

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 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, Criss, Etmanski, Biddiscombe, Rayfield, Forner, MacIntosh, Earles K.

Excused: Comrade Kuervers(work), P. Earles, Wiebe, Werner

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Joe Green Sr	78 Years	Nov 18, 2021	RCAF

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 26 OCTOBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Deugau
Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Deugau
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers No report

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

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

The New Horizons grant just opened and will be submitting quotes for the outside beams and a new POS System, plus a few small things for entertainment wise.

I am also looking at forming a Ways and means Committee consisting of 3-5 volunteers and myself. What we will be doing is coming up with different fundraisers for the legion. If you would like to help with that, please let me know.

The list for upcoming bingos for last of 2021 are: November 29th, December 2nd, and lastly December 21, 2021.

Will need allot of help for December 2nd bingo have 7 positions that need to be filled.

For any other fundraising ideas please call me at 780 278 1263 or email me at

steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1282 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
491	434	331	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 30 New Applications 9 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Laroche, Marcel F.
Kenny, Valerie
Drew, Giselle
Arndt, Janice
Stephen, Jason
Jackson, Gordon R.
Kitchen, Robert

Associate

Clark, Isabel L.
McGowan, Blaine
MacDonald, Patricia
Saprunoff, Joann
Eastabrooks, Marlene
Eastabrooks, Martena
Arsenault, Corinne
Harris, Bob
Strauss, Ronald
Strauss, Lori
Clarke, Kris

Affiliate

Donaldson, Judith
Rezewski, Douglas
Cardinal, Walter
Barrera-Recinos, Juan J
Domet, Cleve
VanderHoek, Jane
Baillargeon, Gregory
Hejnar, Stan

McKay, Benjamin
Clarke, Victor B
Willert, Kenton H.
Harnett, Susan

TRANSFERS

Ordinary
Ronald Cooke
Strathcona Br 150

Associate
Deborah Cooke
Norwood Br 178

Affiliate
Alvin Kreklay
St Albert Br 271

Ted Swenson
MooseJaw Br 59

Margot Swenson
MooseJaw Br 59

Roger Desrochers
Strathcona Br 150

Jeannette Desrochers
Strathcona Br 150

John Wojcik
Cold Lake Br 211

Fanning, Cody Jacob
Sharbot Lake, Ont Br 425

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

McCuaig, Kenneth

For a total of 41

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

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: 32 members

Allan Fleetwood

Christopher Butler

Anthony Crapelewe

Mona Scouten

Megan Pierzchajlo

Sylvia Orr

Sheila Bartha

Arthur Hagen

Lawrence Tomkow

Douglas Laidlaw

Allen Gorgichuk

Allan Thompson

Maryann Sapruff

Brian Fahner

Patrick Segin

David Ho

Raymond Hautzinger

Phyllis Scott

Wayne Orr

Elaine Meyer

Elsie Letwin

Elroy Osmond
Georgette Michael
Edward Morrison
Leola Hillaby

Wayne Meyer
Robert De La Salle
Hilda Schulz
James Coleman

Tammy Langdone
June Greig
Alan Komarynsky
Barbara Armstrong

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills report: Website was last updated Nov 23. I have added pictures from the Halloween Party, pictures from Remembrance Day, and the upcoming Christmas events. I am currently working on the Dec Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Fri 26 Nov. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson Area Sports are now completed for the 2021-2022 season. Latest results are as follows:

Crib Pairs was held on October 30, 2021 at Fort Saskatchewan. Advancing to District is the team of Chris Bunse and Carol Simon.

Pool Singles was held on November 13, 2021 at Kingsway. Advancing to District are Craig Nowell, Gordy Gray, Jim Chaba, Alex Ewan, Brian French and Richard Chaba. We had eight players all from Kingsway playing and the following will probably play at Districts – Norm Preston and Ken Hindman, if we don't get six players from Area A.

Crib Seniors was held on November 21, 2021 at Norwood. Advancing to District are the teams of Donna Olson and Charles Clement and Carol Gwilliam and Audrey Ferguson.

District Euchre was held on November 20, 2021 at Kingsway. Advancing to Command is the team of Jeff Biddiscombe and Trese Biddiscombe.

