

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m. Comrade MacIntosh chaired the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, Etmanski, R. Wills, Forner, C.Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Criss, MacIntosh, Biddiscombe, Paddy Earles, Kim Earles, Flo Werner, Wiebe

Excused: Comrade Audrey Ferguson (sick), Kathi Deagau (work)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
William Cowan	74 years	August 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 Criss
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Criss
Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

SEPTEMBER

September 2022

Mike Kryzanowski	Lucien Paradis
Johann Bendekovics	Joan Bendekovics
Kristopher Smith	Steven Parker
Donald Denison	Rodney Laliberte

October 2022

Warren Green	Jason Morphy
Sharlene Martin	Eileen Blythe
George (Gary) Neupauer	David Medynski
Richard Jaman	Dale Barrow

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills

The website was last updated today. There have been 4,394 visitors in the past 30 days. I have added information on our Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

I am currently working on the Nov 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Friday 28 Oct. I am currently working on a digital display for our TV system. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

I have been doing grounds upkeep
Planted new perennials in the pots
Worked on the tear-drop, pruned rose bushes and removed old landscaping fabric – Thank you Rick for your assistance
The roof beam repairs are completed
Painted and relined dart chalk boards
Cleaning out the maintenance room, poppy room, and other areas
Assisted wherever else required

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau – The current display honoring Her Majesty will remain up until after November 11. The new display will be up after that. Comrade C Wills read the report
Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe **CARRIED**

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe – Interesting development a few weeks ago, I got a call from Norwood Legion, asking if I could still perform weddings, my response was yes. They had a full wedding party waiting, the minister had not shown up, so I quickly dressed 45 minutes later I was there and performed the wedding.

Two weeks ago I did a funeral service for a Comrade Webster who spent 32 years in service but was not a Legion member. Someone at Kingsway gave me some poppies for the service, so I thank you, they had a piper from the base but they did not want an honor guard.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

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

October	21/22	Steppin Out
October	28/29	Norman and the Country Jammers
November	4/5	Trick Rider
November	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

I have started bookings for 2023. I have reached out to some different acts and will be getting them into the calendar shortly.

Friday night Executive meat draws are doing very well. We will be commencing a new meat draw on the last Friday of every month. The first one will be held on Friday, October 28. The prize is \$100.00 worth of meat. Tickets are \$2.00 each and can only be purchased on the day of the draw. The winning ticket will be drawn following the regular meat draw on Friday.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

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

Dinner and Show - \$55.00

Show Only - \$35.00

Tickets on Eventbrite or at the Branch

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 so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Biddiscombe

The poppy campaign is rolling along, the school kits have been built and delivered to the depots, the business kits will be built on Monday the 24th and delivered on the 28th. Trese has completed the sign-up sheets for the hockey games and will be put out tomorrow. She has also spoken to the other Legions about getting 3 or 4 members from each Legion to go to these games. Thanks to Carol Wills as she provides us with a list of new members and their phone numbers and Trese is in the process of calling them to fill positions available. I have reorganized the sea can to support the count room and poppy room. We needed more room in poppy room now that the count room is going to be coming over to Kingsway. We are bringing all the count room supplies and safes to Kingsway as Norwood states they cannot do the counting. One recommendation that came up is to change the lock on the Poppy room door, to limit the number of people who have access to the room.

Volunteers, we still have quite a few openings for the 3 malls, we need drivers for Commerce Place, we still need drivers and helpers for school pick ups and drivers and helpers for business runs. The malls we definitely help for getting donations.

News I am waiting MFRC is they are going to support the campaign if not Kingsway will try and take over the route. Last year they had a temporary person help them they don't have that this year, so Barb is talking to her boss and seeing what they are going to do.

Anvets will not be supporting the campaign this year, Trese phoned Norwood and notified them about that, so what they are doing is Pat will be giving us a route sheet and Trese will pass this onto Mike at Norwood.

Job shadowing with Brent Fitch is going well not sure if he wants the position or not but he is getting exposed to what goes on and we will go from there.

Quick notes we helped CFE Edmonton with their poppy campaign supplies. They took roughly 15,000 poppies, buckets and honor boxes. Lastly we had quite a few thefts of buckets, so I went around to quite a few of the business' Northgate and showed them a bucket with a chain on it, as

they have in the past either tied the buckets or taped them, 8 out of 10 business liked my idea and would be happy to have something like this, so we will try it out this year, see how it goes.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

We had a meeting on Oct 12th, our next meeting will be Dec 12th, no meeting in Nov as we are to busy with Poppy campaign and Remembrance Day.

