

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades R. Torrie, Etmanski, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Criss, Fecteau, Deugau, Finch, Nelson, Walsh, Danyi, Werner, Simon, Wiebe

Excused: Comrade Ferguson (sick), Morrill (sick)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Hill, Jack	80 years	Nov/2022	Air Force
Place, Wayne	83 years	Sept 25/2023	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Etmanski
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade J Hyshka
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: None

Business Arising:

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

Finance Committee will be meeting on Saturday, October 28th at 10 am.

All accounts have been closed at the Servus Credit Union.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Submitted New Horizons Grant for \$25,000.00 for the spring application, if approved. Heard back from the CFEP grant and will get a final answer in November 2023.

Had our first round of Musical bingo on October 7th, was good turn out for a long weekend, next bingo will be on December 15, 2023, doing a movie and TV show theme. Our next bingo after that will be January 13, 2024, and due to few requests will do a mid day bingo and turn it into a Bingo Marathon come February 24, 2024, where we will run bingos from open to close with a 90 min break between bingos.

Currently looking for someone to take over calling for volunteers to work our regular bingos at Kensington. If anyone would like to help, please contact myself.

If you know of anyone or 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

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1295 members in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
489	459	320	27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills 11 New Applications 9 Transfer 1 Reinstatement

For a total of 27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon

I received a letter and posters from RAUSI. Insights and Impact with the Veterans Ombudsman. Anyone interested in attending, see poster by front desk.

If anyone wishing to post anything in the newsletter, contact me before the weekend, so I can send it out after the General Meeting on Monday 30, 2023.

The newsletter will go out on Oct 30, 2023, as we would like a great turn out for Nov 11. I am

trying to have the letters out to the membership before the start of the new month.
I think I have finally cleared up some of the cliches for the revolving TV screens, but I still have a few hurdles to accomplish.

Thank you all for the support you have given me since March.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson

Since our last meeting the Leion of Sports has been pretty active!

Area Euchre was held September 30 in Fort Saskatchewan. All our participants are moving on to District play to be held in Fort Assiniboine on November 26th.

They are Bill O'Brien, Marion O'Brien, Lionel Foote, Mac Torrie, Dave Barnard, Jeff Biddiscombe, Jim Coleman, Charles Colpitts.

Legion Crib (4 player team) was held at Norwood on Oct 7th. All participants moving on to District McGrane (Lac La Biche) on December 2nd.

They are Vicki & Mac Torrie, Noella Mahe and Roger Nelson.

Seniors Mixed Darts was held on October 21st. All participants moving on to District December 16th to be held in Smoky Lake.

They are Rick Etmanski, Brenda Gerrow, Jim Jacques, Pam Cottrell, Wes Hyshka, Jackie Hyshka, Joanne Waugh, Bob Waugh.

Crib pairs was held in Gibbons on October 14th. Noella Mahe and Roger Nelson came in 5th and will move on to District, December 3rd in Westlock.

Area 8 Ball Pool doubles Area play was cancelled for October 28th as Kingsway was the only participating Legion and all participants will move on to District play to be held at Kingsway on December 10th.

There are 8 teams in total.

MOTION: As of November 1st, there will no longer be a Friday meat draw. However, the 50/50 will continue at the Friday Night dance.

Agreed 9

Against 2

CARRIED

In closing I would like to point out that there is a wide variety of sport related activities at the Legion level, Inter-branch level, and House league level that are always looking for members to participate in.

It is a great way to meet new members and old friends that one may have lost contact with. I encourage all members to look at the activities available and come out and enjoy themselves.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

- Fixed the fence over the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Constructed a table using the old shuffleboard table and it is in the back hallway by the Maple Leaf Room
- Repaired the trim in the canteen.
- Pulled out the snowblower and it is ready for the season.
- Drain the gas out of the mower and put it into storage.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

The Remembrance Day display is up, but not completed. If anyone would like to help me with displays, contact me with their name and number at the front desk.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

I have not been to visit anyone lately; however, I will be doing the service for Elden Chambers at Evergreen Memorial on Thursday. I have done a memorial service for a Veteran at the Jasper Place Legion.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

October 27/28 – Sparkling Tones
November 3/4 – CC & High Ryder
November 10/11 – Sweetwater
November 17/18 – Sparkling Tones
November 24/25 – Dean Henry
December 1/2 – CC & High Ryder
December 8/9 – Dean Henry
December 15/16 – Sweetwater
December 22/23 – Daybreaker
December 29/30 – NO DANCE
December 31 – Euphoria Band

