

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m. Comrade MacIntosh chaired the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, R. Wills, Forner, Ferguson, C.Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, MacIntosh, Biddiscombe, Kim Earles, Deugau,

Excused: Comrade Etmanski, P.Earles, Criss, Werner, 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 W. Hyshka

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 25 OCTOBER 2022

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 K.Earles
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade R Wills

The meeting was held on 19 Nov 2022 at 10:00 am.

We are in the middle of preparing for the AGLC Audit May 2019 – Sep 2022. Comrade Former will be heading up this tasking.

Stating in Jan we will begin paying our taxes in monthly installments.

Comrade Criss is looking into a small grant to offset the cost of the Dance Floor. We also want to change the stage transition strips to reduce the potential tripping hazard.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade J.Hyshka

CARRIED

TREASURER: Comrade Former – As per the printed reports, I have submitted a condensed version of the Finance Budget to October 2022.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J.Hyshka

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss – No Report

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1288 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
482	453	326	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W.Hyshka

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 11 New Applications 5 Transfers 0 Reinstatement
Ordinary Associate Affiliate

Mah, Diane
Semple, Anthony
Fenwick, Warren
Smith, Dale
Lepchuk, Robert

Adams, Dennis
Adam, Christian
Lepchuk, Lorrie
Kennedy, James

Garrant, Peter
King, Natalie

Transfer
Zinger, Donald
01/13 Dominion

McDougall, Gerard
Leduc Branch 108

Ward, Sandra
Wetaskiwin Br 86

Spurrier, Duane
02/178 Norwood

Gilbert, Crystal
01/013 Dominion

For a total of: 16

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

November 2022

Marion Mercer

Neil White

Heather Taylor

Anne Wolaniuk

Marion O'Brien

Brad Willford

John (Richard) Goodkey

Gordon Loney

Leslie Sumka

Victor Rudkowski

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills

The website was last updated today. There have been 6,727 visitors in the past 30 days. I have added pictures on our Remembrance Day Ceremonies and Drag Show events. I will be adding the GM Agenda to the web starting this month.

I am currently working on the Dec 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Wednesday 30 Nov.

I have updated the digital display for our TV system

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson

Mixed Darts was held on October 29, 2022, here at Kingsway. Our team of Rick, Audrey, Jackie, Wes, Robert and Joanne have advanced to Districts to be held on December 11, 2022, in Athabasca.

Pool Singles was held on November 05, 2022, at Norwood. Again, we had three (3) No Shows. If you are not going to attend the event, then please do not enter the event. It is embarrassing for the Branch when teams don't show up and don't have the courtesy to call to inform the host Branch, they are unable to attend. We did, however, bring home the plaque being won by Craig Nowell. I am not sure how many of our players, maybe all 10, are advancing to play in Districts being held on December 10, 2022, in Westlock.

District Euchre was held at Norwood on November 13, 2022. Again one (1) team did not show. Second place team of Jeff Biddiscombe, Trese Biddiscombe and spare Geoff Biddiscombe advance to Command to be held on January 20-21, 2023, at the Forest Lawn Branch in Calgary.

District Legion Crib was held on November 19, 2022, in Ft. Saskatchewan. Second place team of Donna Olson, Elaine Dean, Ron Rurka and Dave Barnard advance to Command to be held on January 27-28, 2023, at Norwood Legion. Congratulations teams.

District Legion Darts was held on November 20, 2022, in Ft. Saskatchewan. The Kingsway team of Rick, Audrey, Jackie, Wes, Robert and Joanne placed fourth but do not advance to Command. Better luck next year team.

District Shuffleboard is being played off on November 26, 2022, here at Kingsway. There are three (3) Senior teams competing. Have fun teams. We will be playing off at 10:00 a.m.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

- Changed the lightbulbs in the Canteen
- Tightened all the toilet seats in the ladies' washrooms
- Snow removal
- Assisted in cleaning out the poppy room
- Assisting in count room with Leanne Leaburn
- Assisted during Remembrance Day and clean up
- Helped with Christmas decorations
- Assisted wherever else required

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau - No report

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe

I have had two of our members in hospital and have been able to contact Vicky Torrie via Mac's cell phone.

Because of a continuing cough I am unable to visit in hospital.

I have not learned just how Comrade V. Torrie is doing.

Comrade C. Wills moved the report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Friday and Saturday dances are going well. Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

November 25/26 – Norman and the Country Jammers

December 2/3 – Sparkling Tones

December 9/10 – Norman and the Country Jammers

December 16/17 –Country Gold

December 23 – NO DANCE

December 24 – NO DANCE

December 30 – NO DANCE

Friday night Executive meat draws are doing very well, and our first Super Meat Draw was very successful.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2022

Ruby and The Hitmen
 Advance sales prior to December 17
 \$65.00 for members
 \$70.00 for non-members
 Sales: December 18 to 27
 \$70.00 for members
 \$80.00 for non-members
 No tickets will be available after December 27

Our first Drag show was a great success and I have heard nothing but great comments from the people who attended.

