

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020

The President opening the meeting by ritual at 7:00 pm. Comrade Fecteau chaired the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Wills, Kuervers, Wills C, Deugau, R. Torrie, O'Brien, Huziek, Fecteau, Criss, Ferguson, Werner

Excused: Comrade Earles (sic), Hunter (vac) Forner (sic) Wiebe

Absent: Comrade Kerel

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Chase, Arthur	62	25/06/2020	Army
Epp, Lorne	91	27/06/2020	Air Force

MOTION: To accept the Agenda by Comrade Kuervers
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 23 JUNE 2020:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Criss
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:

BUSINESS ARISING:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade Forner is not here Comrade Wills presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Sheets. As you can see, we are not bringing in as much money as we want, but we have managed to pay most of our bills, except for the taxes. As per the presented reports I so move the report
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Comrade Kuervers stated that

- 1) Mortgage. We were able to complete the renewal of the mortgage, with an increase in our line of credit to a total of \$80k. The net mortgage rate went down, which should result in a lower interest rate per month.

Motion: Comrade Kuervers' motioned that we accept the new mortgage at 5years at 4.05% with Servus Credit Union
 Seconded by: Comrade Criss **CARRIED**

Motion: Comrade Kuervers' motioned that we modify the secured overdraft, increasing it to 80k by using the \$40,000 CEBA loan.
 Seconded by Comrade Torrie **CARRIED**

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported he is continuing to do research on other grants. Still waiting on Imperial Oil, and Shell to start up their grants again. Here are a few new grants I have been looking into:

- TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant
- Vital (Funding to improve buildings bottom line)
- Oyrust Energy Grant
- Sol Invivtus Energy Services

These grants if eligible will help us make upgrades to lower our monthly utilities.

Had our second Bingo since reopening. Thank you for the volunteers who came out. Our Bingo dates for August are the 6th and 18th. Anyone who would like to sign up please contact me. I so move my report
 Seconded by Comrade O'Brien **CARRIED**

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have of 1206 members in good standing

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate Voting	Life
470	388	323	25

I so move my report
 Seconded by Comrade Kuervers **CARRIED**

NEW MEMBERS:

New Applications	Transfers	Reinstatement
3	2	1

Ordinary
 Rutledge, John

Associate

Affiliate Voting
 Schmidt, Paul George
 Little, David G.

Transfer

Krewenchuk, Robert
 02 Br 178 Norwood

Norell, Robert A
 02 Br 097 Westlock Ab

Reinstatement

Hyde, George

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

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE SIGNED DECLARATION

ORDINARY

ELLIOTT, Michael
DAHOY, Peter

ASSOCIATE

PATENAUDE, Debra

AFFILIATE VOTING

ROSARIO, Erwin
ALLEN, Elsie
RAYNER, Lynn
JOHANSON, Harold

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills reported the website has been updated as of Saturday, July 18th. We had over 1895 hits this month and 74 file downloads. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SPORTS: No report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No report from Comrade Torrie

Comrade Kuervers reported the following:

- 1) Failed inside cameras. I was able to create a work around for two of the five cameras that have failed due to age. Two of them are unrepairable, and the fifth one still needs to be diagnosed. We have three more cameras of the same type and age that are expected to fail shortly.
- 2) Replacements for inside. I have a draft quote to replace the inside cameras that have failed, with a view to using cameras suitable for the next version of our surveillance system. The quotes not finalized and has been sent back to the company for more information. For five camera's it is about \$2000 which includes installation, but I am looking at this again with a view to replacing all 8x cameras as discussed above.
- 3) Total replacement of surveillance system. I have a draft quote to replace the surveillance system completely. This discussion is ongoing, but once completed will enable us to target specific grant programs with this as the requested funded project. This draft is not finalized, as I have question to resolve.
- 4) Outside camera. The outside NW camera has lost its outside glass bubble and is no longer working.

