

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2019

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Wills, Kuervers, Forner, Rimmer, Burton, Baxter, Deugau, Earles, Christensen, R. Torrie, Kerel, O'Brien, Criss, Huziek, Fecteau, V. Torrie

Excused: Comrade Wiebe

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 Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

No new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:

PRESENTATIONS:

EARLES, PADDY - 10 YEAR PIN
BIDDSOMBE, GEOFF – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
CHRISTENSON, DOUG – BRANCH SERVICE MEDAL

Ladies Auxiliary – President Madam Estelle Comeau presented the Kingsway Legion #175 with a cheque for \$7,000.00

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE

Nominated: Comrade Ron Wills

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 29 OCTOBER 2019:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Fecteau
Seconded by Comrade Leaburn **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Nelson **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 19 NOVEMBER 2019:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Torrie
Seconded by Comrade Baxter **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade L. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie **CARRIED**

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

No New Nominations

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

By Acclamation the President is Comrade Ron Wills

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

Nominated:

Comrade Steve Kuervers

Comrade Gary Forner

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade Forner reported as per the presented financial reports submitted
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Murdock **CARRIED**

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported the following as of Tuesday, November 26, 2019, the Monster 50/50 is at \$8860.00. Grey cup event was sold out. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade Rimmer reported that we have 1653 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
634	505	490	24

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade

Fecteau

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS:

Please look over the individuals as listed. 8 New Applications 0 Transfers 3 Reinstatement

Ordinary

KRAUTER, Mitchell

McKNIGHT, Jessy

TABOUR STONES, Daniel

Associate

ATKIN, Andrew J

ATKIN, Kristina H.

COOK, Elsie A.

HODGSON, Lawrence

JOHNSTON, Jeanette

Affiliate

ADOLF, Gregory

ALLEN, Elsie

ALEXANDRUK, Georgina

CARLSON, Terrance

DANIEL, Grace P.

FRASER, James

HENSHALL, Sophia

HITTINGER, Lorne M.

KIRIAK, Stella

KLUSHIN, William

MROCZEK, Kevin

PARCHEM, Donald

SINCLAIR, Bonnie

STEWART, Holly G.

THORSEN, Carl G.

YALIDKU, Fadi

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

Seconded by Comrade Colpitts

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

Ordinary

PRISKE, Samuel

Associate

BROWNE, Jaquie

GAUTHIER, Odette

Affiliate Voting

EVANS, Michael

FRANIEL, Valarie

KORVEMAKER, Matthew

LEVESQUE, Glenda

WALKER, Roger

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
Ferguson **CARRIED**

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

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills last month we had 4485 hits on our website that is double the amount. Downloads were 508 this is also increased and 19 emails were sent to the manager for more information.

On our new banquet website there were 250 hits and 19 downloads. These numbers are climbing as well. The newsletter is on the way, once again anyone wanting to add or contribute to the newsletter, please submit to myself. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Forner as per the Executive minutes with the following addendum:
on 17 November, the District Double Pool playoffs were held at Westlock.

Advancing to Command level was the first-place team of Laura-Lea Thompson, Myron Karpiak and O.K. Schneider, and the second-place team of Clarence Zigler, Cheryl Kowalchuk and Serge Kowalchuk. Congratulations pool players. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie reported that as of Friday, November 29 all the blue chairs will be gone. Be careful in the parking lot as it is icy. The temperature in the legion is set at 21degrees Celsius. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

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

Nominated:

Comrade Bill Fecteau

Comrade Gary Forner

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau as per the Executive minutes of November 19, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Huziek

Our volunteer utilization is approaching 9,000 hours for the Year To-Date, which includes our Poppy campaign for 2019. There are still some hours that are missing from Bingo and the colour guard.

