

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, R. Torrie, Earles, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Rayfield, Werner, Forner, MacIntosh, Earles K.

Excused: Comrade Kuervers, Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Harold Cressman	93 years	Sept 27, 2021	
Edward J. Black	72 years	Oct 7, 2021	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

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

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Criss
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: No report

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

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

Due to covid still hanging in, will be looking at other ways to help bring in money for the Legion, again this will be subject to restrictions, but we'll see how it goes.

I am also looking at forming a Ways and Means committee consisting of 3 volunteers and myself. What we will be doing is coming up with different fundraisers for the legion. If you would like to help out with that, please let me know.

The list for upcoming bingos for last of 2021 are: October 28th (needs lots of help), November 1st, November 19th, November 29th, December 2nd, and lastly December 21, 2021.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1222 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
467	407	321	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 12 New Applications 2 Transfers 2 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Fitzhenry, Patrick	Grouchy, John	Persson, Teresa
Danyi, Sean	Danyi, Natalie	Bazinet, Fernand
MacIntosh, Donna Lee	Schulz, Hilda	George, James E.
		Deck, Allan
		Lelis, Salvador
		Santiago, Pamela

TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Hyshka, Wesley	Loren, Karen	
Norwood Br 178	Centennial Br 185 Calgary	

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
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REINSTATE

Montpellier, Paul
Salvador, Sandro

For a For a total of 16

Motion: Comrade Wills moves that we accept these individuals for processing into our Branch.
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau **CARRIED**

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported Website had 1,023 visitors this month and was last updated 18 Oct.

I am currently working on the Oct Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Mon Oct 25. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson

Congratulations to the Shuffleboard teams of Carol Wills and Ron Wills (Mixed team) and Carol Gwilliam and Maxine Laird (Ladies team). Both teams advance to District Shuffleboard be held on December 5, 2021 at Strathcona Branch #150.

Congratulations also goes to the 8 Ball Pool Doubles team of Alex Ewan and Clarence "Ziggy" Ziggler who advance to Districts to be held on December 11, 2021 at Kingsway Branch #175.

Area Sports coming up:

Crib Pairs to be held on October 30, 2021 at Fort Saskatchewan Branch #27. These entries must be to me by October 23, 2021.

Mixed Darts to be held on November 6, 2021 at Strathcona Branch # 150. These entries must be to me by October 30, 2021.

Pool Singles to be held on November 13, 2021 at Kingsway Branch #175. These entries must be to me by November 6, 2021.

Crib Seniors to be held on November 21, 2021 at Norwood Branch #178. These entries must be to me by November 13, 2021.

Sports Leagues have been going pretty smooth with the groups following the rules of wearing their masks while away from the table. Still having trouble with a few people but this too will be straightened out.

Masks must be worn at all times according to AHS regulations and Branch regulations. No exceptions

We have a new group of dart players starting November 2 or 9, 2021 on Tuesday nights. This is a ladies league of 8 – 12 players and they will use the dart boards by the pool tables.

Spoke with Deanne who informed me that the Youth Dart League use to play out of Norwood before the Covid but now the Branch is only open a couple days a week.

They would like to play out of Kingsway wanted Tuesday but we are fully booked for that day but they then called me back and wanted to play on Monday nights if available. This depends on how many boards Rick uses on Monday nights.

The youth would be 12 years and up and they would be fully vaccinated and would be wearing their masks all the time. If we accept them they would like to play from either 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or 6:30 to 8:30. They would have a maximum of approximately 10 kids and they would only need three or four boards.

I would like feedback from the Executive so I can call Deanne back tomorrow and let her know our decision.

Executive approved youth club to play Darts Monday night

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie – No report

Comrade C. Wills requested that the flower planters in front & by Cenotaph be cleaned out before Remembrance Day.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau No report

SICK AND VISITING: No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield

The response to our "Name the Canteen" contest thus far has been overwhelming, with more than 100 entries.

- I have completed significant research, measuring and repositioning of tables & chairs, to determine the best route to take in enlarging the canteen dance floor, while minimizing the loss of seating capacity.

