

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, Forner, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Deugau, Biddiscombe, Criss, P. Earles, K. Earles, MacIntosh

**Excused:** Comrade Etmanski, Wiebe

**Absent:** Comrade

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DECEASED</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>
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**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade M. Steele

Seconded by Comrade Roach

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

**WELCOMING CEREMONY:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Frank Colautti – 25 year pin

Quilt of Valour – Bill Fecteau, Ron Wills, David Meace

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**

Robert “Mac” Torrie- Accepted

Ron Wills- Accepted

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 25 OCTOBER 2022:**

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

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:**

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

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

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 22 NOVEMBER 2022:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Lawrence  
Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

**ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:** None

**BUSINESS ARISING:** None

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Roach  
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

**CARRIED**

**SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Comrade Wills as per the Executive Minutes of  
22 November I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade C. Gwilliam

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER:** Comrade Forner reported: as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November  
I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Colpitts

**CARRIED**

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Comrade Criss the Vegas raffle will be ends tomorrow and will be  
drawn on Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next event for Music Bingo will be on 14 January, 80's to 90's  
music. We had a bingo today and I would like to Thank all the volunteers.  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Audrey Ferguson- Accepted

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1288 members in good standing

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
<b>482</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>27</b>

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade B. Gwilliam

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** 11 New Applications 5 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Mah, Diane	Adams, Dennis	Garrant, Peter
Semple, Anthony	Adam, Christian	King, Natalie
Fenwick, Warren	Lepchuk, Lorrie	
Smith, Dale	Kennedy, James	
Lepchuk, Robert		

### **TRANSFERS**

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Zinger, Donald 01/013 Dominion	McDougall, Gerard Leduc Branch 108	Ward, Sandra Wetaskiwin Branch 86
Spurrier, Duane 02/178 Norwood	Gilbert, Crystal 01/013 Dominion	

### **REINSTATEMENTS**

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
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For a total of 16

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

Seconded by Comrade Danyi

**CARRIED**

**New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None**

### **SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Chuck Colpitts – Rejected Nomination

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November I so move my report with the following addendum  
Website has been updated, the newsletter is almost complete with the exception of what takes place this evening and will be on the website as of Friday  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade S.Charlet **CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Ferguson as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November I so move my report with the following addendum  
In District Euchre the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team of Jeff Biddiscombe and Trese Biddiscombe have had to withdraw from competing at Command. In their place will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team of Bill O'Brien and Dave Barnard.  
On November 26, 2022 the Ladies Shuffleboard playoffs were held. Advancing to Command on February 17-18, 2023 in Calgary are the 1<sup>st</sup> place team of LeeAnn Leaburn and Audrey Ferguson and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team of Carol Gwilliam and Maxine Laird. They will be joined with the Mixed team of Ron and Carol Wills.  
On November 27, 2022 District 8 Ball Pool Doubles was held at Norwood. Advancing to Command on March 24-25, 2023 in Vulcan is the 1<sup>st</sup> place team of Norm Preston and Wayne Wesolowsky. Congratulations teams  
Merry Christmas everyone  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Leaburn **CARRIED**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Comrade W.Hyshka as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November  
I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade Danyi **CARRIED**

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
Rick Etmanski- Accepted

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau No report

**SICK AND VISITING:** No report

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS:** Comrade J. Hyshka  
as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November, with the addendum, our New Year's Eve Party is officially sold out.  
I So move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles **CARRIED**

**SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
None

**POPPY:** Comrade Biddiscombe as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November  
With the following addendum, total street donations for Kingsway Legion was \$65,652.31. I am very proud to say Kingsway Legion has \$132,655.00 in the past 2 years.  
Poppy chairman, in the last 2 years I have watched the work load increase substantially even with Trese' help we found it very difficult to keep up with it this year. I would like to recommend to the group that in 2023 the campaign be run by committee, you would still have your Kingsway Poppy chairman but there would be other members working with him/her in key positions. I have developed a structure that I would work, if the group is interested in this approach I would be happy to provide document for them to review.

As this is my last meeting as an Executive member, I would to Thank the group for all their support and encouragement. We have accomplished a lot in this past 2 years under some very trying times. We kept the Legion running while COVID caused upheaval around the world, had our taxes reduced by 48%. Thanks to Ron Wills and his financial team, the Legion is in very good financial position and we will finally be getting the new floor in the canteen.

So I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

**CARRIED**

**POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT:** Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 22 November with the following addendum. It has been pretty quiet. We only had two clients this month. I am working on three clients that require support from the Poppy Fund. This year the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund has raised a total of \$299,252.00, compared to last year we did \$334,019.00, there is a drop but we know that is because of no ad mail in this year and we will be address that issue and try to get it back.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

**CARRIED**

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade P. Earles as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November, I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade B. Gwilliam

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson, as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November, with the following addendum

The new Bylaws have been returned and as stated earlier are now in effect. Next time we need to change them is in 3 years.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade M. Steele

**CARRIED**

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau presented Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding support to the Branch.