The Nov 11 event at the legion was hosted by 58 volunteers who complimented the many staff

we had working the areas of food and refreshments. I want to commend everyone for a job well done. I know there were complaints about the long shifts that some had to work and in the design of the shifts, we were struggling to determine whether we needed to go with 6 hours shifts or go to 3 -4 hours shifts. Had we gone to the latter design we would have needed 87 volunteers. Our Volunteer co-ordinators, Norma Yerex, Chris Bunse and Marge Wyatt, had an extremely difficult task to get all the positions filled. Some required making as many as 80 phone calls to fill 19 jobs, some spent more than 8 hours phoning volunteers, and some spent much time trying to talk to volunteers in person. On Nov 9, I advised the co-ordinators to hand in their sheets, so that I could begin to review the rosters. We still had a few vacancies, which were filled by last minute walk-ins. Things seemed to go well.

I do want to properly acknowledge all volunteers who have volunteered for Nov 11; however, I do need to address an issue that developed this year. We had volunteers who chose jobs that they could not physically maintain. It would have been improper for us to assign these people to the physical jobs, in the interests of health and safety for everyone. The Kingsway Legion has positions for everyone's abilities, and we do welcome those of you who want to contribute your time to our events. Just be sure to identify your limitations to the canvasser at the time of our calls.

Next year's Nov 11 event will have a different organization. I will have 6 people trained well before the event, so that when the various shifts and job assignments begin, one of the 6 individuals will be available to work with the volunteers in the their assigned areas.

One of our biggest jobs this year has been to sell the Monster 50/50. I have heard many grumblings about how boring it is. I certainly agree that there are periods of time when there is just no one coming through our doors. There is no way we can forecast what the crowd volumes will be, so we quite often pick a Bank of hours such as 4-8 or 11 to 2 so that we can capture the attention of the crowd and their willingness to buy tickets. For weddings we attempt to schedule the volunteers for the beginning of the event and other events for the end of the event. I want to encourage all volunteers working the ticket table to bring your books and electronic devices and use them when there are no people coming through the door. However, it is expected that volunteers have an interaction with people coming in through the door, with the intent of selling some tickets. Please do not remain reading or playing the material while people are coming through the door.

This past weekend, we had some disturbing behaviours from some of our patrons. They left the canteen and walked into a Private function to dance to the band at the function. I wish to remind everyone that this is not acceptable. Private functions are private to those who have paid for the event. They should be allowed to enjoy the entertainment they paid for. Future occurrences will be investigated, and the names will be presented to the President for further consideration if deemed necessary. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

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

Ferguson

CARRIED

After a vote the 2nd Vice President is Comrade Bill Fecteau

POPPY: Presented by Comrade O'Brien first off I would like to Thank all the volunteers, you definitely made my job easier. Especially wish to Thank Geoff Biddscombe for all his assistance and I have some good numbers for you.

\$89,991.33 raised from Poppy drive

Tag Day raised \$6661.00 for Kingsway Legion.

City wide they raised \$270,000

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills there was no meeting last month due to the Poppy campaign. Our next meeting is Dec 16th; we cleared just over \$506,000.00 from the sale of the Poppy Office. At the next Poppy meeting we will decide how we are going to move forward with that money. Whether or not how much we give away, how much will go into GST, how much we hang on to. That decision will be made at the next meeting. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Baxter - No Report

IT: Comrade Kuervers – No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie – No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade Burton read 5 letters and 2 posters, which are posted on the wall.

I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Baxter as per the Executive minutes of November 19, I so move my report.

Comrade Colpitts reported on 29 November 2019, Navy League of Canada, Edmonton Branch, inspected The Corps. Branch President, Darci Emter along with NL Cadet Liaison, Andy Twigg (Reviewing Officer) inspected the Cadets.

The Corps has 80 Cadet registered but only 53 were on parade. It seems that the Halifax trip is on shaky ground with funding not going well. The Corps staffs have some areas yet to explore and that may tell the tale. I so move the reports.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles as per the Executive minutes of November 19, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Colpitts

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Kerel as per the minutes of the Executive meeting I so move my report. With the following addendum I would like to thank my Comrade Murdock who filled in for me for the last 6 weeks.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

LA REPORT: President Estelle Comeau presented that they are busy raising money. December 14th will be the bake sale and draws for the baskets. It's been a busy year and I would like to thank everyone for their help as I am stepping down.

