

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Criss, Forner, MacIntosh, Earles K.

Excused: Comrade P. Earles (work), Comrade W. Hyshka, Comrade J. Hyshka, Comrade Flo Werner. Comrade Wiebe, Comrade Biddiscombe (holidays) Comrade Etmanski, Comrade Deugau

Absent:

Guests:

Executive meeting held with no quorum, therefore, no motions can be made.

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Della Gagnon	81 years	13/March/2022	Air Force
Ronald Parr	61 years	11/March/2022	Army

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 28 MARCH 2022:

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Ferguson
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade R. Wills

There was no Committee meeting this month as we were waiting for the 2021 audit. The auditor has all the documents (I hope), and we should get the report shortly.

Looking at our bank account, we appear to be in a good financial position. Currently we approx. \$152K usable income.

We have not applied to Command for the \$30,000 loan. At this time, the committee believes that we will not require the funds to meet our financial obligations. But, it's nice to have in our back pocket should we need it.

Fundraising Events

Our pursue for the full tax forgiveness option will be brought forward during the May 10th City Council Meeting. If approved, I would like to pay off our CEBA loan of \$40,000.

We currently have three events on the go:

30 Apr -1 May Golf Tournament Cattail Crossing - To date we only have nine teams signed up. If we cancel, the items for the silent auction will take place during the week of Canada Day 27 Jun – 1 Jul. I sent out a letter this morning to all the members pleading for their support. If we do have to cancel the event, it could cost us \$1,500 for the band and \$3,500 for Danny Hooper, for a total of \$5,000.

Apr – May Matco Moving - Cheque to be delivered during Nestor Pestor Event
The golf tournament is posted on the City of Edmonton Events page

The Bear 103.5 – waiting for approval from AGLC for another Meat Draw.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

TREASURER: Comrade Forner No Report

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

Still waiting on approval for a 3rd meat raffle and 50/50 with 100.3 The Bear. which we are hoping to raise \$35,000 for the meat draw. The target date so far is May 16, 2022 unless something goes sideways.

We have our 3rd musical bingo coming up this Friday at 7:30 pm, looking forward to the turn out for that.

Our next bingo is on May 4th, and May 24th. We are in bad need for volunteers as last 5 bingos we been short handed. If you now anyone that is able to volunteer and is able to walk let me know. No news yet on our new bingo dates going forward after May 24th but expect should hear something soon.

For any other fundraising ideas please call me at 780 278 1263 or email me at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1022 members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
413	359	223	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 18 New Applications 6 Transfers 1 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Baker, Jean
Pharoah, Mark
Jackman, Michael
Davenport, Eugene
LaPlante, Michel

Associate

Ryback, Bernice
Vienneau, Gordon
Dunsford, Niilo
L'Hirondelle, Melissa
St, Lawrence, Charlotte

Affiliate

Rellier, Donna
Sullivan, Ronald
Rose, Barbara
Brulotte, Janice
Joly, Angele
MacNeil, Chris
Thomson, Kathryn
Freeman, Edward

TRANSFERS

Ordinary

Loney, Gordon
Pembroke, On 05-072

Associate

Fitchett, Wilfred
Norwood Br 178

Affiliate

Chiasson Marc
Brampton, On 16-015

Smith, Jean
Norwood Br 178

L'Hirondelle, Alex
Edson, AB Br 51

Straty, Brenda
Norwood Br 178

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Smith, William (Bill)

For a total of 25

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

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration:

Curtis Lynn Helberg

Marnie Wyllie

Joses Thistle-Boucher

Desiree Fuchs

Ernest Shumansky

Michelle Briones

Clifford Hemeon

Jim Smythe

Teresa Persson

Teresita Duque Ochoa-Goeree

Beverly Shaw

Sherry Gompf-Spence

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills

Publicity Report:

Website was last updated Apr 17. There have been 5005 visitors in the past 30 days.

