

**1ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m. Comrade MacIntosh chaired the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades Ferguson, Etmanski, R. Wills, Forner, C.Wills, Deugau, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Criss, MacIntosh

**Excused:** Comrade Fecteau, Wiebe, P. Earles, K.Earles, G.Biddiscombe, Werner

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>
“Rocky” Roch Detonnancour	95 years	02/Sept/2022	
Norman Hrywkiw	84 years	01/Sept/2022	Army

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade W. Hyshka  
Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 23/AUG/ 2022**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Deaugau  
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Comrade R Wills

The next meeting is 24 September 2022 at 10:00 am

**Taxes** – All our City Taxes have been paid until 2023

**Servus Credit Union** – The bank has received confirmation that the caveat has been lifted. They are working on the Letter of Tolerance. In addition, they would like a copy of our 2023 Budget.

### **Fundraising Events**

AUPE – Presented us with a \$2000 cheque on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the Go-Fund-Me.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER:** Comrade Forner – As per the printed reports

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Comrade Criss

We have Vegas raffle going is for tickets sales is going decent for our first draw. I am working on other avenues of advertising for the raffles to help pick up sales. The next draw will be the same but online. One great reason of online is we can reach allot more of Edmonton's population.

Next Musical Bingo is September 24 with a 50's and 60's theme our next one after that will be a 90's theme followed by 80's version 3. As far as our regular bingos our next one September 23, October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 20, November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 29, December 7<sup>th</sup>, December 22.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1249 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
470	439	313	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** 6 New Applications      8 Transfers      2 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Kravontka,Christine	Thomas, Ann	Johnson, Verner J.G
Walsh, John D.	Moldowan, Trinda C.	
	Wesley, Alan A	
Haberer, William Stony Plain Branch 256	White, Neil G. National Branch 13	Reichert, Daniel Command Branch 013
Slaght, James D. Fort McMurray Branch 165	Parker, Steven J. Morinville Branch 176	Zoe, Frederic Ft. Sask Branch 027
Wiens, Michael D. Flin Flon MB Branch 73		Denison, Donald Norwood Branch 178
		Rudkowski, Victor
		Silver, Heather

For a total of: 16

I so move my report  
 Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**New Members Who Signed a Declaration:**

**SEPTEMBER**

Mike Kryzanowski  
 Johann Bendekovics

Lucien Paradis  
 Joan Bendekovics

Kristopher Smith

Steven Parker

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills

Website was last updated today. There have been 3,909 visitors in the past 30 days.

I am currently working on the Oct 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Wednesday 28 September.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Ferguson

Sports have started up for the fall season. The Branch is pretty busy all week now with Sports. On September 10, 2022 Area Euchre was to be played but because of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the tournament was cancelled and all players advanced to District. We have five teams entered. Good luck teams at Districts on November 13, 2022 being held at Norwood Branch.

On September 17, 2022 the Crib Legion was cancelled due to the passing of the Queen and our team advanced to District which will be played on November 19, 2022 at Ft. Saskatchewan.

We have one team entered in the Darts Legion which is being played this Saturday September 24, 2022 at Strathcona. Have fun team.

We have three teams entered in Shuffleboard – two in Seniors and one in Mixed. The Area playoff will be held on October 01, 2022 at Norwood.

We also have six teams entered in the 8 Ball Pool Doubles being played on October 2, 2022 at Strathcona. Enjoy yourselves everyone.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Comrade W. Hyshka

- I have been doing grounds upkeep i.e mowing, weeding, etc.
- Dead trees were removed from the rear with the assistance of Rick
- The roof beam repairs are almost completed
- Cleaning out the maintenance room – removal of broken items
- As per the authorization of the General Body – donated 8 tall bar tables to the Slave Lake Legion. They are very grateful and send their thanks to us
- We received a large quantity of perennials from my wife's uncle (who is an Air Force veteran). His wife of almost 60 years passed away this spring and he could not keep up with the upkeep of her very large flower garden. We will be planting these flowers this upcoming weekend.
- Assisted wherever else required

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau – No report

**SICK AND VISITING:** Comrade Wiebe – No report

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS:** Comrade J. Hyshka

Friday and Saturday dances are going well. Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

September 16/17 – Trick Rider  
September 23/24 – Steppin Out  
September 30/October 1 – Country Gold  
October 7/8 – Dean Henry  
October 14/15 – Steppin Out  
October 21/22 – Steppin Out  
October 28/29 – Norman and the Country Jammers  
November 4/5 – Trick Rider  
November 11/12 – Steppin Out  
November 18/19 – Country Gold  
November 25/26 – Norman and the Country Jammers  
December 2/3 – Sparkling Tones  
December 9/10 – Norman and the Country Jammers  
December 16/17 –Country Gold  
December 23 – NO DANCE  
December 24 – NO DANCE  
December 30 – NO DANCE

Friday night Executive meat draws are doing very well.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Oktoberfest Dinner - Saturday, October 1, 2022  
DJ Music provided by Joe Luce  
Tickets are \$30.00  
Tickets on sale until September 24, 2022

Bonnie Kilroe Diva Tribute show - Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Dinner & Show - \$55.00  
Show Only - \$35.00  
Show only tickets at the door - \$40.00

Dragging Up the Past... A Trip Through the Decades Show – Saturday, November 12, 2022  
More information to follow

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2022  
Ruby and The Hitmen  
Advance sales prior to December 17

\$65.00 for members

\$70.00 for non-members

Sales: December 18 to 27

\$70.00 for members

\$80.00 for non-members

No tickets will be available after December 27

I have been contacted by a Ukranian Band they would like to perform for free as a fundraiser for the Ukranian.

