

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Fecteau, R. Wills, Forner, Ferguson, Deugau, R. Torrie, Etmanski, C. Wills, Biddiscombe, Rayfield, Wiebe, MacIntosh

Excused: Comrade P. Earles, K. Earles, R. Wiebe, Kuervers

Absent: Comrade Criss

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Tyler, John	93 years	21/July/2021	Navy
Foss, Ernie	96 years	2/Aug/2021	Navy
Choma, William	88 years	01/Aug/2021	
Lee, Kenneth	91 years	29/Aug/2021	RCAF
Drew, Dorothy	84 years	20/Aug/2021	
Holmes, Geoffrey	92 years	01/Feb/2021	RCAF

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Schneider
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:

JEFF LAZOWSKI LESLIE DURANT

PRESENTATIONS:

DOUG RAYFIELD – 45 YEARS
F. DONALD STE-CROIX – 25 YEARS
ALEX EWAN – 5 & 10 YEAR
YVONNE PELLAND – 5 YEARS
LIZ PELLAND – 5 YEARS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 6TH JULY 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Kuervers
Seconded by Comrade Steele **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade O'Brien
Seconded by Comrade Foote **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 20 JULY 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Torrie **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

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

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 24 AUGUST 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Ewan **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 2 SEPTEMBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien **CARRIED**

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Steele **CARRIED**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 2021:

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

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Clement
Seconded by Comrade Colpitts **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: Comrade Kuervers As per my Finance Committee Meeting report of 24 July, I have the following comments and three addendums:

a. Apologies. Both my civilian work and my military service have increased in tempo considerably, and the other members of the exec, and members of the Legion have been kind enough to backfill me when I'm unavailable due to COVID and workload. I apologize to the membership for not being able to conduct a Financial Committee Meeting this month, but will correct that oversight before the next GM.

b. Taxes. We currently owe 2021 taxes with the city of Edmonton, but they were considerably lower after the reduction in taxes discussed at the last GM. However, low level negotiations are continuing with the city by the Financial Chair. Our hope is to have the back taxes forgiven as part of an agreement to credit our legion for the over billing of our tax bill since we opened this building.

c. I have three Addendums to the report:

1) Old Business, Rent subsidies. We are expecting to continue to receive subsidies for both wages and rent (or building costs) until Oct, but this may change. Our treasurer has been ably managing this process and will continue to do so.

2) Old Business, Bingo Finances. The topic is actually "Gaming Finances". An update is that the finance chair discussed the issue with the LA President directly. The Sports Rep provided more detailed information to the sports leagues in meetings and written format. The short version: all gaming fundraising within our Legion can only be under our Legion gaming license, to comply with AGLC regulations.

3) New Business, M109 Controlled Goods status. This has reached the financial committee due to the fact that it involves monies spent by volunteers who agree to become the CG custodian of the Howitzer. The executive and the board are looking for one more volunteer to agree to become a CG custodian. Please discuss directly with our Service Officer Paddy Earles, if you are willing to volunteer. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Schneider

CARRIED

FINANCE: Comrade Forner reported: as per the presented printed financial statement.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Steele

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: No Report

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1198 members in good standing

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
389	347	435	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 10 New Applications 4 Transfers 2 Reinstatement

Ordinary
Fleetwood, Allan

Associate
Lazowski, Jeff
Scouten, Mona
Cherrington, Wayne
Bartha, Sheila
Mucha, Raymond

Affiliate
Komarynsky, Alan
Gorgichuk, Allen
Williams, Gwen E.
Pierzchajlo, Megan

TRANSFERS

Ordinary
Laidlaw, Donald G
Jasper Place Legion Br #255

Associate
Bradford, Brenda
Killarney MB Br #25

Affiliate

Hyshka, Jacqueline
Norwood Legion Br #178

Hyshka, Kayla
Norwood Legion Br #178

REINSTATEMENTS

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Lawson, Fran
Tomkow, Lawrence

For a total of 16

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

Seconded by Comrade Steele

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade R. Wills as per the Executive Minutes of 21 September, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Clement

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson - As per the Executive minutes of September 21, 2021, with the following addendum:

On September 25, 2021, the Area Legion Crib was played at Strathcona. Placing second was the team of Donna Olson, Charles Clement, Chris Bunse and Ron Rurka. This team will move on to districts on November 27, 2021, in Gibbons. Congratulations team.