Congratulations to all the teams who entered the sports this year and good luck to those who are advancing to District and Command. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Rayfield

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie normal routine maintenance was carried out, during this reporting period! The problem with one of the convey ovens has been rectified and is now online. For all Branch members and guests information, The parking lot will not be cleaned until it stops snowing, then it will be cleaned, when the parking lot is clear of vehicles. A "Big Thank You" to Comrade Roger Nelson for vacuuming up the leaves around the Cenotaph prior Remembrance Day. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau I have a few things to add to the display. It will stay up until March. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield On Nov 2, 2021, I was notified that we were awarded a Metropolitan Flooring "Evoke Community Program" grant, which will provide us with 500 sq.ft. of high grade vinyl flooring, valued at \$1465 for the dance floor enlargement project in the canteen.

I received an up-to-date quote this morning which includes an increase in product cost and

freight charges due to the covid and a shortage of truck drivers.

- the month of October saw a significant increase in cover charge revenue and food & bar sales from the weekend dances, in comparison with the previous two months as the Covid 19 numbers have been steadily declining for the last 7 weeks.

- the fill-in band on Oct 29/30, Doug Bishop and the Hurtin' Horsemen, proved to be an overwhelming success.

I am hoping to book them in the future as they filled the canteen on both nights.

- On Remembrance Day, I was approached by another well known Country band in & around northern Alberta.

"Ali Bright and the Bright Boys" would love to join our other bands on a rotating basis.

I know they will be an absolute success for the Branch canteen dances if I am able to hire them.

I would like to thank Rick Etmanski and Geoff Biddiscombe for bringing in all the Christmas trees and the volunteers, Carol Wills, Roger Nelson, Noella Mahe, Gail Simon, Blondie Charlet, Norma Yerex and Carol Gwilliam for decorating the trees and the Legion. Thank you to Joy Cardinal for decorating the Canteen. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Motion that effective on Friday, 7 January 2022, the cover charge for the weekend dances in the canteen be increased to \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

Motion that the cover charge for the Thursday Night Jam sessions be increased by \$5 for non-members, to duplicate the present cost for the weekend dances, \$5 for members and \$10 for non members, free coffee in the Jam, effective January 6, 2022.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe

1. The 2021 Poppy Campaign has been successfully completed.
2. Volunteers turn out was low. We only had seventy-six people volunteer out of 1222 card carrying members, which means only 6% of our membership did 100% of the work for Kingsway Legion.
3. I sent Ron a Volunteer Thank you letter and asked that it be included in his monthly newsletter. Their dedication and enthusiasm were amazing.
4. Our Volunteers contributed over 867 hours with at least fifteen people volunteering for positions that totaled fifteen or more individual hours. When you add the Coordinator Volunteer Hours, we are over 1313 hours and still climbing.
5. All the business and school routes have been picked up.
6. We have completed three money counts
7. November 9th (3 Edmonton Oilers Hockey games) Which includes all the Branches of the G.E.P.F. \$14,119.89
8. November 10th Kingsway Legion count at Norwood \$21,276.64

9. November 18th Kingsway Legion count at Norwood \$42,881.04
10. Total for Kingsway Legion so far is \$64,157.68
11. We still need to Count Route 12's money
12. We received CFB Edmonton's money on Nov.19
13. We received MFRC Poppies, buckets, Honor boxes and money on Nov.22.
14. I am hoping to have route 12, CFB Edmonton and MFRC counted on Monday November 29th.
15. Tap Machines were returned to Ontario via FedEx on Nov.22
16. Tap Machine totals: \$3,569.00. We loaned Fort Saskatchewan a tap machine from Nov.5-12 and it earned \$861.00 at Sherwood Park Costco
17. We judged 1 poster entry from a grade 4 student and submitted it to Ron to be forwarded on.
18. **On going activities:**
 - Poppy Office is processing donations received through mail, phone, in person and is issuing tax receipts.
 - Thank you letters need to be sent to children/schools who sent the Legion Remembrance Day art and letters.
 - Kingsway Poppy Inventory needs to be totaled

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

YTD 2020

Veterans or their Dependants: 3 Clients for	\$14,896.94
Food Vouchers	\$0.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$0.00
Other Vouchers	\$0.00
Medical	\$0.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$125.72
Rent	\$2,250.00
Client Utilities	\$521.22
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Bursaries: (2 students)	\$2,000.00
Current Balance:	\$ 1,167,797.36

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson We are awaiting Command to return our revised Bylaws. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

I have one Certificate of Merit – Sharon Watts

One Branch Volunteer Service Medal

I am putting forward Comrade Carol Wills for Life Membership

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: one email read and will be tabled until Flo Werner can be consulted.

