

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, R. Torrie, Earles, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Rayfield, Forner, MacIntosh, K. Earles, Wiebe

**Excused:** Comrade Criss (work), Kuervers (work)

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>
Harold Cressman	93 years	September 27, 2021	
Edward J. Black	95 years	October 7, 2021	
William Martin	89 years	October 16, 2021	

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Schneider  
Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

**CARRIED**

Comrade R. Wills requested we add the following items to the agenda to  
Comments for the Good and Welfare.

Grey Cup Party;  
Halloween Party; and  
QR Code

**Motion** to adopt the agenda as amended was made by Comrade R. Charlet  
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**WELCOMING CEREMONY:**

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony: **No one this month**

**PRESENTATIONS: NONE**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2021:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Walsh  
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade O'Brien  
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 19 OCTOBER 2021:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh  
Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

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

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN:** No report

**FINANCE:** Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.  
I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

**CARRIED**

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Comrade Criss – No Report

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

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
<b>467</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>27</b>

I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS: 12** New Applications 2 Transfers 2 Reinstatement

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

**TRANSFERS**

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

**REINSTATEMENTS**

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
		Montpellier, Paul Salvador, Sandro

For a total of 16

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

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles **CARRIED**

**New Members Who Signed a Declaration:** None

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills - Website had 1,023 visitors this month and was last updated Oct 26th. I am currently working on the Oct Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Sat Oct 29. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet **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 to 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.

I spoke with Deanne who informed me that the Youth Dart League used to play out of Norwood before the Covid would like to play at Kingsway.

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. The Executive approved youth club to play Darts Monday night

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Comrade R. Torrie as per the Executive Minutes of 19 Oct 2021 with the following addendum: The planters will be cleaned out prior to Remembrance Day. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**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.

- 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 Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe - Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund meeting was held on Monday October 11, 2021 at Strathcona Legion.

1. I was informed that **Commerce Place, Canada Place, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital** will not provide us a short-term lease due to Covid 19. I have informed the Ladies Auxiliary and the drivers thanking them for Volunteering for this year's campaign.
2. School kits have been built and delivered to the depots.
3. Business kits will be built on October 25 and delivered on the October 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. Volunteer positions are filling up but we still need more people to help at the malls and deliveries to business routes.
5. Next GEPF meeting on December 13, 2021 at Norwood.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** I motion the Executive donate the allotted Kingsway billboard time to promote the 2021 Poppy Campaign. Starting on November 1 to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps using the legion Lawn sign as our graphic.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

**CARRIED**

**POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT:** Comrade Wills

**YTD 2020**

Veterans or their Dependants: 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
<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,181,722.44</b>

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**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 R. Charlet

**CARRIED**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau No report

Just a reminder that there cannot be Honours & Awards if you don't send in the recommendations for your fellow members.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills read New Veteran Family Welcome Program

I so move the correspondence.

**CADET LIAISON OFFICER:** 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 K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski announced the upcoming dates the Colour Party has volunteered to attend:

Nov 3, 2021 - 09:30 Legion for Legislature

Nov 5, 2021 - 12:00 Legion for 1300 hrs – Northeast Seniors

Nov 9, 2021 - 09:00 Legion for 10:30 am service Canterbury Court

Nov 10, - 09:00 Legion for 09:30 at High School for 10:30 service St Joseph H.S.

Nov 10, 3:30 at St Micheals

Nov 11, 2021 – 0800 Legion for Branch Remembrance Day

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Walsh

**CARRIED**

**LA REPORT:** Comrade K. 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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

Addendum the Ladies Auxiliary will be hold elections

Ladies Auxiliary presented President Bill Fecteau with a \$1000 donation to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie

**CARRIED**

**LEST WE FORGET** No report

**KIPNESS CENTRE** No report

**VETERAN'S VILLA** No report

**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. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Schneider

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Class Action Lawsuit** – Insurance coverage for business interruption – **Ongoing**

b) **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Comrade R. Wills – the Silent Auction was a great success with just over \$6,414.00 raised. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner has been changed to Saturday Feb 5, 2022, we will be having our next meeting on January 8, 2022,

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Remembrance Day-** Comrade R. Wills – the Lieutenant Governor will be here for Remembrance Day along with the Command President and other dignitaries.

- a) We 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 capacity is, which is 762 seats. We will be checking at the front door for immunization & ID's and will place a wrist band on those allowed in.
- b) The Invitations have been sent and the replies should be arriving shortly to Flo.

- c) 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.
- d) I will be sending out emails to members to advise them about Remembrance Day, letting them know what is happening.
- e) We will serve free chili (while supplies last), the 50/50's can begin the Lieutenant Governor has left the building.
- f) Wreaths will be pre-positioned at the Cenotaph, we will check on who will be laying their wreaths. The President will be directing each person. "Mac" Torrie will act as the M.C.
- g) There will be one more meeting for the key players prior to November 1.

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

- a) **Grey Cup Party** – Comrade R. Wills stated 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 \$2000 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.

**50 / 50 DRAW:**

Winning Ticket # 725271 Amount: \$52.00

Winner: Richard Fleetwood

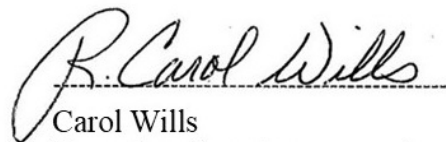
**Motion:** To adjourn was made by Comrade Ferguson

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175