

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2020

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Wills, Kuervers, Forner, Wills C, R. Torrie, Deugau, Earles, Ferguson, Fecteau, Criss, Stewart, V. Torrie

Excused: Comrade O'Brien (sick), Wiebe (work)

Absent: Comrade Kerel

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Stewart, Jean	83	16 Nov 2020	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade L. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:

PRESENTATIONS:

CARLSON, Brian	35 Year Pin
RIMMER, Glenda	10 Year Pin
BIDDISCOMBE, Geoff	Certificate of Merit
BIDDISCOMBE, Trese	Certificate of Appreciation
BIDDISCOMBE, Jeff	Certificate of Appreciation
JOLY, Bernie	Certificate of Appreciation
CRISS, Steve	Executive Committee Medal
WILLS, Carol	Executive Medal Bar for Membership

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

Nominated: Comrade Fecteau
Comrade Foote
Comrade Wills

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS DATED 17 NOVEMBER 2020

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Stewart
Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Steele

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS DATED 27 OCTOBER 2020

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Rimmer
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Steele

2nd & 3rd CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

Motion: Comrade MacIntosh motioned that nominations move and cease.
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

By Acclamation, the New President is Comrade Bill Fecteau

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Comrade Kuervers as we have heard today of the new restrictions from the Alberta Government, we will be having impacts on our Legion. We have also started the application for Government funding for our Legion now that they have announced the support for Veterans services across Canada at the Federal level. I want to stress that despite the stress that we are blessed with this magnificent building which has significant equity. So, we are concerned but we are not at the point where we need to talk about shutting the doors. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

TREASURER: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented Financial statements. I so move

my report.
Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported the following: Just a few notes on upcoming items. Due to the increased restrictions for Covid-19 Mazatlán Raffle has been cancelled. Calls will be going out with in the week to either repay your money back or transfer it to our online 50/50. Projecting the online 50/50 will start up first week of December and run through to mid January. Follow the website for steps on how to get 50/50 tickets.

Bingos are going as well as to be expected for what has been going on with COVID. Still looking for volunteers for bingos. For those that wish to volunteer please contact myself Steve Criss at 780 278 1263 or by email at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF 1st VICE PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

Nominated: Comrade Forner
Comrade Kuervers

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C Wills reported that we have 1259 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
496	405	332	26

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Steel

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: New Applications 8 Transfers 6 Reinstatement 1

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Ireland, David J.
Parry, Robert
Hamilton, Ronald
Yves-Lamoureux, Joseph
Gladu, Michel

Goble, Dorothy J
Delday, Benjamin

Smith, Kenneth

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Hagans, Christyne
16-015 Command on-line 1 year free
Toma, Marvin B
16-015 Command on-line 1 year free
Lawrason, Robert Charles
02-271 St Albert
Sinclair, William Charles

02-176 Morinville
Myhovich, William
13-013 Command on-line 1 year free
Leben, Donald Fred
01-29 Creston B.C

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Campbell, Randy D.

For a total of 15

Motion: I move that we accept those individuals for processing and transferring into our Branch.

Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie

CARRIED

2nd & 3rd CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF 1st VICE PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

No New Nominations

Motion: Comrade MacIntosh motioned that nominations move and cease.

Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

After a vote, the New 1st Vice President is Comrade Steve Kuervers

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 17 November with the following addendum: The website had 1028 hits as of 22 November. The advertising signs are being removed as of 30 November. I will be meeting with Pattison's next week to get going on our digital display. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson reported as per the Executive minutes of 17 November I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Steel

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

Nominated: Comrade Forner
Comrade Ferguson
Comrade Criss
Comrade Earles
Comrade Foote

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau currently I am still working with Steve Kuervers on the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. We are on hold because of Covid-19.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: No report

2nd & 3rd CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITION OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

No New Nominations

Motion: Comrade MacIntosh motioned that nominations move and cease.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

After a vote, the new 2nd Vice President is Comrade Audrey Ferguson

Motion: Comrade L. MacIntosh, I move that we destroy the nomination papers and the ballots

Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe I worked with Bill O'Brien on the Poppy Campaign, the 2020 was fairly rough year for everyone and reflected on our totals this year. Overall, our team did an awesome job, we delivered poppies to over 300 business', 70 schools, 2 Malls. The total for our Poppy Campaign this year was \$59,671.00. I would also like to thank all the volunteers; they did an awesome job. This is Comrade O'Brien's last year, he has done 7-8 years now, and I was thinking of all the money he has helped to raise to help the veterans.

Thank you to Comrade O'Brien for all his hard work. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 17 November, with the following addendum: today we have raised \$275,000 for the Poppy Fund, all of Greater Edmonton. Unfortunately, due to Covid we are down from the \$436,000 we raised last year.

