and Bill Fecteau for donating the money for the Green Diamond Ranch Ltd to plant the flowers at the Front Entrance of the Branch.

I so move my report.

Seconded by: Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau reported

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment display is up courtesy of the regiment museum. Please have a good look at it. Anthony Sowards of Vet-Build has donated three torsos for display of uniforms to the Legion. A big thank you from us all.

The next display will be the Kingsway Legion 75th Anniversary. I am looking for photos, memorabilia newspaper articles. Anything we can put on display for the front foyer. Please let me know through the front desk.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe – no report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield reported

I am excited to announce that I have confirmed the New Years Eve booking and signed a contract with the band that I have been negotiating with since January

They are an upbeat 6-piece band, called "Ruby and the Hitmen".

I am more than confident that it will be a sellout this year with a large contingent of younger guests that have never been in the Kingsway Legion before.

- We had submitted an application for the \$25,000 Alberta Gov't "Music Business Innovation Micro Grant". Unfortunately, we have been notified that we do not qualify for the grant as it is for the benefit of for-profit businesses that have suffered through the pandemic.

- There are concerns that present City of Edmonton Covid 19 mask restrictions may prevent us from resuming our routine music, singing & dancing events. If this will not interfere with our plans, we will resume as follows.

- We will begin our Thursday Jams with Vinyl Country supplying the music on July 1 as part of

our Canada Day schedule of events, which will include a pancake breakfast, kids events and a steak dinner. In addition, I have booked a DJ for music and karaoke in the afternoon, for which he has waived his normal rate of remuneration.

- Likewise, our routine Friday & Saturday night dances will begin on the July 2 & 3 weekend with our best drawing band, the Sparkling Tones.

- I have been contacted by a Rep of the local Alberta 55+ group, wishing to have their horseshoe qualifier at the Branch on an undetermined Saturday in August.

- Being contacted by the Professional Singles Club, and after consulting with our Sports Chairperson, I have agreed to their booking on Saturday, Aug 14, at 7 pm, for a dart tournament. Likewise, they have booked the Wild Rose Room for a cribbage tournament on Saturday, Aug 28 at 6 pm.

They will want to hold another cribbage & darts tournament later in 2021, as well as a pool tournament.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

Motion: – Comrade Rayfield made the following motion:

I hereby move that the Friday & Saturday Night Dances continue, to be held in the canteen until such time that it is deemed necessary collectively by the Executive to move the dances to the ballroom because of a shortage of available tables & chairs in the canteen resulting in a common occurrence of patrons being denied admission".

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski (defeated 14 to 1)

DEFEATED

Motion: – Comrade Rayfield made the following motion:

That the Shuffleboard be returned to its old location beside the other board.

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Seconded by Comrade Etmanski (accepted 8 to 7)

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe reported

2021 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada

Listed below is the tentative schedule for the 2021 Poppy campaign. Please take a few minutes to review to see what volunteer positions are available. At the September general meeting we will have a final draft of the schedule and will be requesting your help by volunteering. I encourage everyone to consider signing up so we can help our Veterans. Let's make the 2021 campaign a memorable experience as we celebrate the **100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada**

Dates to Remember

Monday 4 Oct. - 10:00 AM: Prepare kits for school.

(Approx. 6 volunteer positions)

Wednesday 13 Oct. (Approx.) –Deliver kits to Public and Catholic school Depots, Driver. The depots will deliver to schools.

(Approx. 2 volunteer positions)

Monday 25 Oct. - 10:00 AM: Prepare kits for Business Sector

(Approx. 8 volunteer positions)

Monday 25 Oct. to Friday 19 Nov. – Kingsway Poppy and Wreath office opens in the Boardroom for 4 weeks. Phone number: **(780) 456-6518**

Friday 29 Oct. – 09:00 AM Deliver kits to Business Sector, Driver and Helper. **(Approx. 24 volunteer positions)**

Monday 1 Nov. to Wednesday 10 Nov. – We start manning **Northgate Shopping Center & Londonderry Mall.** 7 days a week for 10 days. 3 shifts weekdays & 2 shifts on weekends.

(Approx. 60 volunteer positions)

Monday 1 Nov. -We start manning **Commerce Place,** Weekdays only. 2 shifts for 7 days. Transportation will be provided between Legion and Commerce Place. **(Approx. 32 volunteer positions)**

Monday 1 Nov. to Wednesday 10 Nov. – Top up Runs to empty buckets and refill poppy boxes. This will occur Monday. Wednesday & Fridays. Drivers and Helpers required for routes 1&2. **(Approx. 20 volunteer positions)**

Friday 5 Nov. – **Ladies Auxiliary** will require 3 drivers with car to deliver the ladies to 3 locations. Canada Place, Royal Alex. & Glenrose Hospitals.