I am currently working on the May 2022 Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Saturday 29 Apr.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson

The District 2 Spring Rally was held on April 03, 2022 at Kingsway. We were not successful in obtaining one of the two Command sports for 2022-2023. We have however succeeded in hosting the following events

Area Cribbage Legion on September 17, 2022

Area Darts Mixed on October 29, 2022

District 2 Shuffleboard, all categories, on November 26, 2022.

The Command Cribbage Legion is being held at Norwood Branch #178 on January 27-28, 2023

The Command Cribbage Pairs is being held at Strathcona Branch # 150 on March 3-4, 2023.

I have put the Sports Calendar on the Bulletin board to the left of the Canteen. Remember to sign up early so we know how many teams are entering the Area events.

District and Command are by elimination from the Area participants.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

I assisted with the making of the perogies for the Ukrainian Dinner.

Assisted making over 600 quiches for a large function.

Fixed the plugged sink in the men's washroom.

I am slowly get up and around as I have now ditched the wheelchair and walker.

Thanks again to all who have assisted me with the set up and take downs of the rooms.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau No report

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

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

April 22/23 – Trick Ryder

April 29/30 – Steppin Out

May 6/7 – Country Gold

May 13/14 – Steppin Out

May 20/21 – Norman and the Country Jammers

May 27/28 – Steppin Out

Friday night Executive meat draws are doing very well.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Ukrainian Dinner – Sunday, April 24

Tickets are \$25.00

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Mother's Day Special High Tea – Sunday, May 8

2 sittings
12:00 pm
2:00 pm
\$25.00 per guest

Nestor Pistor Live – Saturday, June 4
Show and Meal \$50.00
Meal Only \$20.00
Show Only \$30.00
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Meal at 6:00 pm
Show at 7:00 pm

Father's Day BBQ Steak Dinner – Sunday, June 19
Tickets \$25.00
More information to follow

Canada Day Festivities – Friday, July 1
Pancake Breakfast 9:00 to 11:00
Price - \$2:00

Pig Roast 5:30 to 6:30
Tickets \$30.00
Regular Friday night dance featuring Trick Ryder from 7:00 to 11:00

NEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Elvis Tribute show with live band has been scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2022
Adult Hypnotist Dinner and Show for Sunday, September 18, 2022
Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance for Saturday, October 1, 2022
More information to follow regarding these three new events

We have confirmed our New Year's Eve band – Ruby and the Hitmen. Thank you to Ron for making this happen.

I have been working closely with the Ways & Means Committee and Steve Criss will report with respect to the Extreme Music Bingos.

I have been asked by a member if we could donate the net profit of our Ukrainian Dinner to Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.

I am going to set up a donation plate for the CIRO (Canadian International Rescue Organization). This organization is a team of 100% volunteers responding to global disasters by providing professional Search and Rescue services and consulting. They just recently returned from Kyiv doing what they do best. They trained local search and rescue teams in Ukraine and left all equipment to these teams when they returned to Canada. Wes and I have a personal

connection with the Team Leaders.

I am aware of organizations here in Edmonton that 100% of all donations are sent directly to Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief – no administration fees.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe No report

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills

YTD 2021

Veterans or their Dependents: 32 Clients for	\$145,883.13
British Comm Ex-Service League	\$10,000.00
Legion /Cadet Donation	\$100,861.00
Bursaries: / nine students	\$12,000.00
Medical	\$4,593.74
Food Vouchers	\$2,170.25
Emergency Vouchers	\$700.00
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$321.47
Client Rent, Moving, Furniture	\$12,850.00
Client Utilities	\$2,386.67
Current Balance:	\$ 1,293,779.07

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

I will be presenting a member with a 50 year pin

2 members to receive their Branch Service Medals

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss

9 Apr 22

CB Hill is up and running unfortunately due to covid their numbers have dropped down to 24 plus 3 officers. With renovations going on at H.M.C.S. Nonsuch they are parading at Inglewood Community Hall.

504 Air Cadet Squadron – Up and running no report
1809 Army Cadets - Up and running no report
180 Army Cadets – Up and running no report

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Earles

I have completed three requests for the Poppy Fund, completed two referrals to the Command SO, assisted with two initial disability claims and completed three miscellaneous requests.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski No report

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Our Banquets are starting to pick up, we are finally starting to make money again.