YTD 2021

Veterans or their Dependants: 55 Clients for	\$218,504.57
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Legion /Cadet Donation	\$150,861.00
Bursaries: / 20 students	\$20,000.00
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:	\$ 1,250,071.05

First poppy for the Mayor is happening on Friday October 28th 1 pm, City Hall rotunda, it will be open to the General public and I will push for the press to be there.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade P.Earles

I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance, assisted with one disability claim and had one referral to the Command SO.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau - Several recommendations have been given to me, in which I will review and present at the General Meeting.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills – no report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss – no report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Etmanski
Still waiting on the 1st Poppy for the Lieutenant Governor
Schools have called in for speakers at the Brookside School for Nov 10, 2022
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT: Comrade Werner

Our Building insurance has gone up \$10,000.00 it is now \$26,628.00
We will need snow removal this winter, the company doing it for the last few years had to shut down due to insurance costs. He could not afford to continue with rising gas prices and his insurance prices. I do have a call into a company he will give us a price in a week or two.
I need to have contracts for the shows that are running here I was not aware that the price had change for the diva show I was on the impression that she was getting \$25.00 per person and it turned out to be \$30.00 per person. I did not know she was selling tickets, and I had no place settings for those people that bought from Bonny.
The music bingo or the canteen needs to have a buffet our kitchen cannot handle doing deep fried items for both rooms at the same time we only have two deep fryers and we cannot keep up.
ANAF are they coming back or not.
What is the entertainment for Nov. 11 times ect. Comrade Criss move the report
Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies are working on a few projects currently. We have formed a 75-anniversary committee to plan an event in 2023. Currently we are collecting and purchasing items for our Christmas gift bags to the 120 Kipness residents. We are also planning in the new year to do “Button Bingo” monthly where the prizes are “you get what you get and you don’t get upset”. Prize items are currently being collected. If you have an item at your home that could be found humorous that you would like to donate to the fun or any item please either ask the front desk staff to put it on our LA desk or bring to the meat raffle volunteers.

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. Please accept our invitation to check out our Ladies Auxiliary library and borrow or swap books.

Dec 17th Christmas Raffle, Santa & Mrs Claus could come for a visit.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After an unusually warm weather, winter is on the way. It is scheduled to be a very cold year so bundle up and keep warm. Our entertainment chair has many events planned for the rest of the year, check the website for more information.

Remembrance Day will soon be upon us, we expect to see many of our members attend our parade to honor those of our Comrades who laid down their lives to secure our freedom.

We will remember them,

Elections for the Executive at the November general meeting. There is a ballot box in the main entrance for nominations members can also nominate their choice at the meeting.

It is up to the members to decide who they want to govern the Branch for 2023.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Remembrance Day** – Invitations have all been sent out. Requests for Cadet support have gone out. We have received 3 of the 5 units prepared to assist us in that. We have receiving requests from new groups to attend our ceremonies, now that the Butterdome is not available. We could see quite an increase of wreaths being laid at our cenotaph this year. To date we have 20 of 55 organizations confirmed . We used to have 30 organizations, so this shows us how much it has jumped up in volume. Queen's wreath will be prepositioned at the cenotaph.

We will be offering free Chili and Buns while supplies last, I have reached out to our food suppliers and so far I have a positive response from them donating the required ingredients.

Tag Day will be held on Saturday November 5th at the Alberta Aviation Museum. I am looking for 3 more volunteers to assist. Trese is reorganizing the places we go visit and we are having a look at that. 1809 RCACC who is down south, we worked out of Millwoods on the day of. Normally it is the Ex-Women's league, they are pulling out for that Saturday and the Cadets can work there. So the south Cadets don't have to drive all the way out here and then drive back out there to distribute all over the North East end.

We are seriously thinking about doing the same for the Corps, is putting all positions in the malls. Situating them in the stores that are corporate sponsors, will enable us to put the cadets in each one of them and keep them all in the same strip mall as opposed to all over the place.

We are also feeding them differently this time it's getting to much hassle bringing hot dogs, as we need no beef, gluten free, vegans, no pork, so this year I have gone back to the cadets and said you tell me what you want, better than you buy it and we will reimburse the cost from the Poppy fund.

Reminder for the Executive Team you must be at the Legion no later than 8:30 am on Remembrance Day. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

- B) Dance Floor – We have received 3 quotes for the dance floor.
- a. Renew Floor - \$6869.00 (with 500 sq ft free)
 - b. Flooring Superstore - \$8014.00
 - c. Sierra Floor - \$11,946.00

This will be presented and voted on by the membership at the General Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Advertising** – Coffee News has offered a year of advertising for \$88.00 a month

We need to have a member take over Kingsway Facebook for advertising

- b. **Fundraiser** – Comrade Jackie Hyshka advised us, Sheri-Lynn De 14 year old son Jackson, from the Ft. Sask Branch, has been invited to the World Youth Dart tournament in the Netherlands. They are holding a fundraiser for him on Nov 26th, dinner, dart, toonie toss and much more. For those of you who cannot attend we are having a dart board sponsorship at the Dart tournament next weekend, I provided \$20 on behalf of the Kingsway Ladies Auxiliary and Rick Etmanski and Audrey Ferguson provide \$20 on behalf of Kingsway Branch, which sponsored 2 dart boards. If you are interested or any questions you may email his dad (Jackie has email address) they would like all of us to come out and support Jackson.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Christmas dinner – Ron & Carol Wills will do a Christmas dinner for dine in or take out only on Dec 25th. Anyone wishing to help with this dinner, please volunteer.

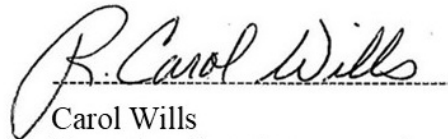
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175