I am requesting Executive approval to hire a contractor to replace the existing floor and enlarge it as planned.

I have been informed that a member, who recently made a large donation in his wives' memory, has asked that part of the donation be directed to cover the cost of enlarging the dance floor.

As dancing was their main drawing card to the Branch, literally every Friday night for years, they would be in the canteen for an evening out of dinner & dancing.

- Next month I will begin scheduling the bands for the weekend canteen dances for the 1st half of 2022.

I am considering bringing in 1 or 2 new bands.

- We must start planning and promoting for our New Years Eve Dinner & Dance in the very near future. While the Covid 19 restrictions continue to be a major concern, we must decide at a specified date, whether we should go ahead with the plan or consider cancelling it again for this

year.

- We must also start promoting the Halloween dance on October 30 and the Grey Cup party on December 12.

- I will be requesting Joy to start decorating the canteen for Halloween after this coming weekend. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

Motion:

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

1. Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund meeting was held on **Monday October 11, 2021** at Strathcona Legion.
2. I was informed that **Canada Place, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital** will not provide us a short-term lease due to Covid 19.
3. I have informed the Ladies Auxiliary and thanked them for Volunteering for this year's campaign.
4. The people who volunteered to drive the Ladies Auxiliary have also been informed of this cancellation.
5. Also, **Commerce Place** will not provide us a short-term lease due to Covid 19.
6. I have informed the people who have volunteered for this mall of this cancellation.
7. The people who were going to drive our volunteers to the mall have been informed of this cancellation as well.
8. School kits have been built and delivered to the depots.
9. Business kits will be built on October 25 and delivered on the October 29th.
10. Volunteer positions are filling up but we still need more people to help at the malls and deliveries to business routes.
11. Next GEPF meeting on December 13, 2021 at Norwood

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

Motion:

I would like to ask the Executive to consider donating the allotted Kingsway billboard time to promote the 2021 Poppy Campaign. Starting on November 1 to the 12th. Perhaps using the legion Lawn sign as our graphic.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills
YTD 2020

Veterans or their Dependents: 72 Clients for	\$42,613.07
Food Vouchers	\$8,750.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$504.55
Other Vouchers	\$184.80
Medical	\$5,771
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$3,537.59
Rent	\$12,177.95
Client Utilities	\$5,105.22
Bursaries:	\$10,000 / ten students
Command Poppy Fund	\$50,000.00
Current Balance:	\$ 1,181,722.44

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

Bylaws have been updated with the changes approved at the General Meeting of September 28, 2021 and sent to Command for approval.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss

No Report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles

I have completed two requests for assistance from the Poppy Fund, one referral to the Command Service Officer, one initial disability claim and two requests for information.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski – I will be asking again at the General Meeting for volunteers for the Honour Guard and Color Guard, however, I will be explaining you do not have to be a veteran. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner

We have hired a new cook Megan she has worked here before. John has moved to Medicine Hat to be close to his family. We have also hired a new bartender her name is Jessica.

I know in the past we have said that the senior executive member in the canteen is in charge if

there are any problems. I feel that this policy should be changed if the executive member is consuming alcohol, we need to dial back complaints from members not knowing who is in charge, everyone knows who the bartender is and they will listen to the bartender. Executives approved this change. Comrade Ferguson moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILARY: Comrade Kim Earles

Our LA will be holding a meeting in November but no elections. We will hold elections once Command lifts the restriction due to Covid-19.

Our ladies were disappointed in the cancellation of the poppies not being available at the Glenrose, Royal Alex and Canada Place. They have been made aware of the sign-up sheets in the legion foyer as an alternative.

The LA was made aware of a storage space issue for the Vets Build. We have provided a small area for them to use.

The LA voted on a donation to the Legion for the 75th anniversary at the General meeting today. The cheque is planned to be presented at the Legion General Meeting.