Courageous K-9 – an organization that trains service dogs for Vets and First Responders. They are looking for donations.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss No Report

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Earles

I have completed four requests for assistance from the Poppy Fund, assisted five veterans with a total of 18 initial disability claims and completed five requests for information. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski No report

MANAGER’S REPORT: Thank you to Vicki Torrie and Matt from HJR Distributers for the donation of fish for our fish fry on Sunday Oct. 31, 2021. It went very well.

I understand that people are bringing liquor and water bottles into the dances on the weekends, I feel that we need to start checking bags at the door hopefully this will stop them, however the small liquor bottles can be hidden in a coat jacket.

I would like to ask that next year, New Year’s Eve tickets not be put on sale until after Nov. 11.

There were days that the door staff were overwhelmed with people paying dues, people buying poppy items checking QR codes, answering phone calls, people wanting to book meetings, and selling new year’s tickets with people not sure where they wanted to sit.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped us out this year and I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. Comrade Etmanski moved her report.

Seconded by Comrade C. Wills

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILARY: Comrade Kim Earles

During the last month I have begun updating our Ladies Auxiliary information on the Kingsway Legion website with Ron Wills. On behalf of our Auxiliary, I have submitted 379.25 volunteer hours for the period of March 25th to November 13th, 2021.

On November 23rd, 2021 Vickie Torrie and Estelle Comeau received LA Life Memberships. We also held elections with the following results:

President Kim Earles

1st Vice Sharon Charlet

2nd Vice Tracey Colautti

Secretary/Treasurer Loree Hurst

Past President Estelle Comeau

Executive Members Maria Lewis, Jackie Hyshka, Charlotte Bueckert, Eldean Baskerville, Zelda Doell, Reba Baskerville and Marilyn Pytel

On December 18th we are holding our craft and bake sale, our Christmas raffle and a 50/50 and Ham & Turkey Meat Raffle. This year we will have an area set up for children to visit with Santa. The first 100 children 12 and under will receive a gift. Visitors must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a Legion Member or LA member.

With Londonderry Save-on-Foods closing December 31st Gary Forner and I will set a meeting with another Save-on-Foods to be prepared for the 2022.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau I am pleased to say that our Remembrance Day Ceremony was a huge success. It was a great honor to have our Lt.Governor attend and give us a heartfelt speech honoring our veterans and those who sacrificed their live to ensure our freedom. We had many volunteers working for the benefit of this Branch and for this, on behalf of the members and myself I express my heart felt thank you.

Although they could not form up, we had a very large contingent of military personnel which made our ceremony more memorable to our tremendous crowd.

Our staff did a tremendous job ensuring that no one had to wait too long for service with a smile. Well, done.

A reminder, elections will be taking place at our general meeting at 7pm on the 29th of November. Please attend to make your voice heard. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Class action lawsuit – Insurance coverage for business interruption – on going
- b) 75th Anniversary – no report

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Christmas Dinner Take Out** Dec 24/2021 limit of 200 \$25.00 per person
- b) **Christmas Dinner in House** dinner Dec 25/2021, limit of 125 tickets purchase by Dec 19, \$25.00 1-9 pm
- c) **Dance Floor in Canteen**

Motion: Comrade Rayfield – I move forward to have the dance floor replaced and finished in February 2022 for a cost of \$6869.00

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade R. Wills – I move that we try to raise the funds through donations for the Dance Floor.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Christmas Holiday Hours:

Closed 24 December at 4 pm

Open 25 December at 1 pm to 9 pm for Christmas Dinner only

Closed 26, 27, December

Open 28, 29, 30 December regular hours

Open 31 December 5 pm New Year's Eve dinner only

Closed 1-3 January 2022

Open 4 January 2022 regular hours

Farmers Market Effective 1 January 2022 we will no longer be opening the Canteen for food or beverage sale. This decision was made based on the lack of sales on Sundays.

AHS Canteen Rules During the Farmers Market For the month of December, the protocol for those using the canteen will be:

Prior to service the Bartender will check and confirm that the client has a valid QR Code or exception.

If they meet the requirements, they can sit in the canteen and enjoy a drink/meal.

Those customers that do not meet the requirements will be ask to sit by the pool tables until their order is ready and will only be offered takeout service.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

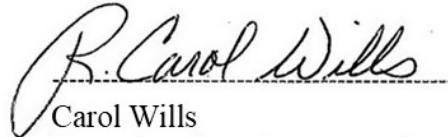
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Next Meeting: 14 December 2021 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175