

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023**

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade McIntosh

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades R. Torrie, Ferguson, Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Criss, Fecteau, Wiebe, Finch, Nelson, Morrill, Walsh, Werner

**Excused:** Comrade R. Wills (working), S. Danyi (sick), K Deugau (work)

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Deceased</u></b>	<b><u>Service (if applicable)</u></b>
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**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Fecteau  
Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

Motion to adopt the agenda as corrected by Comrade W. Hyshka  
Seconded by Comrade Criss

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 25 April 2023**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Ferguson  
Seconded by Comrade J. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**Errors or Omissions:** page 1 – seconded by names missing

**Business Arising:**

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade J. Hyshka  
Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Comrade R. Wills

### **Financial Committee**

There was no meeting last week due to the long weekend. I am away all this week helping at the elections, so I won't be able to hold one this week.

We are waiting for the final draft of the 2022 Audit with the notes so we can review it correctly.

It is due this week. The committee will be reviewing it at our next meeting.

We are still low on fund and must control our spending over the next few months.

AB/NWT Command has deposited \$12,000 into our account. That money is slated for the audio upgrades in the Maple Leaf and the Wild Rose rooms. Comrade Criss will give you a breakdown on how things are moving forward in his report.

The Executive would like the Treasurer Committee review that the Function Master Checklist will be completed for each function/event that has happened at the Legion. This will include Thursday Jam Night.

### **BMO Business Proposal**

We will be signing the required documents on Mon May 29 at the Lawyers

The naming of the ledger accounts we be forwarded to BMO once we sign the documents the bank requires.

The debit machine contract will be signed next week so by the first week in June we should have the new units in place.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Doing another Musical Bingo this weekend May 27, 2023, the theme for this one is 80's vers 4. This is our second last one of the season. For our final one in June looking at adding a small silent auction with about 15-20 items.

Reapplied for the CIP grant for the new speaker and sound system for the banquet rooms. The sound system is in the midst of being installed. Electrical work is done, and materials are in except for the mixer. Looking at finishing the install by middle of June.

The Entertainment and Ways & Means Committee is looking at donations from businesses for prizes. If you know if a company that can donate prizes or any other fundraising ideas, please contact Steve Criss at 780 278 1233 or at [steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca](mailto:steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca)

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1380 members in good standing.

Ordinary 521	Associate 502	Affiliate 357	Life Members 27
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I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Comrade C. Wills 13 New Applications 2 Transfer Reinstatement

Ordinary Hobson, Christopher	Associate Bloom, Louis Piepgrass, Mary Louise Chernenko, Louise Bronson, Michael	Affiliate Welwood, Alaunia Welwood, Robert Holstrom, Cardith Ball, Dave Filion, Michel Timmons, Valda Wilcox, Keith Wilcox, Stephanie
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**TRANSFERS**

Daniel Christensen  
Branch 015

Elienne Gaudreault  
Branch 015

For a total of 15

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Wills No report

**SPORTS:** Comrade Nelson

The pool tables are going to be resurfaced in the latter week of August.

I would like to the horseshoe pits, I would like to get them cleaned up and maybe get a game going on Canada Day, or see if anyone is interested in playing horseshoes. The pits need to be cleaned up and mark out the courts. Comrade Nelson will clean them up and have the court marked.

I have been checking for cork for the dart boards. There is a problem as to the size we need and the only place I could find to come close to the size the price is \$75.00 per sheet and it would take 2 sheets to cover one board. One solution is a 12" square and replace the cork. Or just replace the torn cork, but it is very expensive. These boards are quite large, we could cut them down.

Toonie/Loonie sports leagues are paying, I would like to see if we could take the loonie and place it in a Sports account so that we would not have to keep asking for money from the Legion. Comrade Ferguson explained that it used to be that the Leagues at the end of the year, if it was Darts the Dart League supplied the Branch with a board, if it was crib it was crib boards and cards, shuffleboard Friday night and Thursday night and the branch split (and we still do it) the cost of rocks and wax. But none of the other leagues are doing their share of donating to the branch. The loonie/toonie was to be put towards the operating costs of the Legion, ie power, ac, lights.

Comrade Torrie stated that the only league that has donated back to the Legion is the Euchre league.

Pool leagues are paying their toonies, Crib is spending all their money and they are not contributing. The Drop in pool players are not contributing financially, a few of them are buying food, drinks or dropping any money in the donation box. There are players coming into play from 10 am , stay till 5 pm. And not putting in any money. They are playing for free and abusing the fact that they don't pay.

We need to have some way to have drop in players contribute towards pool. Any ideas??

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Comrade W. Hyshka

- Removal of garbage and cigarette butts
- Cut grass and weeded with Rick
- Assembled stage with Mac
- Assisted where needed

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau No report

**SICK & VISTING:** Comrade Wiebe

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS:** Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

May 26/27 – Trick Ryder

June 2/3 – Dean Henry

June 9/10 – Steppin Out

June 16/17 –

June 23/24 –

June 30/July 1 – Trick Ryder

Our Ukrainian Dinner went very well. Thank you to all the volunteers!!

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Upcoming Events

June 9, 2023

Ladies Night – with Joe Francis

Tickets are \$25.00 – Eventbrite \$27.96

Doors at 7:00 pm

July 1 – Canada Day

Pancake Breakfast

Games

BBQ Dinner

A Tribute to the Johnny Cash Show

Presented by Jaedyn's Tributes

August 27, 2023

Doors – 5:00 pm

Dinner – 5:30 pm

Show – 7:00 pm

Dinner & Show - \$55.00

Show only - \$30.00

Show only at the door - \$40.00

A Tribute to the King

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Featuring Bruce Stewart as Elvis

More info to come

For information only, when members are in the Canteen they may get a take out container. NO take out containers for any events.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Comrade Finch

The theme this month is “hurry up & wait”.

The Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund (GEPF) has completed & submitted the “Terms of Reference (ToR May 08/2023)” to Command for approval. Significant highlights are the per incident financial increase to \$600 (which was already approved & sent down from command) & to coincide with this increase the request to increase approval up to \$2000 for the GEPF Board of Directors (BoD). Additionally, the re-instatement of a defined “Treasurer” & many other edits to how the BoD & committee members work together in one cohesive unit. The GEPF also reviewed the criteria for its website refresh & provided a quote to Command for approval for a major overhaul & also for ongoing annual maintenance costs. This is consistent with the Legion Command seeking a more digitized footprint & we believe having all local Legions fund raising efforts under the same website is cost efficient / effective. The website is also a component for submitting & tracking the mail in donations & issuing tax receipts for all donations. The mailout Ads campaign request is still moving ahead, Command has asked us to provide documentation (the financial report which they have) that shows the cost benefits of such a campaign for the Edmonton region. A quote was provided to Command, and we are submitting more financial information to exhibit the benefit of a mail out Ad campaign for the 2023 season. Specific for Kingsway Legion, the president of Strathcona Legion will be collecting orders for the 2023 Poppy campaign supplies, the Kingsway Legion has submitted its order for the 2023 campaign.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Kingsway Legion to be reimbursed for the Indigenous Pins

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

**SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT:** Comrade Walsh

Provided assistance to one veteran in completing documentation for disability pension, all documentation was sent to Command Service Officer for review and submission to Veterans Affairs Canada.

Referred one veteran seeking disability benefits to Command Service Officer this veteran also requested to speak with the branch chaplain, contact information passed to the chaplain. Spoke with staff at Veterans Emergency Services, reference two veterans looking for assistance and advised both veterans to make appointments with the Command Service Officer.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W, Hyshka

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS:** Comrade Ferguson      No Report

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau      No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills      No report

**CADET LIAISON REPORTS:** Presented by Comrade Fecteau

Comrade Fecteau I finally got contact for Cadet Sqd 570 so I can advise them we are now their sponsors and I am going to send out an email to all other units requesting when they are going to have their ACR.

Comrade Torrie will look after Cadet Sqd 180, Comrade Colpitts will look after Cadet Sqd 1809.  
Comrade Criss – no report  
I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski  
We had 2 members pass away  
John French April 24,2023 84 years old  
Gerald Giguere RCAF May 8, 2023 88 years old

I so move my report  
Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Farmers market sign up sheet is here to open and close. I an going to speak to Janja about her opening, and we would just have to close up.

We had a staff meeting last week hopefully things will improve between the kitchen and the bar staff. I think there was a lot of frustration between the two.

We have had two weddings cancel for the summer, both were due to financial reasons.

I am going to raise the price of room rentals for meetings in June, we do have a very low price for meeting rentals. We are also going to start charging for the use of our Mics.

We will be renting 100 parking spacing to AHS from June to the end of Sept. The cost will be \$50.00 per stall for the 100 stalls. This will help with the cost of our snow removal that is \$5000.00 per month

Just a suggestion can we have a dinner show for the next impersonator show. People are buying tickets for just the show and getting the seats up front. If you don't want to make people by the dinner lets charge more for just the show ,so it would better deal to get the show and the dinner.

Decision: If people are only coming for the show, cannot reserve tables at the front of the room. Dinner/show get tables near the front of the room, show only will get tables at the back of the room.

Comrade Fecteau moved the report  
Seconded by Comrade Nelson

**CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sports motion** the members would like clarification on the sports motion for vehicles. The motion will stand as this:

Kingsway Legion will cover accommodation expenses for up to two nights and fuel expenses for one vehicle round trip with receipts for Command sports. You must have been a member in good standing of Kingsway Legion Branch 175 for a minimum of a full calendar year. Any exceptions to the above will be reviewed by Sports rep. the decision will be final.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rogers Communications Tower – they have been dealing with Evole company on behalf of Rogers have been dealing with the City. They had two locations 1) northeast upper corner of parking lot

2) at the front inside of the fence, south side of the building.

It's approximately 30 metres in height, up against the building it would look like a smoke stack. For them to move forward they will complete the form that I will sign, so that they can proceed. The City turned them down for the upper northeast corner. They will fill in the forms to go to the neighbors to put up inside the fence.

The financial portion is a 5 year deal to be renegotiated as long as this is a branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and whoever owns it would get that income. They will fence in the base of the tower and we will have a key to it, we could get them to put in gravel around it to keep low maintenance. It will bring in about \$1700 per month but they will match what the Norwood Branch is getting.

Executive committee has agreed unanimously to this proposal. Comrade Torrie will give the ok to Rogers Communications to go ahead.

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

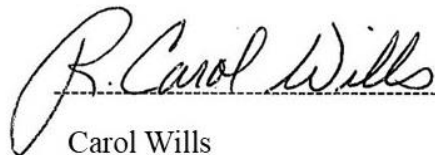
Farmers Market starts on June 11<sup>th</sup> thru to cold weather in Oct. If you have a key excluding paid staff , I would like you to step forward to come and lock up the Legion. Jana will open however we need to ensure that the Legion is secured.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie  
President  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills  
Executive Secretary  
Kingsway Legion Branch #175