I would like to thank Comrade Ewan for having the pool tables recovered, this is the 5th year that he has done this. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ewan **CARRIED**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie – as per the Executive Minutes of 21 September 2021, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Schneider **CARRIED**

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau as per the Executive Minutes of 21 September 2021

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote **CARRIED**

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT: Comrade Rayfield as per the Executive Minutes of 21 September 2021, I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau **CARRIED**

POPPY: Presented by Comrade Biddiscombe This year we will partner with 71 schools, over 300 Business, 3 Malls, 2 Hospitals and Canada place. This will be my first year of running the campaign and I need your help. We are looking for members to volunteer as Drivers, Mall greeters, Deliver & pickup kits from the business sector etc. There are in excess of 200 positions that need to be filled and with your support our campaign will be a success. Please do not wait until the last minute, sign up now. Contact the Branch Office to sign up or drop by and add your name to the list for the position you want. The Lists are located on the table just outside the boardroom.

Dates to Remember

Monday 4 Oct. - 10:00 AM: Prepare kits for school.

Wednesday 7 Oct. (Approx.) –Deliver kits to Public and Catholic school Depots, the depots will deliver to schools.

Monday 25 Oct. - 10:00 AM: Prepare kits for Business Sector.

Monday 25 Oct. to Friday 19 Nov. – Kingsway Poppy and Wreath office opens in the Boardroom for 4 weeks. Phone number: **(780) 456-6518**

Friday 29 Oct. – 09:00 AM Deliver kits to Business Sector, Driver and Helper. Any routes left over will be delivered on Monday Nov, 1st.

Monday 1 Nov. to Wednesday 10 Nov. – We start manning **Northgate Shopping Center & Londonderry Mall.** 7 days a week for 10 days. 3 shifts weekdays & 2 shifts on weekends.

Monday 1 Nov. -We start manning **Commerce Place,** Weekdays only. 2 shifts for 7 days. Transportation will be provided between Legion and Commerce Place.

Monday 1 Nov. to Wednesday 10 Nov. – Top up Runs to empty buckets and refill poppy boxes. This will occur Monday. Wednesday & Fridays. Drivers and Helpers required for routes 1&2.

Friday 5 Nov. – **Ladies Auxiliary** will require 3 drivers with vehicles to deliver the ladies to 3 locations. Canada Place, Royal Alex. & Glenrose Hospitals.

Saturday 6 Nov. – **Tag Day.** Cadets will be driven and chaperoned by their Parents & Officers. This

takes place at the Alberta Aviation Museum. 11410 Kingsway Ave. For more details call Ron Wills (780) 425-8654

Nov.12 & 15 – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from Business. Driver and Helper.

Nov.16 & 17 – 09:00 AM Pickup leftover Poppies & Buckets from schools. Driver and Helper.

Nov. 4 & 15 - Money count at Norwood Legion. **Dates to be confirmed**

Nov.22 - Final Money count at Norwood Legion. **Date to be confirmed**

For more information, please contact the Kingsway Poppy and Wreath office (780) 456-6518 after Monday 25 Oct. or Geoff Biddiscombe at 780-819-1247.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Ewan

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 21 September,

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson

Motion: I move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the Kingsway Branch 175 Bylaws.

As it reads now:

Page 4 Article VI Section 6.4(b) The Returning Officers shall ensure the ballot box is always locked and sealed and remains so until voting on General Election days as provided in Section 6.01 of this By-Laws is concluded.

To delete in its entirety.

Page 5 Article VII Section 7.1(a) When due to the lack of a quorum at any General Meeting, proposals for the expenditures of monies for the benefit of the Branch cannot be dealt with and approved by the /General Membership at the next properly constituted General Meeting.

To delete in its entirety

Page 9 Article XII Section 12.1 All officers, members, and staff who handle Branch funds shall be covered by a blanket bond, except those persons with financial authority, shall be individually bonded for the amount not less than \$100,000.00. The cost of bonding shall be borne by the Branch. No two (2) family members (which includes Common Law spouse) shall have signed authority.

Change to read: All officers, members and staff who handle Branch funds shall be covered by a blanket bond, except those persons with financial authority, shall be individually bonded for the amount not less than \$100,000.00. The cost of bonding shall be borne by the Branch.