I also received a call from a Swing Band who would like to perform on Remembrance Day for free.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Comrade Biddiscombe

Now that summer is over, we turn our focus to November 11 and the 2022 Poppy Campaign. **Our Veterans Need Your Help.** We are looking for members to work as Drivers, Mall Sitters, Route Managers etc. There are over 300 positions that need to be filled and we can only do it with your support. Please help us by signing up early so we can confirm all positions are filled. Sign up sheets are located in the hall just outside the boardroom or contact the Poppy Office at 780-456-6518.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Monday 03 Oct.** - 10:00 AM: Prepare kits for school.

**Wednesday 12 Oct.** – 09:00 to 11:00 AM Deliver kits to Catholic School Board depot. 10734-120 Street. Driver (**School kits to be distributed by the school board**)

**Thursday 13 Oct.** – 09:00 to 11:00 AM Deliver kits to Edmonton Public school depot. 18004-116 Ave. Driver (**School kits to be distributed by the school board**)

**Monday 24 Oct.** – 09:00 AM: Prepare kits for Business Sector

**Friday 28 Oct.** – 09:00 AM Deliver kits to Business Sector, Driver and Helper.

**Friday 28 Oct. to Saturday 19 Nov.** – Kingsway Poppy and Wreath office opens in the Boardroom for 3 weeks. Phone number: **(780) 456-6518**

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

**Tuesday 1 Nov.** -We start manning **Commerce Place, Weekdays only.** 2 shifts for 8 days. Transportation will be provided between Legion and Commerce Place.

- Driver and vehicle needed for 3 runs per day for 7 days

**Monday 31 Oct.** – Top up Runs to empty buckets and refill poppy boxes. This will occur Monday & Thursday (Oct 31, Nov 3, 7 and 10). Drivers and Helpers required for routes 1&2.

**Friday 4 Nov.** – **Ladies Auxiliary** will require 3 drivers with car to deliver the ladies to 3 locations. Canada Place, Royal Alex. & Glenrose Hospitals.

**Saturday 5 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

**Monday 14 Nov.** – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from Business. Driver and Helper.

**Wednesday 16 Nov.** – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from Schools. Driver and

Helper.

**Nov. 4-10** Money count. **(To be confirmed)**

**Nov.18** Final Money count **(To be confirmed)**

**For more information contact Geoff Biddiscombe 780-819-1247 or the Boardroom Poppy Office (780) 456-6518**

Comrade R. Wills read the report  
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT:** Comrade Wills

The next meeting is Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>

**YTD 2021**

Veterans or their Dependants: 45 Clients for	\$211,504.57
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Legion/Cadet Donation	\$150,861.00
Bursaries:/13 students	\$13,000.00
Poster & Literacy Prizes	\$25.00
Medical	\$4,593.74
Food Vouchers	\$6,120.25
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Misc-Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$1,391.21
Client Rent, Moving, Furniture	\$19,842.00
Client Utilities	\$4,971.37

**Current Balance: \$1,254,874.48**

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade P.Earles

I so move my report.

I have assisted with four initial disability claims, completed two requests for information and had one referral to the Command SO.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson

I will be presenting the Notice of Motion at the September meeting and then again at the October meeting for voting purposes.

Once we have passed the updated By-Laws we will be sending them to Command for approval so we have them in effect for the November meeting and elections.

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:** Presented by Comrade Criss – no report

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Presented by Comrade Etmanski  
The Honour Guard dates are:

We have attended 5 funerals as well as the Queen's funeral on September 19, 2022  
I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Forner

**CARRIED**

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Comrade Werner – no report

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Kingsway Legion has been very busy since we last met. Currently we have 1209 members in good standing and a full complement of executive members.

We had eight members attend the Command Convention in Red Deer in May.

We have been holding monthly Music bingo, which has proven to be a great success with over 100 players in attendance.

In addition, we are hosting a monthly special event including shows like Elvis, Alan Jackson, and Bonny Kilroy drawing in 150 plus guests.

Our Thursday Jams, Friday, Saturday dances continued to bring in 60-100 people over the summer.

The Branch Sports Leagues are starting up over the next two weeks.

Functions held at the Legion are increasing and we are almost back to pre-COVID levels.

Over the summer, we held a Go-Fund-Me to assist us in paying off our back taxes and with the help of The Bear 100.3 FM we were able to raise over \$209,000

Volunteers are an important part of the operation of the Branch saving us over 650 man hours in wages since April. Thank to all our volunteers!!

Kingsway Legion held a Remembrance Ceremony in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Monday September 19. Over 75 people attended enjoying refreshment and sandwiches after the event.

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**



**LADIES AUXILIARY** Comrade K. Earles

On September 11, 2022 our Ladies Auxiliary was represented at the District #2 Rally. With the ladies not meeting separately it was nice to be given the chance to say a few words.

On September 19, 2022, some of our ladies attended the ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II. Kingsway did a fine job with the ceremony and luncheon afterwards.

It is good to get back into our regular routines of meetings and activities. We are looking at changing our meeting start times to noon on the same current schedule of days. We will inform you of any change.

A reminder to female Legion members and their friends, registration fees for Ladies Auxiliary are waived currently so come check us out! Registration forms are available at the front desk.

I so move my report – read by Comrade C. Wills.  
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Remembrance Day – planning should start we need a committee  
Next week the invitations will be going out to Dignitaries and members  
Butterdome is no longer holding the event. The Legions are taking back Remembrance Day ceremonies.  
Volunteers for the day will be organised by Rick Etmanski and Mac Torrie

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175**

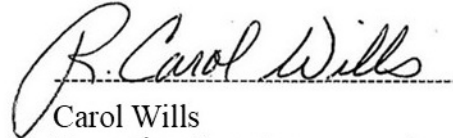
**Motion:** To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175