We held our Honours & Awards today to catch up for the past year and a half. There were several recipients but to note a few we had three 50-year member awards (Jean Auger, Debbie Keller and Elizabeth Simpson). We also had two Certificates of Merit to present to Virginia Howell and Carol Simon. Unfortunately, not all of the members were present but will be contacted to pick up their awards.

I thank you for the invitation to the Remembrance Day Service. I will be attending. The Ladies Auxiliary would like to be available Remembrance Day to assist where possible. If you could let me know if there is a need for our service, it would be appreciated.

In our LA closet there are some uniforms that have been donated to us. Some of these jackets are men's. Most would be a men's small or ladies' medium. There is also a XXL Legion Jacket, size 40 pants and three shirts (short & long sleeve) for 17 1/2 "neck. If any uniform pieces are required feel free to have a look. We do ask that you consider a donation to the Ladies Auxiliary if you do take something. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau the Branch is doing well and the sports leagues are well underway and weekend dances and Thursday night jams are well attended, however we would like to see more participation. The wearing of masks is still mandatory whenever you leave your table or stand up to play sports. Also, full immunization and I.D are required to enter the building. We are constantly receiving more applications for membership and transfers to our branch. We have hired a new bartender to fill a recent vacancy. Your executive committee continues to work diligently for the good and welfare of our comrades. Elections will be taking place at the November General meeting. There is a nomination box in the front foyer and nominations will be accepted at the meeting. In the meantime stay safe.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class action lawsuit – Insurance coverage for business interruption - ongoing
- b) 75th Anniversary – Comrade R. Wills – the Silent Auction is in full swing. The 75th Anniversary dinner has been changed to Saturday Feb 5, 2022, we will be having our next meeting on January 8, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Remembrance Day- Comrade R. Wills –
 - a. The Lieutenant Governor will be here on Remembrance Day along with the Command President and more dignitaries. Dignitaries will included the Mayor, Premier Kenney’s deputy, Heather Sweet as representative of the MLA, etc.
 - b. I have received approval for the exemption of the Covid rules for Remembrance Day, that means we still follow our restricted exemption program, you must wear a mask but we don’t have to worry about bringing people in. We are allowed whatever the seating compacity is, which is 769 seats. So that is the amount of people allowed in. We will be checking at the front door for immunization & ID’s and will place a wrist band on those allowed in.
 - c. Everyone has been invited that is supposed to be and shortly they should be returning RSVP’s to Flo in which she can pass on to you and you can start looking at wreath protocols.
 - d. We need volunteers for the set up and tear down at the Cenotaph. We are representing the province as well as the Legion, so let’s put our best foot forward.
 - e. I will be sending out emails to members to advise them about Remembrance Day, letting them know what is happening.
 - f. We will serve free chili and unfortunately no band, 50/50’s can happen after the Lieutenant Governor has left the building.
 - g. Every Executive member should be at the Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - h. Wreaths will be pre-positioned at the Cenotaph, we will check on who will be laying their wreaths. The Sgt At Arms will be directing each person.
 - i. We will have to have key players for this service, must meet before November 11

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

- a) **Grey Cup Party** – Comrade R. Wills we will be having a Grey Cup party on Dec 12, doors open at 1 pm
Meals will be bar food at the Canteen (popcorn, hot dogs, hamburgers, pretzels etc)

- b) **Halloween Party** – Comrade D. Rayfield - we have advertised, we need judges for best costumes, prizes will be food vouchers for the canteen. The band Stepping Out is not able to attend, Doug confirmed that Doug Bishop & the Hurtin Horseman will be playing.
- c) **QR Code** – Comrade R. Wills - the government is offering \$2,000 to offset the cost of operating the restriction exemption program. I took the liberty today of purchasing a tablet for the front admin desk. The QR codes will be mandatory as of November 5. I will purchase a second tablet for the door volunteers to check members.
- d) **Volunteer Dinner** – Comrade Fecteau has proposed a volunteer dinner including all volunteers, and bar & kitchen staff. I need all the Executives to work the serving of the dinner. The date will be Sunday November 21, 2021 at 5 pm. In the canteen, dinner will be ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, and dessert.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: 23 November 2021 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175