I want to thank all the people who have assisted me throughout this past year. Volunteers are our bloodline and we could not do what we do without them. In my mind, Kingsway has the very best of volunteers.

I am working on upcoming shows and entertainment for 2023.
 I so move my report
 Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Biddiscombe

1. I'm happy to say the 2022 Poppy Campaign has been completed for Kingsway Legion.
 - Business and school routes have been picked up.
 - Donations have been counted.

2. House keeping items that need to be completed.
 - Update Business and School routes.
 - Update Procedures.
 - Submit an expense report to Ron.
 - Complete an inventory report.
 - Complete a 2023 order form for schools and business.

3. Volunteers: We had our challenges attracting volunteers this year but, in the end, we filled each slot.

- **Total Volunteer Positions** **Total Hours**
390 **2151.5**
- I appreciate and what to say Thank You so much to each any every volunteer who gave the gift of their time to our campaign.
- In all facets of life, you always have people who go above and beyond. I compiled a list of volunteers who donated 20 hours or more to the Poppy Campaign. Please see attached document.
- I will be submitting this list to our President so he can provide the proper recognition they deserve.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Leroy MacIntosh	90
Eleanor MacIntosh	90
Brett Finch	42.5
Jeff Biddiscombe	36
Audrey Ferguson	33.5
Lee Ann Leaburn	27
Trevor Lorent	22.5
Bill O'Brien	22
Hugh Guitard	21.25
Wes Hyshka	21
Greg Belageron	20
Trese Biddiscombe	250

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- Honorable Mention:
- The boys in the color party
- Mac Torrie
- Lionel Foote
- Danny Roach
- Mike Walsh
- Bill Lawrence
- Rick Etmanski
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4. Total Street Donations for Kingsway Legion **\$63,415.68.**

5. Poppy Chairman Workload. In the past two years I watched the workload increase substantially. Even with Trese's help we found it very difficult to keep up.
- I would like to recommend to the group that in 2023 the campaign be run by a committee. You would still have a Kingsway Poppy Chairman but there would be other members working directly with him/her in key positions.
 - I have developed a structure that I believe would work. If the group is interested in this approach, I would be happy to provide the document for review.
6. As this is my last meeting as an Executive member, I would like to Thank the group for all their support and encouragement. We have accomplished a lot in the past two years under some very trying times.
- Kept the Legion running while Covid-19 caused upheaval around the world.

- Had our Taxes reduced by 50%
- Thanks to Ron's efforts the Legion is in a very good financial position.
- We are finally getting a new dance floor in the canteen.

Merry Christmas Everyone and all the best in the New Year.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

Veterans or their Dependants: 2 Clients for	\$1459.20
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$0.00
Legion /Cadet Donation	\$0.00
Bursaries: / 1 students	\$1,000.00
Poster & Literacy Prizes	\$0.00
Medical	\$0.00
Food Vouchers	\$0.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$0.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$0.00
Client Rent, Moving, Furniture	\$459.20
Client Utilities	\$0.00
Current Balance:	\$ 1,207,899.78

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W.Hyshka

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade P.Earles

I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance, assisted three Veterans with initial disability claims and completed four requests for information.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

Sent our Bylaws to Command for approval on October 27, 2022. Emailed the Chairman on November 08, 2022, for an update and again on November 16, 2022. On November 19, 2022, I tried to call the Chairman but got no answer. Finally got hold of the Chairman today and he informed me that he had not received any By-Laws from me, so I asked Ron Wills to resend them which we did today at noon.

The By-Laws Committee Chairman is well aware that we need these By-Laws back by Monday November 28, 2022, to implement them into our Elections.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau - No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills – read the advertisement from Mark’s on Exclusive Limited Time Savings for Legion members. I will have copies for those members who do not have computer access, to have the 25% off with Q Code.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Presented by Comrade Criss – No Report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski – No Report

MANAGER’S REPORT: Comrade Werner

Report read by Comrade C. Wills

I did order new batteries for our AED machines. We just need to get the Poppy Office to pay for them. The cost is \$1600.00

We should decide our Christmas hours for this season.

There are still two-bathroom stalls that are locked because the latches are broken, when will they be getting fixed?

I want to thank all of our executive and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year a successful year for the Legion.

I am asking that Steve Criss post the Grey cup winners in the lobby.

