

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2020

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades R. Wills, Kuervers, Forner, C. Wills, Deugau, Earles, R. Torrie, Kerel, O'Brien, Wiebe, Huziek, Criss, Fecteau, Werner Ferguson

Excused: Comrades Criss, Wiebe

Absent: Comrade Kerel

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
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MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 18 AUGUST 2020 :

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Earles
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers No Report

FINANCE: Comrade Forner - No report

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Wills reported on behalf of Comrade Criss the following: New Horizon Grant for Seniors is now open for applications. Will be submitting quotes for the following. Outside beams repair and recoat, more upgrades for the legion, black curtain for the banquet rooms.

All other grants are still on hold but still going to be applying for them hoping that they will just hang on to them till time they are released.

Bingos are going as well, with what has been going on with COVID. We are always looking for volunteers. For those that wish to volunteer please contact myself Steve Criss at 780 278 1263 or by email at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

Eleanor MacIntosh won Chase the Ace on Saturday Sept 12th for \$1881.00. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C.Wills reported that we have 1224 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
481	375	321	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 2 New Applications 7 Transfers and 1 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
LOTHMAN, John E		
BESSETTE, Deborah		

TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
MANN , Robert J Br 015 Cochrane AB	COTTON , Karen G Br 79 Lacombe AB	
BLACK , Stuart D Br 75 Barrhead AB	COTTON , Violet M. Br 79 Lacombe AB	
LEBLANC ,,Harry Br 26 Banff AB		
GEHRING , Sharon Br 70 Big Valley AB		
BRATTON , Ronald Br015 Cochrane AB		

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

CHRISTENSEN, Gwen K

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of: 10

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported the website has been updated on Sunday Sept 13th. We have had 1643 hits for the past 30 days. Still need to add music, meals.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson reported team sports are starting up for the season. City League Darts, Blind Shuffleboard and Tuesday night Darts have decided not to play this year. That leaves Monday night Darts & Monday night crib, Tuesday afternoon darts, Wednesday night Euchre, Thursday afternoon over 60 darts, Thursday night shuffleboard, Thursday night Pool league and Friday night Shuffleboard. Monday Darts and Crib will start on Sept 21 and Thursday night shuffleboard and pool will start on Sept 24th, Friday night shuffleboard on Sept 25th.

I have attended the meetings and gone over the rules for COVID 19 and City of Edmonton by-laws, with the exception of Monday Darts and Thursday shuffleboard which will occur on Sept 21 and 24th.

The meat draw schedule has been done and everyone who is involved has been made aware of when it is their turn to do the meat draw. A reminder if you are unable to do your turn, it is up to you to get a replacement.

At the moment there is no Area, District or Command sports being scheduled, we are waiting to find when or if there will be any this year. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie & Comrade C Wills removed and cleaned up the flower pots. Nothing needed in the building.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Deagau

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau reported, I still have to complete the front display, I got delayed because of COVID 19. We are still waiting on another display to replace the front display to be there till the end of the year. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Huziek reported:

Sept 11 and 12 RJ Radio Show sold 135 tickets. Event was a success. Gross Revenue for the event ON Sept 11 was \$2104 and on Sept 12 was \$1896.

Our Hypnosis event was cancelled because we could not deliver all the elements of the show without compromising the integrity of the Entertainer and the Kingsway Legion because of the COVID restrictions.

I also would like to recommend a “Thanksgiving Dinner” for our volunteers and guest (\$10.00) for the time they have donated to take place on Nov 1 from 1700 to 1900.

Oct 16 and 17 is our next DJ show by Joe Luce. It will be a “Requested Song” night.

Oct 20 Paint Night by artist Jamie Pruden is in the planning stages. Ticket prices will be \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$25 for walk in prices.

Our regular entertainment bands for the Canteen will begin playing on Sept 18-19 Weekend. All singers in the band have been instructed to not share microphones and to have a spit screen behind the mic to prevent the particles from going into the crowd. There will be no dancing at this time. I will be working with some dance studios to see how they work the “Bubble Couple” concept to see if we could implement it at the Kingsway Legion. The bands will be playing Friday & Saturday in the Maple Room unless there is an event booked, then they will play in the Canteen.

We should have a plan by Sept 25 on the dancing. Door coverage will be \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

Oct 31, we plan to have a Halloween Party. Plans are being made as we speak. I am looking for a judge or judges for the Halloween Costumes.

Thursday night Jams will begin Oct 1, 2020, however, there is no dancing and all singers must sterilize the microphone after each use. There will be two screens provided to be placed in front of the singers.

The RJ Radio Show was a very big hit with our Sept 11-12 crowd and would like to book him again for our Nov 11 event. Suggest a minimum charge of \$15 per person. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade O'Brien We received the punch for the lids and stickers are being placed on the boxes. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills reported currently we are sitting at \$949,700.00 in the Poppy fund. We have supported 136 clients so far this year.

