

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Wills, Kuervers, Forner, Burton, Deugau, Earles, R. Torrie, Kerel, O'Brien, Huziek, Criss, Werner

Excused: Comrade Baxter (work), Rimmer (sick), Wiebe (sick), Christensen (excused)

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 Kuervers
Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED OCTOBER 29, 2019:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Forner
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Earles
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented Financials I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported the following: The monster 50/50 is sitting at \$8,860 turned in. The Grey cup tickets are sitting at \$4,054.00 turned in. Still continuing working on 8 other additional grants to help with funding for the legion. The CFEP grant for January deadline is pretty much ready to go. For the CFEP grant we are looking at ways to be more energy efficient and other ways and materials to help keep up with the upcoming events.

Would like to thank all the people that helped out on Remembrance Day, your help was very much appreciated, and very welcomed. Also, on a personal note a big Thank you for those that has helped out to help cover things over the last month.

As we enter the new upcoming year. Hoping to add a few changes that would be entertaining for the members and guests of the branch. If any of you members has ideas that we can check out and possibly pursue for new ideas on income for the Legion, please contact Steve Criss. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: No report

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported the websites are up to date and he has started to work on next months newsletter. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Forner reported: On Nov. 09, the District Euchre playoffs were held at Strathcona's Legion. Advancing to Command Level is the first-place team of Jeff Biddscombe and Ben Murdock and the second-place team of Carol Burton and Ron Wills. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie had no report. Except to say that the leak in the men's washroom was from a glycol leak and has been fixed. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau I am currently working on the displays for next year. Canadian Forces and Supply Depot displays, and I am also working on the additions to the New Year's Eve booklet from 1999 to current date. I will also be checking on the display doors and why they are not locking correctly and will be in touch with Comrade Torrie regarding that. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Huziek

1. Dec 31, **New Year's Eve Dance** music by Heartland. Monster 50/50 draw will be made on this night. \$65 per person or \$60 per member including guests.
2. Jan 12, 2020, Fiddlers Fest in partnership with the Wild raised Fiddlers Assoc. 130 PM to 530PM. \$5 cover. Fiddlers free. Hot meal available.
3. Feb 9, 2020, "**The Long Run**" band tribute to **The Eagles**
4. March 8, 2020, "**Creedence Clearwater Reprisal**" band, **Tribute to CCR**

We are currently in negotiations with several shows in 2020. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade O'Brien

Overall the 2019 Poppy fund was very successful due to high volunteer turn out. Please view attached document to see the breakdown of volunteer hours.

Business & School Routes:

- 11 of the 12 Business routes have been picked up and processed.
- 3 of the 4 School routes have been picked up and processed.

Money:

- Tag Day Manual Count Monday Nov. 4th
- 1st automated count at Norwood on Nov. 8th
- 2nd automated count at Norwood on Nov. 15th
- Total automated money counted as of Nov.15th \$81,632.49

Work to be done:

- We will have a final money count once the two remaining routes are returned.
- Between now and the end of January Geoff Biddiscombe will be busy updating our routes, adding new stops, deleting others and changing address etc.
- By the end of November Geoff Biddiscombe will complete a procedure manual for the Poppy campaign.
- Approximately 550,000 poppies need to be transferred to Norwood Legion.

Issues:

- The biggest pit fall that we experienced was calls from outside our area of coverage. We tried to redirect but frequently failed. Most often we had the client come here to get their kits and return them afterwards.

Buckets stolen:

- We do not an exact number on this issue.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: No Report

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: No Report

IT: No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade Burton read 4 emails that have arrived for the month of November 2019.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Kuervers

No report received from CB Hill or RCACC 180.

Comrade Kuervers advises he visited RCACC 1809 on November 12 and met with the CO. The Corps has grown considerably with 70 new recruits this year and was parading with 100 cadets for their final parade. More than half the Corps was parading in civilian clothing while they work through the logistics of uniform issuing. In addition, he discussed the Tag Day email that had been sent by Comrade Wills. The C.O. is unsure if running Tag Day from their armory would be easier or more complicated. Pointed out that the decision does not have to be made immediately and she suggested she push it to her parent committee.

Unfortunately, I have been working a lot lately a great deal of which has been out of town and I have been unable to make it over to the hanger to visit 504 RCACSC. I missed Tag Day for the same reason. Things appear to be slowing down work wise and I should be able to visit the Squadron this month. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

Comrade Wills announced that Comrade Colpitts will be stepping down from his position with the Cadets at CB Hill and Comrade Fecteau agreed to take up the position at CB Hill

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles I have completed one Poppy Fund request and one referral to the Command Service Officer. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Kerel I would like to see, if possible, to be put on the website, volunteers for representation of speakers at schools. We had 2 schools this year and the Colour Party had 10 outside functions.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner discussed the Legion being closed during Christmas Season. The hours are as follows:

23 Dec Closed
24 Dec Closed
25 Dec Closed
26 Dec Closed
27 Dec Open Regular Hours
28 Dec Open Regular Hours
29 Dec Closed
30 Dec Closed
31 Dec Open at 4pm for New Year's Party Only

Comrade Torrie moved the Manager's report.
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Huziek

Nov 11, 50/50 yielded \$897 in 4 draws. Draws 3 and 4 were difficult to announce the results because the patrons where well into the celebration of the day and many were not focused on ticket winner announcements.

