

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 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, Deugau, R. Torrie, O'Brien, Wiebe, Criss, Fecteau, Ferguson

Excused: Comrade C. Wills, P. Earles, Kerel, F. Werner

Absent:

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 Deugau
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 29 SEPT 2020:

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported the following: New Horizons Grant has been submitted, focusing on the outside beams then network upgrades such as new POS System, and upgrading network wiring. Still will be applying for other grants as they come up, as of now everything else is still on hold. Enrolled in the NHSP course to see if we can up our grants to make sure we are getting the full value of the grant. As the course stated what we have been doing is great and keep it up.

The last of the new tables will be in place before October 23rd, closing off part of 2019 grant.

Bingos are going as well as to be expected for what has been going on with COVID. Still looking for volunteers for bingos. For those that wish to volunteer please contact myself Steve Criss at 780 278 1263 or by email at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade R. Wills reported that we have 1235 members in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
486	397	326	26

I so move my report

Second by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: New Applications 10 Transfers 0 Reinstatement 0

Ordinary

BRUNO, Christina
LEWIS, Frederik D.
MARTIN, Michael J.

Associate

SHARKEY, Alex M
McEACHERN, Donald

Affiliate

JOHNSTON, Adam M.
HINKO, Anne C.
WONITOY, Robert F.
PAUL, Gary C.
GRAINGER, Margaret

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of: 10

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

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

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported

- 1) Website our hits are back up to normal, just slightly below 800. Last updated today 20/Oct/2020, I put on the Halloween Party
- 2) Patterson's - I filled out application for it, to get our advertising on the billboard. If I recall I was told 2 weeks for the sales rep to come in and talk to me about what we would like up on billboard.
- 3) Alberta Sign Rentals – I am wondering if it is worth having the signs, it is costing us \$300 a month per sign, plus the skins when we have events. I do not believe we need a sign showing we are the Legion. We have no large events upcoming, so I am thinking we should scrap Alberta Sign Rentals.

I so move my report

Second by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson reported

Sports Leagues for 2020 are up and running with few problems. Meat draws are going well now. Had a couple of hiccups when we first started but these are now smoothed out.

Here is the e-mail I received from Warren Bittorf, Secretary Treasurer for the Mixed Scotch Doubles Social Pool League.

Because I did not know this had been changed from the motion made on April 29, 2016 when the pool community requested a third pool table in memory of Tom Rimmer and Dennis Faraschuk I said no. It appears that the pool players approached Comrade Forner before I took the Sports over and told him they took a vote and decided to call the table they donated to the Branch the Memorial table and Comrade Forner told them he did not care and go ahead. I have checked through the motions since April 29, 2016 and I have not found any motion allowing this to take place. The pool players believe that this is their table and they can do as they wish.

It is my understanding that when someone donates something to the Branch it then becomes the Branch property to do as the Branch wishes. Am I mistaken in my understanding of what donating means?

Since Comrade Forner okayed this I don't think we have any alternative but to allow the pool players to add this name to the table. It will be no cost to the Branch.

The scoreboards on a few of the Dart boards have lost their tape. I do not know what has caused this since Comrade Forner had replaced the tape on all the scoreboards while we were closed. I have found a little bit of the tape used but the question becomes what has made the tape come off. Are the players spraying the scoreboards directly with the cleaning solution. I cannot say.

I so move my report

Second by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie reported we are winterizing.

I so move my report

Second by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau No Report

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe reported that I met with a member who not long ago developed Alzheimer's and now has developed cancer as well. I have made some plans with him and his daughter.

I so move my report

Second by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Criss With the weekend dances still a no go. In September we had RJ Radio show that turned out to be a success. After talking to a few members on their thoughts of Septembers show, the census was something was missing still and that was interaction. So, for Octobers dinner we tried a Family Feud game across the two nights. Overall reaction between the two nights was decent and welcoming change for some. So, going forward till dances start back up again going to start having more monthly events alternating from an evening of requests and music, to fun pack ideas throughout the evening.

At the end of the month we have a Halloween bash. Prizes will go out for the best costume along with various other door prizes. We will be doing another game show that evening, as we set up for a round of musical bingo. This or an generation theme night thinking of the 40's to the 80's will be planed over the next few months.

The plan is to keep up the monthly specials and if enough interest is generated possibly a biweekly special depending on the interest of the members.

If anyone has any ideas for a monthly special please contact Steve Criss at

steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca or on my cell at 780 278 1263

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade O'Brien we have quite a few slots to fill for the poppy campaign. The deliveries to the business sector, if you support where your name is at, leave your phone number so that we know you agree. Northgate Mall is open to us, Commerce Place,

Canada Place, Royal Alex or Glenrose Hospitals are closed, for Poppies. When we make our deliveries be prepared for the stores to say “not this year”.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills the current balance is \$981,245.46

Client support – 171

- 1) Food vouchers - \$11,220.00
- 2) Medical - \$200.00
- 3) Misc/Travel \$3,511.00
- 4) Rent - \$27,394.82
- 5) Legion/Cadet Donations - \$79,852.50
- 6) Bursaries - \$11,000

Pinning of the Mayor with be on Nov 2, 1:00 pm at City Hall

Text donation: text: poppy4edm to 20222 and follow the prompts

Online donations starting 26 Oct: www.poppyboxabnwt.com

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson, At the last General Meeting we presented our Notice of Motion – Branch Elections and it will be voted on in the Oct GM.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: No report

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Earles, I have completed two Poppy Fund requests, assisted with two disability claims and completed three miscellaneous requests.