- 1) Food voucher - \$10,920
- 2) Medical - \$200
- 3) Misc/Travel - \$3,321
- 4) Rent - \$27,394.82
- 5) Legion/Cadet Donations - \$14,852.50
- 6) Bursaries – \$9000.00

Command rejected our expenditure for our ad mail, which accounts for 25% the income of the poppy fund. I have formally requested that I appeal this and to forward to Command Council for review. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson/Kuervers No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau reported there are a vast number of presentations to be made at the General Meeting. Comrade Fecteau has arranged for a photographer Elizabeth (Regan's partner) to take pictures at the next General Meetings. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C.Wills read two letters from the City of Edmonton regarding Development Permit Notice for our two signs for Alberta Sign Rentals on Miller Boulevard. I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Wills for Comrade Criss
504 Air cadet Squadron: Contacted Capt. Mark Lust, Commanding Officer, 504 Squadron RCAC. He advised me that the Air Cadet program will start October 7, 2020 with serious COVID 19 restrictions. Absolutely no visitors will be allowed, including parents. Only Cadets and staff will be allowed inside the hanger. The Corps will be split into two groups and will parade one week and train online the following week. The two groups will alternate weekly. There will be no monthly Commanding Officer Parades, and the Chinthe Parade has also been cancelled. They are tentatively planning something for Christmas. They will be holding a virtual award ceremony for last years cadets on October 3 and have asked that we make our presentations at that time. I will be confirming this with the Branch President.
Respectfully submitted

David Baxter

I so move the report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles has assisted with two initial disability claims and completed two requests for information. I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

Motion: Section 401 – Support to Veteran and Family \$300.00 in grocery cards for client 175-19-046

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Motion: Section 401 – Support to Veteran and Family \$100.00 in grocery cards for client 15-19-048

Motion: Section 401 – support to Veteran and Family \$490.00 for a walker 175-19-049
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Kerel No report

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner reported, we received a bill from Toshiba for July and August it was \$420.00, I confirmed this amount. July and August we went thru 1500 photocopies and 3700 colored copies. Normally we spend \$100 a month and this is \$441.00.

I have asked Mac Torrie to check on getting a lift to change all the lights in the Maple Room.

Comrade Torrie moved the Manager's report.
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Huziek reported
REVENUE GENERATION

Pattison Signs would like to temporarily defer payments for the next 3 months. Comrade Wills will contact Patterson directly to discuss their contract.

We are seeing an increase of Banquet Room bookings for AGM's and Training Sessions.

Based on our experience, thus far, the Public is demonstrating the imminent need for Social events, that include a form of gaming, such as the "Mystery Sound" this past weekend. It would be to our advantage to pursue this need further. I am open to suggestions.

If AHS reduce our Entertainment bands Play Time to two hours, we may need to review the feasibility to employ the bands at our current prices. I have two bands that are showing concerns about playing in a "Closed Building". I have not been able to secure a commitment from them. This will require us to work out another solution.

Long term raffles such as the Mazatland and Chase the Ace, are not good sellers at the present time. Raffles of immediate reward such as the 50/50 and the Nevada's are proving to be superior sellers to any other product line.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

If we are successful with the “Bubble Couple” dancing, it will mean that we will need to portion off the dance floor into specified areas. I am looking for suggestions on material to use to mark the Dance Floor. We cannot look at this until AHS allows dancing.

Our Volunteer Co-ordinators are having difficulty organizing volunteers for the various events. Many people are not answering the phones, returning calls or refuse to do an event for various array of reasons. I will be initiating a call to everyone of our members that have not volunteered with the intent of soliciting a volunteer shift for an event. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O’Brien

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption – no change
- 2) Letter to AGLC for Letter of Authority – no change

NEW BUSINESS:

Remembrance Day – This year’s Remembrance Day Ceremonies will prove to be challenging. We know for sure that the military and cadets will not be attending. There will be very few if any dignitaries. Due to Covid19, there will be no formal parade and the Honor Party, if any, will be minimal.

It is being recommend that we place the wreath the Cenotaph prior to the ceremony. The dignitaries would come forward, pay their respects and then return to their seat. No one is touching the wreaths.

At 50% of our capacity, we can only have 200 people, (100 in each room). We will be working on a plan to control the number of guest entering the building.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Sign-in Book: The sign-in book will be relocated back to the front door and the front-end staff will monitor to ensure all members & guest will sign in.

Winter Hours: Effective 21 Sep we will be reverting hours back to regular winter hours

Monday 5 – 9 pm

Tuesday – Wednesday 11 am – 9 pm

Thursday, Friday – Saturday 11 am -11 pm

In accordance with AHS guidelines for Restaurants, Café, Pubs and Bars “Patrons should not be permitted to lineup to purchase beverages. With the plastic shields in place for all our tills in the canteen, I recommend that we suspend table service and have patrons pick up their orders at the till. Patrons will have to wear their masks when ordering.

Effective Monday September 21st each Sport League will be responsible for cleaning their area after use. In addition, the league is responsible for policing their members to ensure the protocol rules are followed. This includes wearing of masks and procedures for ordering beverages at the bar.

Open Bar/Kitchen on Sundays: During farmer market – Flo and Ron will discuss this further

Comrade Torrie has changed the clock for the parking lot lights so no one is leaving the dark.

Motion: Comrade Fecteau motioned that we pay membership and recognize the 14 volunteers at the General Meeting September 29th.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

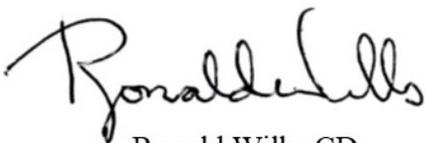
CARRIED

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Torrie

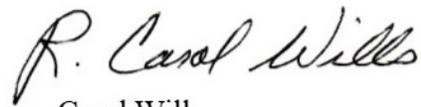
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next meeting: 19th Oct 2020 6:30 pm



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175