Pull ticket sales yielded another \$2,000 before redemptions.

Monster 50/50 ticket sales were extremely poor, with approx. 30 tickets sold. Grey Cup tickets did reasonably well with approx. \$700 in sales. We are projecting a sellout for the 2nd set of Grey Cup tickets (Green Color).

Bar sales in ballrooms and Canteen yielded approx. \$14,000. Free Chili went very fast, in all the rooms but the "Pay For" meal in the Pres Room was very poor. The selection was good but didn't appear to interest the patrons in the room. The food sales in the canteen indicated a much better response. The Banquet rooms were shut down at 7 PM.

I am recommending that we drop the Monster 50/50 from 2020's financial plan, and move into selling short and small trips, on a smaller Draw Calendar. I still have the connections available to pursue this further and suggest the mathematical formulas to make it palatable to our patrons and members.

Our Wedding Planner Project has not progressed well. 16 were contacted, only 2 showed interest to tour the facility and 2 more responded to e-mails. 14 gave no responses. I will continue to try additional wedding planners. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Wills, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and service up to this point. I have sent an email to AGLC requesting they increase our hold back from 50 to 75%, so right now we can only hold back 50% of our income of our AGLC account. I have asked to hold back 75% it's a practise that Command is approving for all the Branches. The Branches must ask for it, it is not automatically given. I am waiting for a response from AGLC confirming that, and hopefully it will work out well, we could get it right before we get the Casino monies. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Remembrance Day 2019 – was not very good this year we took in about \$17,000.00 including 50/50 we got 12,000 on beer sales. We had to pay double time even if they didn't work as it is a stat holiday. We did end up sending 3 people home at 1:30- 2 pm. It was not as busy because a lot of the Forces were overseas. Legions across Edmonton felt the lower numbers and also the day of the week.

Setting up the chairs for the service, there was once again, lack of people there. Once again only 3 people out there setting up Mac Torrie, Randy Kerel and Comrade Wills, I didn't see any Executives out there. Same with the tear down there was only Randy Kerel. I thought the service went well, there seemed to be a larger amount of civilian population. The volunteers would be needed for set up at 9:00 am and then again after the service to bring in the chairs, then at 4:00 pm to bring in the wreaths.

Comrade Werner stated that they put the Chili out so that it would be ready to go when people came in from the service, however, there were a lot of people who did not go outside and tried to get their free Chili before the service was over. People lined up at the bar, it was pointed out that it was 10:30 am the bar will not be opening until after the service. Next year Comrade Wills proposed that we have a runner that can come in and let the kitchen know the service is over and the food can be put out in the President's room first for the Cadets.

People and members stay inside even though they can go outside they remain inside. There is no reserving table in the Canteen for anyone.

Renaming of the Rooms will be presented to all the members at the General Meeting for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disability Parking Stalls – there seems to be an issue that came up again, the solution is to put signs up on both sides of the first row. Members do not feel there is not enough disability parking. We will put up more signs which will give us maximum parking. Although many people do not abide by the signs, example parking in Executive parking. It was agreed that we would install six more disability parking signs.

We cannot have the installation of the 2020 Executive Committee on Dec 8th because that is the District shuffleboard and the District Commander is not available. I have sent a request to Command asking someone else to come in, so I am waiting for a reply. Unfortunately, it going to be one of these last-minute things. So hopefully I will hear from Command sooner than later, but keep the Dec 8th date open, once I hear I will advise all of you.

Fort Saskatchewan Installation Monday, December 9th, 6 PM, if you wish to attend you is more than welcome to come out.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

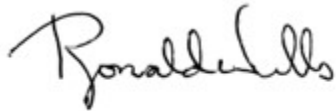
As you know we have been discussing getting rid of all these flyers and posters that are everywhere on doors and windows, Comrade Wills had a talk with Bill H., Gary, Mac, Flo, and we have come up with a plan. The plan is we are going to move the District Sports board which is on the left of the door of the Canteen, to the right side of the Branch Sports board. We will get a large cork board 4x6 to fill that area up, we will get the lights working and that will be the new notice board area. There will be no more notices places on the doors or glass. In addition, we will install notice bards in the washrooms.

We will be moving the TV from across the Presidents Room to above the ATM machine.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Forner

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Branch # 175



Carol Burton
Executive Secretary
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