New Executive is

President: Kim Earles

1st Vice: Alice Graham

Treasurer: Laurie H.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie

CARRIED

1st CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE POSITION

Nominated:

Comrade Audrey Ferguson

Comrade Gary Forner

LEST WE FORGET – No Report

KIPNESS CENTRE – No Report

VETERAN'S VILLA – No Report

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

Nominated:

Comrade Kathy Deugau

Comrade Lionel Foote

Comrade Bill Huziek

Motion: Comrade MacIntosh motioned that nominations move and cease.

Seconded by Comrade

Earles

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.

The following members have been accepted as members of the Executive Committee.

Ron Wills

President

Steve Kuervers

1st Vice President

Finance Chairperson

William Fecteau

2nd Vice President

Honors & Awards

R. Torrie	Past President	Buildings & Grounds
Audrey Ferguson		Sports
Gary Forner		Treasurer
Kathy Deugau		Historian
William Huziek		Entertainment

The following members are on their second year as members of the Executive Committee.

Carol Burton	Secretary
Paddy Earles	Service Officer
David Baxter	Cadet Liaison
William O'Brien	Poppy
Glenda Rimmer	Membership

The following members have been appointed as members of the Executive Committee.

Robert Martin	Sick and Visiting:
Steve Criss	Ways & Means
Randy Kerel	Sgt at Arms

We are still recruiting for the position of Chairman.

Motion: Comrade Fecteau motioned to destroy all voting ballots.
 Seconded by Comrade Gwilliam

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Wills reported I would like to thank all the members of the Election committee for their outstanding job. The only thing I have for the President's report is that we have confirmation from AGLC that our hold back has been raised to 75% for the next 2 years. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: Remembrance Day the sales were low this year since a lot of brigade was out of country, we only made \$12,000.00. We had a safe day, only 1 person passed out. I personally would like to thank all the volunteers for making the day successful. Next year we will be reaching out for more support outside for the set up and the tear down as well.

Donated snacks on Remembrance Day: Thank you to T&T for the cake and all the snacks they donated.

Renaming of the Banquet Rooms:

These are the names nominated – The Regent Room, Ball Room, Maple Leaf Room, Wild rose, Saloon, Sportsmen Lounge, Rondeau, Echo, Liberty, Alberta, Gala, Veterans, George Constance, Poppy, Emerald, and Honour Room.

The 3 top names for the President's Room were:

Regent - 4

Ballroom - 1

Maple Leaf – 1

The Past President's room were:

Wild Rose – 2

Saloon - 2

Motion: Comrade Huziek motioned that hat we change the names of the Ballrooms as follows:

Maple Leaf Room – Presidents (30)

Wild Rose – Past Presidents

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

Disability signs – at the last Executive meeting we discussed adding more disability stalls, the Executive have decided to add 6 more stalls. The backside of the current disability stalls will all be posted as handicap parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our hours of operation over the Christmas holidays are listed on the Executive Minutes under the Manager's report, page 5. They will be posted for all members to see. We will be closed New Year's Day as well.

Comrade Kuervers stated that although we thank all the volunteers, we are always short of volunteers for the Monster 50/50. Also we some friction on Remembrance Day as for the setting up outside, we did not have enough volunteers, so please remember for next year we need volunteers for set up and tear down outside.

On a personal note, I have received Christmas cards while deployed they are well received, so please if you are interested, take time to send a Christmas card to a soldier who are deployed.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade Fecteau, I would like to bring up the fact that in the past we had a microphone sitting out in the audience for people who want to address the chair and everyone could hear them. I so move that we reinstate that policy immediately.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

Comrade Wills asked that the members give a round of applause for the past Executive for all their hard work.

Next General Meeting to be held on 28 January 2020

50 / 50 DRAW:

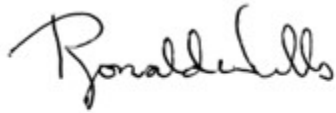
Winning Ticket # 190460 Amount: \$95.00

Winner: Leroy MacIntosh

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Ferguson

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
Kingsway Branch # 175