Comrade C. Wills moved the report

Seconded by Comrade Biddiscombe

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

Our members held elections at our General Meeting today. The results are

President: Kim Earles

1st Vice: Blondie Charlet

2nd Vice: Mary Good

Secretary: Phyllis Moldowan

Treasurer: Loree Hurst

Executive members: Chris Payea, Sharon Clemens, Charlotte Bueckert, Alice Graham, Eldean Baskerville, Reba Baskerville, Marilyn Pytel and Zelda Doell

December 17th is our Ham & Turkey Meat Draws, Bake & Craft Sale, and Raffle Draw. Raffle tickets remaining can be purchased from LA members or at the front desk.

We will not have any meat raffles on Dec 24th or Dec 31st. We will back January 7th. On January 14th after the meat raffle there will be “Button Bingo” stick around for more fun! No cost involved.

A reminder to female Legion members and their friends, registration fees for Ladies Auxiliary are waived currently so come check us out! Registration forms are available at the front desk.

Please accept our invitation to check out our Ladies Auxiliary library and borrow or swap books.

Today a \$200 was given to Flo from our AGLC account to assist with the installations. During the November General Meeting the LA will have a donation from our AGLC account to the Legion.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT : Comrade Fecteau

To begin with, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the membership for their support during my presidency with a special thank you to our Executive Secretary Carol Wills. I could not have done the appointment without her dedicated support. Thank you, Carol.

A great thank you to our volunteers under the leadership of Comrade Norma Yerex. We are blessed to have so many volunteers willing to support our many activities.

To Ron Wills who has been tireless in his efforts to make this Branch financially viable second to none with the assistance of his financial committee.

To Florence Werner our Branch Manager and all the staff. Thank you for a job well done.

Elections will be held at the November General meeting. It is up to you the membership to decide who will be the next President and Executive Committee. I will not be letting my name stand as I want to spend my time travelling.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Remembrance Day – Comrade Wills, we had a good day with a couple of hiccups, 1 was the CD player was not plugged in, the only people who could hear it was the dignitaries. We must ensure that does not happen again next year. Also, we must ensure all the wreaths are placed at the cenotaph, 2 wreaths were missed, and we received complaints as they were missed and this is not acceptable. Comrade Wes stated a big thank you to Strathcona unit that came out and shovelled the walkway and cleaned up the cenotaph so that it was presentable. Thanks to Shaun Danyi and his platoon for the assistance in this matter. We also would like to recognize the Kingsway Colour Party for their assistance in setting up and tearing down all the chairs and wreaths at the cenotaph. Also thank you to Carol and Audrey for setting up all the wreaths and ensuring we had them in correct order.

Dance Floor – Comrade Ron Wills, I have meet with Bruce from Renew Floorcovering, as soon as the product arrives we will be planning an install date for a Sun/Mon. We are hoping to have it completed and ready for the New Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Broken Window - On Wed Nov 16 at about 5:00 pm Steven Saiko lost his balance while placing a speaker on the stand, lost his balance and the speaker crashed into the window breaking it. I have an estimate for \$1,428.00 to have the windows replaced. He states that he refuses to pay for the damage. He claims it's our fault as the transition strip is a safety hazard. In addition, he reported his concerns to the Building Safety Codes Permits and Inspections. Bill Reid, Building Safety Codes Officer for the city came out to inspect the stage and stated that he sees no issues, but will confirm after reviewing the Building Code.

It is my recommendation to we send him a registered letter advising him that if the invoice is not paid by Dec 9, 2022, that we place a lifetime ban from his entering our Branch.

A decision was made was to send a registered letter advising him if not paid we will enforce the lifetime ban from the Legion

Quilt of Valour – there will be three presentations made at the General meeting

Coffee News – looked into placing an ad in the Coffee News paper. The ad work be for the year and can be changed monthly if we wish. The cost would be \$1,659.00 for two areas North Central & Northeast for the year. \$30.00 weekly.


We would also be setting up a stand for the paper in the lobby.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

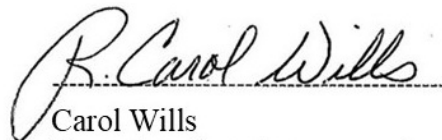
- a) Shuffleboard – the shuffleboard top has been replaced, the old top is in the back hallway. After discussion it is decided that Comrade Wes Hyshka will reuse & build legs to use in back hallway in replacing the tables for banquet use.
- b) Christmas hours – Dec 23 close at 4 pm
Dec 24 & 26th closed
Dec 25 – open only for Christmas dinner
Dec 27-30 open regular hours
Dec 31 – open at 5:30 pm for New Years Eve Dinner & Dance
Jan 1 – 2 closed
Jan 3rd resumes regular hours.

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175