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deck the Heels Drag Show
Friday, November 24, 2023
Doors – 5:30 pm
Dinner – 6:00 pm
Show – 7:30 pm
Dinner & Show - \$55.00
Show only - \$25.00

New Year's Eve Gala
Euphoria Band
Tickets went on sale October 15
Advanced sales to December 1
\$70 for Legion Members
\$75 for Non-Members
December 2 – 27 Sales
\$75.00 for Legion Members
\$80.00 for Non-Members
Tickets on sale until December 27
Poster is on the website and on the Entertainment Board
Tickets available at the office

The Elvis Tribute show went very well. Fun was had by all. This entertainer was very interactive with the crowd, and they loved it. Thank you to all our wonderful staff and volunteers.

I will be doing a Widynowski's Sausage Christmas fundraiser. Further information will follow.

Trese Biddiscombe asked that I pass on a message. We have been allowed to attend the Heritage Classic hockey game on Sunday, October 29 at Commonwealth Stadium with poppies. She needs volunteers for this and if you are interested to contact her.

I have started to book bands for 2024.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simons

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Finch

I attended the October GEPPF meeting & all Branches are getting ready for the 2023 Poppy Campaign, supplies arrived at Kingsway Legion & have been dispersed. The sign-up sheets have been out for a little over a month (placed ~ September 19th) & after the initial flurry of those who regularly sign-up every year, it has slowed down considerably & there are many vacant positions, drivers desperately required & interest in the mall positions is also very lacking. We were tasked with taking up the Kingsway mall this year in addition to other malls, only one position has been spoken for with the Kingsway sign-up sheet. I have placed additional posters in various locations at the Kingsway Branch to highlight the urgency of the 2023 Poppy Campaign need for volunteers. I may have some additional assistance & have people verifying their availability to assist though they are not Legion members.

The transition of the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund website to the new service provider that maintains AB-NWT website did not proceed as efficiently as hoped & for that reason it was decided by Directors of GEPD (Branch Presidents) to maintain our current presence on the Edmonton service provider that hosts the "poppyfund.ca" website. If local Edmonton members are asked by local Edmonton friends where to make an online donation, all contributions to "poppyfund.ca" website stay in the Greater Edmonton area & all donations will get an emailed tax receipt within minutes of their donation. The Calgary AB-NWT Command office had a fire recently & those that receive the AB-NWT Command newsletter will see they are seeking temporary space while their office undergoes repairs. I would expect past previous experience of working out of office during the past pandemic will help mitigate that situation.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed five requests for Poppy Fund assistance. Referred four veterans to Command Service Officer for additional follow-up. Assisted one veteran in completion of VAC disability forms. Provided information to a widow of a veteran pertaining to the Last Post Fund.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Ferguson No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

I have been requested to activate a Certificate of Merit for a member and I am completing a request for MSM for a Legion member.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills

One letter read from the 700 Wing; this will be posted at the front desk.

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Fecteau

I visited 504 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron the 18th of October. They have a compliment of 150 cadets.

The Commanding Officers parade will take place on the 25th of October. They had no problems to date.

Comrade Mac Torrie visited 180 Army Cadets and will be attending the CO's parade on 7th November to present a RCL Medal of Excellence to an aged out Cadet.

Have been unable to visit 1809 Army Cadet Unit or 570 Air Cadet Unit, due to other issues.

I will visit both next weeks.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

Thursday Oct 26, 10 am at Evergreen, funeral for Elden Chambers 87 years old.

Colour Guard was:

Sgt-At-Arms Rick Etmanski

Brenda Gerrow

Terry Zenh

Bill Fecteau

Sharon Charlet

Lionel Foote

Danny Roach

Numerous requests for guest speakers

Nov 8th Collingwood Advertising Academy in St. Albert. The President of St Albert Legion will be speaking to them.

Don Fraser will be speaking at two locations –

Nov 7th Meyenohk School 1850 Lakewood Road and

Nov 9th Central Lions Club

Colour Party has several tasks starting 2nd November until the 10th of November.

Nov 11th – Volunteers needed for Kingsway Legion to help set up and tear down seating outside.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT:

We have the annual inspection for the emergency fire alarm and fire extinguishers, it is booked for November 22 at 8 am. We also have Jette coming in to clean the grease traps on November 13th.

Comrade Etmanski moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

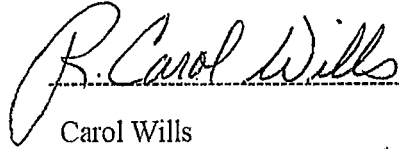
No comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie
President
Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Branch #175