(Approx. 3 volunteer positions)

Saturday 6 Nov. – **Tag Day.** Cadets will be driven and chaperoned by their Parents & Officers. This takes place at the Alberta Aviation Museum. 11410 Kingsway Ave. For more details call Ron Wills (780) 425-8654

Nov.12 & 15 – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from Business. Driver and Helper.

(Approx. 24 volunteer positions)

Nov.12 & 15 – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from schools. Driver and Helper.

(Approx. 8 volunteer positions)

Nov. 4 & 15 - Money count at Norwood Legion. **Dates to be confirmed**

Nov.22 - Final Money count at Norwood Legion. **Date to be confirmed**

For more information, please contact the Kingsway Poppy and Wreath office (780) 456-6518 after Monday 25 Oct. or Geoff Biddiscombe 780-819-1247

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills reported

YTD 2020

Veterans or their Dependants: 61 Clients for \$78,923.88
Food Vouchers \$5,300.00
Emergency Vouchers \$95.00
Other Vouchers \$184.80
Medical \$2,589.10
Rent \$9,200.00
Client Utilities \$3,554.98
Command Poppy Fund \$50,000.00
Bursaries: \$8,000 / eight students
Current Balance: \$ 1,076,398.61

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 Torrie

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS – No report

HONOURS & AWARDS – No report

CORRESPONDENCE – No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss reported

On May 27, 2021, I had the pleasure of attending 570 Air Cadet Squadron Annual ACR via zoom. The inspecting officer was Navy Lieutenant Commander Mathew Eaton, Executive Officer of H.M.C.S. Nonsuch. A virtual march past was done followed by few displays again all virtual, followed up by awards and presentations. Was very happy to see the turn out by all during these covid times and a job very well done by the squadron.

As for the rest of the Sponsored units with the covid era still going on and just coming into stage 3 here soon, some summer positions will be open following Covid protocols hoping to be back up to full summer training in 2022. Otherwise, units will still be stood down in unit till September start up.

I so move my report.

Seconded by: Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles reported

I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance from Command and one request for information.

Seconded by: Comrade Wills

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Etmanski – no report

MANAGER’S REPORT: Comrade Werner –

- 1) Norma Yerex is our Volunteer Coordinator
- 2) Cleaners will be in before Canada Day event
- 3) Mic’s are not working in the Wild Rose room.

Comrade Ferguson moved the report.

Seconded by: Comrade Earles

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Comrade Fecteau

At last, all restrictions have been removed effective July first. We can now resume our sports programs and other activities. We welcome these changes which allows us to get together once again with our comrades. Come to our Canada Day celebrations and enjoy a fun filled day.

We look forward to sharing time with our comrades and renewing friendships.

We have planted flowers in the large pots in front of the building. How about adopting a pot and care for it over the summer months?

Entertainment and special events can now be resumed and yes, dancing will be allowed.

Legionnaires are family so let’s get together and enjoy some family get togethers.

Have a great summer. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class action lawsuit – Insurance coverage for business interruption – no progress
- b) 75th Anniversary - ongoing. The date has been changed to Friday October 22, 2021

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Convention Call out – command will send out billing to each delegate, once you’ve paid bring receipt to the Branch for refund.
- b) Canada Day Celebration – volunteers are in place; Executive should be volunteering.
- c) Meat Draw – all meat draws, and 50/50 monies must go into the Gaming Account as per AGLC ruling. Sport leagues will not be able keep any of the money.
- d) Food prices – Comrade Wills brought up that food prices have gone up; we need to increase our food and drinks. Comrade Wills and Comrade Werner will be in charge of making all decisions on the increases

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Motion: Comrade C Wills motion that Bill O’Brien continue to be in charge of Thursday Night Jams

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

Yes – 15 Opposed – 1 Carried

We the Executives would like to thank all staff for their volunteer time they have put in during this pandemic.

50/50 Rainbow and Loonie will now be combined at a cost of \$1.00 per name and the winner will get half the pot. There will still be a draw every evening.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

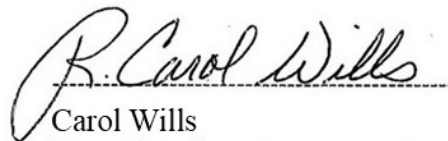
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next meeting: 20 July 2021 at 7 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175