Donna Olson

Chris Bunse

Sharon Watts

Carol Simon

Mary Good

Ken Taguci

Mona Scouten

Gail Simons

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No report

**CADET LIAISON OFFICER:** No report

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Foote

The Branch Color Party was quite active since our last Meeting. We took part in numerous Remembrance Day Ceremonies across the City.

November 3 and 4 – at a Senior Center

November 6 – Lest We Forget Concert

November 7 – No Stone Left Alone at Beechmont

November 8 – Senior Center

November 9 – 2 times Senior Centers

November 10 – St Joes School

And of course at our Branch for November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony

I would like to say “Thank You” to Chuck Colpitts, he has been on the Color Party and Honour Guard for a number of years and he has decided to rest and put away his white gloves. Thank you very much Chuck.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

**CARRIED**

**LADIES AUXILIARY** Comrade K. Earles as per the Executive minutes of 22 November, I so move my report with the following presentation

Comrade Ron Wills, I am happy to present to the Greater Edmonton Poppy fund a cheque in the amount of \$700.00

Comrade Fecteau, I am happy to present to the Kingsway Legion a cheque in the amount of \$12,000.00

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY**

Carol Wills - Accepted

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER**

Ron Wills - Accepted

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Don Claggett - Rejected Nomination

Ron Charlet - Rejected Nomination

Roger Nelson - Accepted

Danny Roach - Rejected Nomination

Mike Walsh - Accepted

Sean Danyi - Accepted

**LEST WE FORGET** Comrade M. Torrie

The Lest We Forget concert was held at Festival Place Theatre on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Even though the event was smaller, it was a complete success including the fundraising Silent Auction.

Thank you to the Cosmopolitan Music Society for your never-ending support of all our Veterans by putting on this.

Thank you to all who supported donated to and volunteered during the Concert. Our Color Party did us proud again with the parading of the Colors.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade S. Charlet

**CARRIED**

**SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY**

Judy Morrill – Accepted

**SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER**

None

**SECOND AND THIRD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Judy Morrill – Accepted

Leroy MacIntosh - Rejected Nomination

Steve Criss - Accepted

**KIPNESS CENTRE** No report

**VETERAN’S VILLA** No report

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Comrade Fecteau as per the Executive minutes of 22 November

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade B. Gwilliam

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Remembrance Day 2022 – Comrade R. Wills, as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November I so move the report.

B) Dance Floor Juno Room – as per the Executive Minutes of 22 November I so move the report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175**

Comrade Geoff Biddiscombe presented the following members with their Certificate of Merit:

Leroy MacIntosh	Eleanor MacIntosh
Brett Finch	Jeff Biddiscombe
Audrey Ferguson	Lee Ann Leaburn
Trevor Loren	Wes Hyshka
Trese Biddiscombe	

Comrade Geoff Biddiscombe presented the following members with their Certificate of Appreciation:

Hugh Guitard	Bill O'Brien
Greg Baillargeon	

Comrade Geoff Biddiscombe gave an Honorable Mention to members of the Color Party for all the work during the Poppy Campaign.

Mac Torrie	Lionel Foote
Danny Roach	Mike Walsh
Bill Lawrence	Rick Etmanski

Comrade Geoff Biddiscombe thanked Vicki Torrie for all her hard work raising money at the Market for the Poppy Campaign. Comrade Geoff Biddiscombe thanked all the volunteers, I truly appreciate your hard work and commitment to the Poppy campaign.

I ask now that Trese make a special presentation to Corey McEwan for all his support and volunteering in a number of ways to support Kingsway Legion. Corey makes donation for poppies each year which he hands out. He has gone out of his way to bid on items at our silent auctions and recently went above and beyond to help with volunteers. We were short 81 volunteer positions, I provided Corey with some details and within 24 hours he provided me the name and contact information for 18 volunteers. Corey isn't a member but certainly came through to support the Branch.

**Motion:** To destroy all ballots made by Comrade K. Earles  
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**



**THE 2023 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:**

**President** Robert "Mac" Torrie  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice** Rick Etmanski  
**Treasurer** Ron Wills

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice** Audrey Ferguson  
**Secretary** Carol Wills

**THE 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**New Executive Members**

Judy Morrill Steve Criss  
Mike Walsh Roger Nelson  
Sean Danyi

**Returning Executive Member**

Jackie Hyshka Wes Hyshka  
Gary Forner Kathy Deugau  
Rev. Bob Weibe

Installations of the New Executives will be on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**50 / 50 DRAW:**

Winning Ticket #248213 Amount: \$140.00

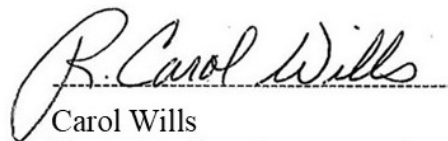
Winner: Stanley Hawkes

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



Wm Bill Fecteau  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175