

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 6, 2021

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Comrade Rayfield (sick), Criss (vacation), Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Robert Hamilton	84 years	25/11/2020	
Stan Myers	95 years	27/12/2020	Navy
Shirley Haight	85 years	17/02/2021	
Helga Claggett	82 years	05/03/2021	
Dal Raymond Newman	71 years	26/03/2021	
Joseph Kiryluk	100 years	16/05/2021	Army
Bernie Joly	82 years	09/05/2021	
Robert (Bob) Hunter	86 years	20/04/2021	RCAF

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Christensen
Seconded by Comrade Lalonde

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:

June Colangelo
Anthony Colangelo
Adam Johnston

PRESENTATIONS:

ALEX EWAN – BRANCH SERVICE MEDAL
RON WILLS – LIFE MEMBERSHIP
VICTORIA TORRIE – LIFE MEMBERSHIP
ROBERT (MAC) TORRIE - MSM

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2020:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Stewart

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 22 JUNE 2021:

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

CARRIED

MOTIONS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2021 (SEE ATTACHED)

Motion to adopt the Motions was made by Comrade Steele
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers as per the Executive minutes of 22 June 2021
I so move my report. With the following addendum: the committee was able to work with
Alberta Gaming and the City of Edmonton to reduce our tax fees from 43% to 21%, we
identified that the Maple Leaf and Wild Rose rooms that the 2 rooms were being charged as
operating at 100 % , so Gaming adjusted our license and our tax base changed immediately. It is
a 50% reduction in our tax cost per year, we are not done because we have tagged at 100% from

the time this Legion opened.

I also wanted to look at the Financial report, I would like to thank Ron Wills, he sits on the committee and he has found every possible Grant and submitted for them, all on his own time. I would also like to thank Paddy Earles working very hard to keeping us honest and produce documents that are legible to all of us. Then there is Gary Forner (our treasurer) who has not only been doing the Treasure' work, but also filing the paperwork that has resulted in payment out to a lot of these Federal Grants that offset our building costs. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

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

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss No report

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

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
428	355	228	27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: New Applications 5 Transfers 4 Reinstatement 1

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
COLANGELO, June COLANGELO, Anthony		JOHNSTON, Adam WAGAR. Karen Ann

MASTRANGELO, Patrick
POLLOCK, Rick

TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Deegan, Colin 02-178 Norwood		
Wilson, Alexander (Willy) 02-178 Norwood		
Howie, Dennis William 02-132 Onoway		

Krushniruk, Russell
02-178 Norwood

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

HAGAN, Ernie

For a total of 10

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

Seconded by Comrade Simons

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade R. Wills as per the Executive minutes of 22 June 2021 I so move my report with the following addendum: as of today we have had 1100 hits, it was updated today. I have added winners of the draws as well as Canada Day. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

Comrade Basham announced that Alberta Command is putting out a newsletter as well. If you would like to send your email address to receive a copy, send to ABNWTlegion.com and ask them to send you the newsletter.

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson

Welcome Back! The Pool tables, Shuffleboards and Dart Boards are now open for your enjoyment. If you are interested Canasta is being played on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. On Wednesday we have the Meat Draw and 50/50 with tickets for the Meat Draw going on sale at 5:30 and the draws starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket and good for all 12 draws. Right after the Meat Draw is the 50/50 draw. Tickets are 10 tickets for \$5.00. At 7:00 p.m. Drop in Euchre is starting on July 7, 2021. If you enjoy playing come join us.

The Command 2021-2022 Sports will be starting again in September. There is going to be a District 2 Rally in Westlock at the beginning of September. The date to be confirmed. There are a few changes that have been made to the sports. There will no longer be an entry fee for Area or District events. Command fees are no change \$45.00. If you want to eat you will buy your own meal. More details on all of this to follow the District Rally, tentative date is September 12th.

Branch sports leagues will be starting up again in September and I hope to have a sports meeting in late August and go over some of the changes which have happened this year.

Any group who wish to play a sport event at the Branch call the Sports Officer via the Branch office. Have a safe summer. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Colangelo

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie No report

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau as per the Executive minutes I so move my report, with the following addendum

Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield No Report

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

2021 Poppy Campaign

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 E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

Comrade V. Torrie advised that the 100th Anniversary poppies are available at the front office and she sells them at her kiosk at the Sunday market for \$10.00

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade R. Wills as per the Executive minutes I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Section 12.2 (c) we now only have one Area B rally so if a member is unable to attend the spring rally, then they are not eligible to be a delegate at Convention.

The Motion has been presented and will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting on 22 June 2021.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss No report

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Earles as per the Executive meeting, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Colangelo

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski No report

MANAGER’S REPORT: No report

LA REPORT: Comrade K. Earles

So glad the Legion can open again! We started our Meat Raffles on 19th of June. We are so looking forward to seeing all the friendly faces and fun conversations.

Congratulations to the Legion on the huge success of the Canada Day celebrations it's wonderful to see smiling faces, dancing, singing, and a live band.

The LA will begin regular meetings in August rather than September this year.

If any members have any crafts they can make and donate we plan on holding our Christmas craft sale this year along with our raffle and bae sale. Currently Vickie Torrie sells any craft items she can for us at the Sunday Farmers Market, so donations are required there too.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Steele

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET Comrade V. Torrie

The Lest We Forget Concert Committee met only a few times via zoom during the pandemic. Everything is on hold until the August meeting, when we'll be deciding whether we can hold a concert this year.