Motion: Section 401 - Support to Veteran and Family \$300.00 in grocery cards for client 175-20-001

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Motion: Section 401 – Support to Veteran and Family \$300.00 in grocery cards for client 175-20-002

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Torrie

Legislative Assembly Remembrance Service is to be held on Wednesday Nov 4th at 11 am. Ceremony for the MLA's that are sitting, minimum attendance with full colour party.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Wills

- 1) L.A have approved the purchase of screens for the Maple Room for up to \$850.00
- 2) L.A have approved the purchase io Fry Filter Machine for the kitchen deep fryer for \$3206.00
- 3) Permission for Command to hold Branch election – Comrade Kuervers will send email to Dominion.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Class Action Lawsuit** – Insurance coverage for Business Interruption – on going
- 2) **Letter to AGLC for Letter of Authority** – time to get in motion, ends December
- 3) **Kitchen open Sunday's during Farmers Market** – Stan has volunteered his time as a cook, with a bartender. We have been bringing in \$300 – 325.00 in the past 2 weeks. In addition to this I was approached by a vendor if we would promote the burgers, they are donating 100 patties, all we have to do is put up a sign saying locally organic produced by their name. In addition, the fish guy is also wanting to promote his fish and will be getting in touch with me.
- 4) **Remembrance Day** - A ceremony will take place at the Kingsway Legion Cenotaph on November 11 and will follow the standard format as laid out in the Ritual, Awards & Protocol Manual. In addition, we will be following AHS outdoor gatherings regulations, which means we are limited to 100 people in attendance.

Our format for this year will be as follows:

- **THE LEGION WILL NOT BE OPENING THE DOORS UNTIL AFTER THE CERMONIES.**
- **DUE TO COVID19, ONLY LEGION MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE BUILDING.**
- **Veterans' Parade** - There will be no Veteran's parade. All participants will make their own way to the cenotaph.
- **Canadian Armed Forces** - There will be no CAF in attendance this year.
- **Colour Party:** There will be no Colour Party. All Flags will be prepositioned.
- **Other:** All required music will be from a CD and played over the speaker
- **Wreath Bearers:** The majority of wreaths are to be preplaced at the memorial prior to the ceremony. Those wanting to place the wreath personally can do so after the ceremony concludes. Acknowledgement of preplaced wreaths will be placed on our website.
- **Spectators:** We are discouraging spectators from attending due to the limited space and the requirement to physically distance.

The modifications we as Legionnaires will experience in our planning and conduct of a Remembrance Day Ceremony are difficult but not insurmountable. Following the local area restrictions imposed due to the pandemic needs to be paramount in concern of the safety of all involved. However, with a reduction in people at the ceremony location, and an adjustment in the format will allow us to honour our Veterans and the sacrifices made regardless of the pandemic.

Sequence of Events

**THE LEGION DOORS WILL REMAIN LOCKED
UNTIL AFTER THE CERMONY.**

- 8:30 Setup
- 10:00 Preposition of Wreaths & Flags
- 10:57 Arrival of Dignitaries
- 10:58 Singing of National Anthem
- 11:00 Last Post
- 11:02 Two (2) Minute Silence
- 11:04 Lament
- 11:06 Rouse (Reveille)
- 11:08 Act of Remembrance
- 11:10 Prayer by Padre
- 11:12 Reading of "In Flanders Field"
- 11:14 Wreath Laying
- 11:35 Benediction / Blessing by Padre
- 11:37 Singing of Royal Anthem (God Save the Queen)
- 11:42 Dignitaries Depart
- 11:45 Legion Doors open to Members Only (200 people max)

**ONCE AGAIN, DUE TO COVID19, ONLY LEGION MEMBERS AND THEIR
GUESTS WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE BUILDING.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Halloween Party – Prizes will go out for the best costume along with various other door prizes. We will be doing another game show that evening, as we set up for a round of musical bingo.
- 2) New Years Eve Party – The band has been booked, again no dancing. We will plan for a party but will scale back if necessary.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

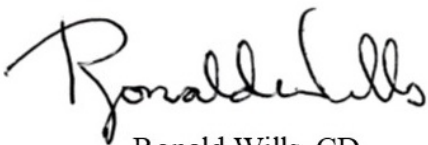
- a) **Date for Installment of New Executive Committee** – Saturday Dec 5th at 3:00 pm in the Canteen.
- b) **Meat Draw** – Comrade Ferguson asked that we increase the weekly money for meats purchased, so that we can get a higher quality of meats purchased. As we are coming into winter let us purchase more variety. Comrade Forner will work with Comrade Ferguson as to what will be purchased.
- c) **Colour Party Tasking** – Branch Colour Party first function will be at the Legislative, 4th Nov, 5th Nov, St. Michael's with restrictions, 10th Nov we will be at No Stone Left Alone, most of ceremonies is being done on line. Honour Guard from Strathcona Cadets, with the Kingsway Honour Guard and at the Kingsway Branch. Canterbury Court is doing the 9th & 10th Nov would like 2 members.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Torrie

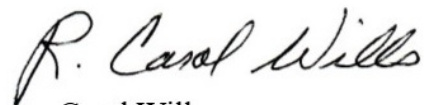
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: 17 Nov 2020 at 6:30 pm



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175