Remembering that all the accounts are not in yet, so we could break the \$325,000 mark, that is what we are hoping for. So far this year we have assisted in 2 bursaries, 5 Veterans for just over \$3000.00 I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Pelland

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive minutes of 17 November with the following addendum I stated that the Steve Kuervers and Ron Charlet were unable to meet with me, well tonight Roger Nelson agreed to come onto the committee. So hopefully we can meet and get the by-laws and house rules updated.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Steel

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau reported as per the Executive minutes of 17 November, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills as per the Executive minutes of 17 November, I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss as per the Executive minutes of 17 November, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles as per the Executive minutes of 17 November, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: No report

LA REPORT: Comrade V. Torrie reported: The Ladies Auxiliary are having their Christmas Raffle draw on 19 December 2020. Prizes are:

1. Lap Quilt @ \$225.00
2. Lap Quilt @ \$200.00
3. Christmas Centerpiece @ \$100.00
4. Canteen Gift Certificate @ \$75.00

Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please support us by buying these tickets. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITION

Nominated: Comrade Etmansk
Comrade Earles
Comrade Rayfield
Comrade Biddiscombe
Comrade Criss

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade V. Torrie, the last meeting of the Lest We Forget Concert Committee was held at the Ex Women's Legion on October 15, 2020. The bank balance was \$4029.92, and all of the concert expenses were paid for. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors to our fundraising efforts at the Miller Crossing Farmers Market. With the Covid-19 restrictions and this year's concert cancellation, the next meeting will be 3 February 2021 at CMS. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

2nd & 3rd CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITION

Nominated: Comrade M. Torrie
Comrade C. Wills

Motion: Comrade MacIntosh motioned that nominations move and cease.
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS. All nominees either accepted or declined their nomination. No voting was required as there were just enough members to fill the positions.

Your Executive Officers for 2021

President	Bill Fecteau
1 st Vice President	Steve Kuervers
2 nd Vice President	Audrey Ferguson

Your Executive Members for 2021

Carol Wills	Rick Etmanski	Paddy Earles
Gary Forner	Doug Rayfield	Kathy Deugau (1 year left)
Steve Criss	Geoff Biddiscombe	

Motion: Comrade L. MacIntosh I move that we destroy all nomination papers for Executive positions.

Seconded by Comrade Rimmer

CARRIED

NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS. All members either accepted or declined their nomination. No voting was required as there were just enough members to fill the positions.

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Wills reported as per the Executive minutes 17 November I so move my report with the following addendum.

- 1) New program from Beacon of Hope for veterans who need a new roof, and three runners up will receive \$2500.00 towards roof repairs.
- 2) I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their donation to the Legion for \$8355.00
- 3) Euchre Club has donated \$1,200.00 to the Legion
- 4) We will be offering a takeout Christmas Dinner for \$17.00 per person for Dec 23, 24/2020 pick up from noon to 4 pm. The forms will be at the front desk for you to place your orders, all dinners must be pre-ordered. We will not be able to accommodate walk ins on the 24th. We will be also offering this to the Veterans who have the capability to reheat once we get approval at no cost.
- 5) There is a new notice in the Canteen, you will no longer receive any service unless you are wearing your mask. That includes if you are sitting at the table, when the server comes with your food or drink you must have your mask on until they leave your table.
- 6) Sunday Farmer's Market is sponsoring lunches, so they are offsetting the cost of lunch. So, come in between 11 – 2:30 pm and get a meal with the main choice being supplied by one of the vendors.
- 7) New Covid updates, farmers market is allowed, they are 25% of room capacity. All sports are cancelled, pool, darts, card playing, shuffleboard by order of AHS.

We can stay open as a restaurant, they are very strict on the rules of sitting, 6 people maximum at a table and they must be from the same household. If you want to break the rules you will pay the fine, not us. Same for moving from table to table, if you come in and want to chat with someone at a different table, get a table close to them and semi yell. We also cannot have meat draws.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: Remembrance Day was a good success, considering, we had approximately 100 people.

Our New Years Eve Party planned for this year has been cancelled

NEW BUSINESS:

Installation of Executive will be on 5 December Saturday at noon

Christmas season operating hours we will be:

21 - 23 Dec Regular Hours

24 – 27 Dec Closed

28 - 30 Dec Regular Hours

31 Dec – 3 Jan 2021 Closed

4 Jan Back to Regular Hours

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade V. Torrie: with all the bad news with Covid-19 restrictions, the Forgotten Heros Gala fundraising to put money on the principle of our Legion's mortgage is on going. So far, I have managed to raise about \$9,000.00

I am still looking for donations and pledges to this fundraiser. I will be passing this cup for tonight's donations.

Comrade Kuervers: first off, thank you to those of you who helped with the voting committee tonight and a special thank you to Eleanor & Leroy MacIntosh for the years of dedicated help with these elections. Secondly, for next year we need someone to step up to run the voting committee, so that they can be trained by the Comrade MacIntosh's to do this vital job. Thirdly with this Christmas dinner we will be needing volunteers, expect that call to be going out.

Comrade Fecteau: I am pleased to accept the position of President of this great Branch. However, I would be deeply miss, if I did not acknowledge the outstanding dedication of our outgoing President, Ron Wills and Comrade Carol Wills. The dedication to this Branch by both being of the membership has been outstanding, their hard work in cleaning, getting financial aid and dealing with our creditors literally saved us from having to shut our doors. Further to that Ron and Carol have been spending 7 days a week to keep things running. We have had many hurdles to overcome and they have worked to the point of exhaustion. How can I follow in their shoes, I know will be a great challenge.

Ron and Carol on behalf of myself, the executives and the members I thank you for a job well done and I know very well I can count on you specifically when I am sure to get myself in trouble.

50 / 50 DRAW:

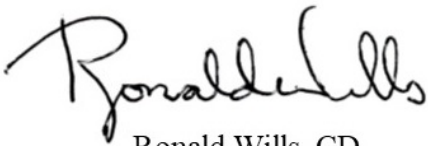
Winning Ticket # 2031 Amount: \$47.00

Winner: Paddy Earles

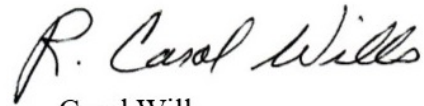
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade L. MacIntosh

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175