Bank balance of \$4559.17, an update will be reported on after the August Meeting.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA: Comrade P. Earles No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Comrade Fecteau

I am extremely please that Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. It enabled us to have a fantastic Canada Day celebration. It was a tremendous success thanks to Ron and Carol Wills, Norma Yerex and all volunteers that spent many long hours working to ensure that everyone was taken care of.

The pandemic had a severe impact on our Branch. The bills kept coming but the cash was not. Fortunately, Ron Wills, Gary Forner and Steve Criss managed to acquire enough grants to keep the Branch viable. Thanks to these hard-working Comrades, we managed to survive. We are now in full operation. Sport Leagues are getting all geared up to commence operations and the canteen sees more customers every day.

I extend a warm welcome back to all Comrades and wish you a great summer. Stay healthy.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption – On going
- b) 75th Anniversary – October 22nd Dinner and Dance

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

- a) Kitchen report – Comrade R. Wills we are in the process of revising the menu. If there is something you would like to see offered as a Special, let me know and we will get it on the menu. Due to cost increase of food and alcohol, we are reviewing our prices and unfortunately, we are going to have to put prices up to cover these increases. There will be more information on that at our next General meeting in September, we should have all the new rates set and you will be used to the increases.
- b) Comrade V. Torrie -
The Miller Crossing Farmer’s Market has had a Kingsway Legion Kiosk to sell Legion and Ladies Auxiliary merchandise as well as merchandise to raise money for the principal of our mortgage here and for the Poppy Fund. It is every Sunday between 11 am – 3 pm. The Canteen is also open. We are looking for volunteers to help. We really need help.
- c) Comrade C. Wills – I would like to say a special Thank you to Norma Yerex for all her help with the baking on Canada Day. I had 250 cupcakes and 2 double layered cakes to make and without Norma’s help I would not have gotten it done on time. So, Norma
THANK YOU
- d) Comrade N. Yerex – I would like to Thank ALL the volunteers that worked on Canada Day, they worked hard, and I appreciate them all.

50 / 50 DRAW:

Winning Ticket #832352 Amount: \$85.00

Winner: Kim Earles

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Ferguson

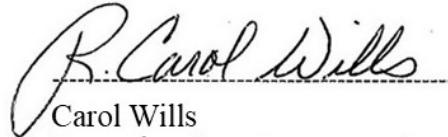
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next meeting: 28th September 2021



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175

MOTIONS FOR JANUARY UNTIL MAY 2021

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED JANUARY – MAY 2021:

January:

Motions:

That we approve 175-20-009 for \$350.00 of Poppy Funds to cover the Storage Fees for 2021.
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau CARRIED

That we approve 175-20-11 \$184.80 of Poppy Funds to cover the Veterans Christmas Meal
Seconded by Comrade Torrie CARRIED

That we approve 175-20-012 \$300.00 of Poppy Funds for Food Vouchers.
Seconded by Comrade Deugau CARRIED

That we approve 175-20-013 \$77.70 of Poppy Funds for Acrobat Pro 2020 for Windows.
Seconded by Comrade Earles CARRIED

That we approve 175-20-014 \$12.00 of Poppy Funds for late Fees Pitney Bowes Leasing.
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers CARRIED

That we approve 175-20-015 \$128.46 of Poppy Funds for misc. Office Expenses.
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson CARRIED

February:

Motion: "I move, as finance committee chair, that Kingsway Legion defer the creation of a budget until such time as the finance committee feels that a written budget will be useful in the changing financial environment, or until a budget is required for fiduciary or regulatory purposes." Seconded by Comrade R. Torrie CARRIED

Motions:

That we approve 175-20-016 for \$75.00 of Poppy Funds to cover Emergency Funds for a client.

That we approve 175-20-017 \$320.00 of Poppy Funds to \$300.00 Food Vouchers & \$20 bus tickets

That we approve 175-20-018 \$157.49 of Poppy Funds misc. Office Expenses.

That we approve 175-20-019 \$61.04 of Poppy Funds misc. Office Expenses (Pitney Bowes).
CARRIED

Motions:

That the Branch put forward Comrade Ron Wills' name for Life Membership.
Seconded by Comrade Earles CARRIED

That the Branch put forward Comrade Vicki Torrie's name for Life Membership.
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson CARRIED

That the Branch put forward Comrade Robert Torrie's name for the Meritorious Service Medal
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers CARRIED

March

Motion:

That we approve 175-20-020 for \$300.00 of Poppy Funds for Food Vouchers
Seconded by Comrade Forner CARRIED

*This is an abbreviation of the Resolutions, the full Resolutions were sent to Dominion

a) Resolutions for Dominion Convention the following was made by Comrade Rayfield

Motion: I motion that we forward two resolutions for the next Dominion Convention.

PAST OFFICER BAR - MAINTENANCE

Seconded by Comrade Forner CARRIED

PAST OFFICER BAR - ENTERTAINMENT

Seconded by Comrade Forner CARRIED

Both of these positions play a vital role in the financially successful operation of Branches,
which can prove to be very time demanding for the execution of duties for those Executive
Positions.

April

Motions

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

2 To authorize payment of \$4305 to Ellis Group LLP, Chartered Accountants for the preparation
of the 2020 financial review.

Motion

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. TABLED

Pending approval from Dominion Command

Motion

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. CARRIED

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June

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". DEFEATED

Motion: – Comrade Rayfield made the following motion:

I hereby move that the shuffleboard be returned to its original position once we are allowed to re-open to full capacity when live music & dancing is once again permitted.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski (accepted 8 to 7) CARRIED