Delete the sentence: No two (2) family members (which includes Common Law spouse) shall have signing authority.

Page 9 Article XII Section 12.2 c reads: To attain eligible delegate status, a member must have attended four (4) General and/or Executive Meetings and one each of District 2 and Area B rallies in the calendar year immediately prior to the Convention call and be a member in good standing.

Change to read: To attain eligible delegate status, a member must have attended four (4) General and/or Executive Meetings and one of District 2 or Area B rallies in the calendar year immediately prior to the Convention call and be a member in good standing.

Reason behind the changes:

Section 6.4 (a)

Moving to delete this paragraph as we do not have ballot boxes anymore since we now do our elections at our General Meeting in November.

Section 7.1 (a) Our quorum is “those members present in good standing” so this paragraph is not needed.

Section 12.1 Delete the last sentence because it is already written in the Article X Section 10.7 on page 7.

Section 12.2 (c) we now only have one Area B rally so if a member is unable to attend the spring rally, then they are not eligible to be a delegate at Convention.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No Report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss No Report

SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Comrade Earles No Report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski I would like to ask for volunteers for the Colour Party and the Honour Guard. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

LA REPORT: No Report

LEST WE FORGE: Comrade V. Torrie reported: The Lest We forget Concert Committee have been zoom meetings. This year’s elections were:

Chairperson – Scott Sadler from Onoway Legion

Secretary – Karen Atkinson from Cosmopolitan Music Society (C.M.S)

Treasurer – Victoria Torrie from Kingsway Legion

This year's concert has also been cancelled due to Covid 19 and C.M.S is looking at other possibilities and suggestions for a 2022 concert.

The Winspear Centre is holding our concert deposit until we can hold our concert. The bank balance as of July 31, 2021, was \$4,583.87 and fundraising for the concert has continued whenever possible. The next meeting is in December. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Colucci **CARRIED**

KIPNESS CENTRE: No Report

VETERAN'S VILLA: No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau as per the Executive Minutes, I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption – Comrade R. Wills - The Class Action suit has been approved; the Judge has stated he wants this move this through as fast as possible. So, we are in phase 3, phase 3 is informing all the Branches who want to be in the lawsuit or don't want to be in. We have acknowledged that we are in, once that they get that in the middle of next month, we will get a response from the lawyers on the next phase. I so move the Insurance report. Seconded by Comrade Steele **CARRIED**

75th Anniversary – Comrade R.Wills – because of Covid-19 restrictions we have decided to move the 75 Anniversary dinner & dance to February 5th, which brings us in line with our 76th anniversary but we will fake it. Those of you who have bought tickets, first off thank you for supporting us, you will be contacted to see if you want to keep the tickets for February or whether you would like to return them for cash. Along with that we are doing a Silent Auction, the Silent Auction will run from October 16 – 22, it will be from 11 am to 7 pm, so you can come in and make bids. We will post pictures of the items online for it. It will be closed at 7 pm on the 22nd and then we will contact the winners of the items. The items will be set up in the Boardroom with all the items for viewing.

I would like to thank Terese Biddiscombe, who has done an amazing job in getting all the items, assisting her were Carol Wills and Vicki Torrie. I so move the 75th Anniversary report.
Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

A Nomination Committee was selected for the 2021 Branch Elections. The volunteers are:

Leroy MacIntosh	Roger Nelson
Doug Rayfield	Rick Etmanski
Eleanor MacIntosh	

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

- a. Complaints - President Fecteau – we have had complaints to the AHS, I phoned them this morning and was told we are 100% in compliance with COVID 19 restrictions. If you have a complaint on the way things are done in our legion, come to me, put it in writing so that we may discuss the concerns rather than go behind our backs. I have invited AHS to come and visit our Legion and show him what our safety factors are.
- b. Remembrance Day Ceremony – Comrade R. Wills – we are not sure what is going on yet, but as soon as we get the word from Command we will be working on the ceremony.
- c. Grey Cup Celebration – Comrade R. Wills – we will be having Grey Cup party and the pull tickets will be out shortly.

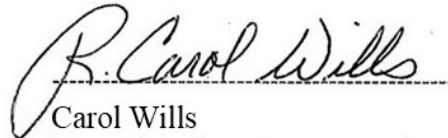
Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Foote

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