

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 13 February 2024

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, W. Hyshka, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, Criss, Fecteau, Deugau, Nelson, Morrill, Danyi, D. MacIntosh, Walsh

Excused: Comrade Wiebe, Natalie Danyi (work), Carol Simon (sick)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Martin Mazurek	62 years	Jan. 26, 2024	

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Criss

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade R. Wills

No Financial Committee meeting.

Servus Account – I sent an email to Elise from Servus Credit Union to close off our accounts. There is a total of \$50,184.08. \$20,000 will go back into the Holding account while the balance will be deposited into the General account.

BMO – The end month has not been completed so I have no Profit & Loss Statement or a Balance Sheet to report on.

We have our Annual Credit Renewal due by 31 Mar.

AGLC Audit – Mac and I will be meeting with Heather May on Friday 23 Feb at 1:00 pm

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Checking on three other grants that was provided from members, just waiting on information before start applying. Would like to get grants for chairs in ballrooms, POS system, Legion repairs, and parking lot lights and various equipment.

Next round of Extreme Musical Bingo is February 24th. This one is our first marathon one where we are having one mid day for people who can't attend on the evening ones. Day one be an All ERA one followed by the 80's in the evening followed by March 16th bingo for an ALL-ERA theme.

For people that can volunteer for our regular bingos at Kensington Bingo Hall please contact Renee Lafrance, her number is 780 222 8018. Her email is rsilafrence1957@gmail.com.

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 Fecteau

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1146 members for 2024 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
563	351	213	27

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade J.Hyshka

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills 4 New Applications 2 Transfer 1 Reinstatement

New Members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
	Gould, Omer	Badge, Chris	
	Irvine, Caroline		
	Tetreau, Paul		

Transfer

Audette, Marcel
St Paul Br 100

Micheal, William C.
Dominion Br 16

Kotash, Robert
Vegreville Br 39

Reinstatements

Lothman, John

For a total of 8
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon No report

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka No report

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau

I'm working on the display for the anniversary of the RCAF. Anyone wishing to help please let me know.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

February 16/17 – Trick Ryder
February 23/24 – Dean Henry
March 1/2 – Sparkling Tones
March 8/9 – Sparkling Tones
March 15/16 – Trick Ryder
March 22/23 – CC & High Ryder
March 29/30 – EASTER WEEKEND NO DANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Twilight Time
A Tribute to The Platters and Doo Wop
Dinner and Show \$55.00
Show Only \$30.00
Doors Open 5:00 pm
Dinner 5:30 pm

Show 7:00 pm
Tickets at the front desk

Saturday, April 13, 2024
Drag Show
More information to come.

Sunday, May 26, 2024
Elvis Show featuring Jaedyn Pilon
More information to come.

Saturday, September 28, 2024
Elvis Show featuring Bruce Stewart
More information to come.
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade S. Danyi

The Last Friday of October is the 25th. This will officially mark the kick off of the Poppy Campaign and will give an extra week of poppy sales. It will also require more volunteers, but even if we can cover off one more mall or one more Hockey game it will be of benefit. Greater Edmonton Poppy will be looking to kick off the campaign in line with this date, currently looking at pinning the Mayor, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and K Division (RCMP) on the 24th. This of course is all dependent on when the GG/LG get pinned and Command has not heard dates for GG nor do they have dates yet for LG. Wait out to wait out.

We will be looking to order significantly more poppy centres, in the tens of thousands, as it was noted to be the biggest deficiency last year across all Legions.

We have confirmed that there is a single point of approval and denial for Veteran's Poppy Requests at Command level (i.e. those over \$1000) this has been done IOT expedite requests for emergency situations. That said, it provides obvious issues in the case of those requests that are declined. Command has agreed to look into opening an appeal process for any requests that have had single source denials.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade W.Hyshka

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 4 requests for Poppy Fund assistance, Completed 2 Legion Claim Forms, which have been forwarded to the Command Service Officer for additional follow-up.

Motions to approve the following Poppy Fund Support Request:

- 1. 175-24-004 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$300.00**
- 2. 175-24-005 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$100.00**

3. 175-24-006 Veteran Support Grocery Cards \$500.00

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W.Hyshka

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau

Still waiting for response on MSM for a member, Ron Charlet was presented with the Legionaire of the Year Award.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Presented by Comrade Fecteau

I will be attending 504 Squadron for their CO's parade.

CB Hill has 61 cadets, and they just went on a "Hollywood on Deck".

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Celebration of Life ceremonies.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Nelson

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

- 1 I received a complaint from a person who found us on social media, and he came in and he was yelled at by the bartender to get his hat off. This experience embarrassed him, and he said he was filing a complaint with human rights about harassment and discrimination. I have put up signs at the Canteen door, given the ladies at the door instruction about asking people with hats on to remove them and I have told the front desk to tell people to take their hats off before entering the canteen.
- 2 We really need everyone including members to stop yelling across the room at people wearing hats, it is harassment.
- 3 Staff have a complaint about entertainment, the entertainment chairman should have a committee. To help with decorations
- 4 Historians need to do something about the cabinet, it has not changed since Oct. 2023.
- 5 Buildings and grounds also need to have a committee to get things done. There is so much that's needed to get done someone should be checking at least once a week. The ladder and insulation are still not fixed in Matthews off from January 9th.
- 6 Sprouse Fire is looking into a payment plan so we can get the kitchen up to code.
- 7 I have contacted the insurance company about claiming the boilers, but I need invoices, the deductible is \$5000.00.

Comrade Nelson moved the report.

Seconded by Comrade Etmanski

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Menu for over 100 people will be buffet only.

Menu for under 100 people will be select menu from Kitchen only.

Licence for Music Bingo – we will table this until the fall to look at pricing for a full year.

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Music Bingo – we will serve Hot Dogs and/or platters for upcoming events.

Members and staff not using decorum in asking members to remove hats. Absolutely NO yelling across the room. It is up to the bar server or attending Executive's to quietly ask the person to remove their hats. The only viable reason would be medical (i.e cancer).

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade R. Wills

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

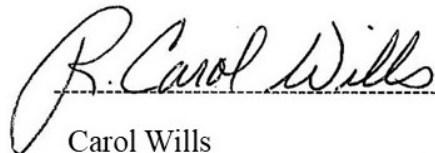
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M



Robert "Mac" Torrie

President

Kingsway Legion Branch #175



Carol Wills

Executive Secretary

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