We have just brought back Judy for banquets because we are getting busy with banquets, the serving and set up staff are also back to work.

I want to thank the staff and executive for stepping up to the plate when we needed them, it has been along couple of years but I think we can put Covid behind us.

We have received two thank you letters for the staff and the good jobs that they have done.

Honour Guard name tags will be here at the end of the week or early next week.

We have a plumber coming in today or tomorrow to look at the kitchen taps and traps.

The cadets from C B Hill are looking for a space to hold their annual ceremonial review on Saturday May 28th, they are asking for a cost. Could we give them the room for free if they pick up all the garbage out side when it gets warmer. (we do have a musical bingo in the evening of May 28, so we would have to move tables)

Comrade C. Wills read 2 letters of compliments and thanks from

J.L. Boland Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Officer 1 Service Battalion

Jeff Overseas – Afghanistan reunion

Comrade C. Wills moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILARY: Comrade Kim Earles

The Easter Craft and Bake Sale on April 9 was busy and a great success!! That was also the same day as the ham and turkey and 50/50 draws. We had a full house. Now for the raffle winners: Prize 1-Golf accessories/passes -Ryan Baskerville Prize 2-Food Hamper -Andy Moore Prize 3-Diamond Bracelet/ Canteen Gift Certificates -Holly Aubin Prize 4 -Kuhlmann's Basket / bird houses and wreath -David Yachimec Bonus-Patio Umbrella -Brian Serber

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help make this day a good one. We would also like to thank all those who donated items to sell at our craft and bake sale tables. A big thank you to the Legion for allowing us to do our set up in the foyer and the volunteer who set tables up and removed them for our Easter Raffle. Much appreciated!

Currently it is being planned for an informal celebration of life for Flo Rankin on June 25th. Flo was a Ladies Auxiliary Life Member. Although it has been almost two years since her passing, her daughter Sue Rankin, who brought Flo to enjoy the canteen life and the Ladies Auxiliary Meat Raffle, wanted to hold off on this celebration due to Covid-19. The current plan is that at 11 AM an informal get together will occur in the canteen. Flo touched many lives and a few words from those who knew her would be appreciated.

The Ladies Auxiliary is in need of a new computer. We will seek internal advice regarding our purchase and programs. We are also looking to purchase two shelving units for our storage room and a bookshelf. We would like to make a new table cover for General Meetings.

It was reported at our General Meeting today that "Funky Petals" a flower shop at 137th Ave and 97 St in North Edmonton chose to be involved in an "Adopt a Senior" idea. They have generously donated 120 bouquets of flowers to the Kipnes Centre. Each resident will receive a bouquet on Friday April 29th between 1-3 PM. Our Ladies Auxiliary Members will assist with the distribution. So please if you are ordering flowers please consider ordering from this shop. Apparently the current owners are former military members.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau

Things seem to be getting better with the Branch. More members are coming to the Branch since Comrade Ron Wills and his volunteers instituted the go fund me account which is going well.. We are looking forward to active participation to the two-day golf tournament at Cattails Golf club April 30th and May 1st. Ideally all our Branch golfers will participate. Check the notice board in the foyer for all the details.

Comrade Criss has booked another Musical Bingo for Friday the 22nd. These events have proven

to be very successful.

The Branch is holding a Mothers Day High Tea on morning and one afternoon we are looking for a good turnout for this event.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Committee we hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Easter.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) 75th Anniversary - Although the attendance was low with only 106 people, the dinner was a great success. I have not heard a single complaint. The success of this event was due to the great volunteers we have at the Branch. "Thank You for your support"
- B) Class Action -

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Liquor prices have been increased

Flo & Ron will be going over food costs

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

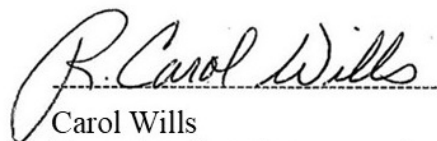
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: 24 MAY 2022 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
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