Comrade Wills reported the following:

- 1) Gas Regulator – Nordic advised us early last week that our main regulator inside the mechanical room is broken. We have been leaking gas into the environment for some time. They have provided us with a quote for \$1885.00, to replace it.
- 2) Supply and install of the replacement pump for the heating loop, would be \$1980.00. By repairing the loop, we will once again be reducing our utility costs.
- 3) Revision of our current hot water tank. We have a 200-gallon hot water tank; we do not need something that large. We are paying to run it 24 hours a day 7 days a week, which is costly. Nordic feels that we could easily replace with an 80-gallon tank and still meet all our needs. An 80-gallon

tank, high efficiency, could save us a couple of hundred dollars a month in our gas bill. We are waiting for the quote on this.

- 4) **Electrical Expenses:** Comrade Wills is looking on how we can reduce the utility costs. Our new electrical carrier has stated that we might be able to save up to 25% on our cost. Comrade Wills & Torrie will follow up on this item.

Comrade Torrie moved the reports
Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we spend \$1885.00 + GST, to repair the failed gas regulator
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we repair the heating loop pump at a cost of \$1980.00 + GST.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau reported she would be putting up a temporary display. We are communicating on another display for January 2021. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Huziek reported the following:

July 1, 2020 was very successful with approximately \$5000 Gross Revenue.
Effective July 28, we will be streaming NHL Hockey games during our hours of operation.
Our entertainer for Aug 7th will be live streaming his show during the Dinner hour.

We have decided to have the first Friday of every month as a Special Event Friday, with meal specials.
Aug 7th, Sept 11th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th and Dec 4th have been identified as the dates.

As of July 18th, 2020, all Tribute Concerts have been cancelled until further notice as per direct from AHS.
All dinner/show tickets for the Tribute Concerts are being refunded.

We received many compliments from patrons that bought show tickets on our decision to refund the tickets.
They felt that we have been very reasonable. This helped improve the trust factor. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade O'Brien reported the call center number is 780-456-6518 is now working for Poppy and Wreaths. Therese Biddscombe has volunteered handle calls and take messages. The 2020 Poppy Campaign runs Oct 28th to Nov 20th. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE: Comrade Wills reported, the 1st meeting for the 2020 Poppy Campaign was held on 13 July. Nothing to report except I have asked everyone to bring in their wish list so we can get the orders in. Command has not yet sent out the order form yet.

I have ordered on behalf of all the branches, a CD called "Remember" it is a teaching aid for Remembrance Day. In addition to that the company is giving a buy one gets one free, so every branch will have 2 copies that they can use for their speeches or visits.

The next Poppy meeting is Monday, 11 Aug at the Ex- Service Women's Br. # 215 – (11335 – 85 Street – Parkdale Hall). Just a reminder that the Poppy manual was updated on June 2020. They authorized a one-time expenditure of \$500 for PPE, which we have taken advantage of. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION & BY-LAWS: No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: No report

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

CADET LIASON: No Report

SERVICE OFFICER: Comrade Earles reported the following; I have completed two requests for information, one request for Poppy Fund assistance and one request for Command assistance. I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Criss **CARRIED**

Motion: Section 401 – Support to Veteran and Family \$200.00 in grocery cards for client 175-19-024

SGT AT ARMS: No report

MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Werner reported that we are hiring Chris back for Wednesday and Friday afternoon shift to help with serving food orders.

Wescor Food Equipment they sell new and used equipment, I have asked them to give me a price on a 5 bay, 110 plugs in buffet table.

Met credit will charge a 35% collection fee regarding the funeral that was not paid.

We had a lady call in offering a shuffleboard table, in good condition

Will we be having the Remembrance Day parade on Nov 11? Comrade Wills stated we have not been told otherwise, so as far as we know it is still scheduled.

Comrade Ferguson moved the Manager's report

Seconded by Comrade Criss **CARRIED**

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Comrade Huziek reported the following:

Our new App Get in The Loop has reached 64,062 subscribers, most in the 25 to 64 age group but only received 77 hits. Most of the hits were generated in our Give away tickets for Garth Brooks. Based on the phone calls for the tickets and overall attendance at the Canteen, we are not attracting new faces. Our marketing goal is .5% to 1% which translates into an additional 300-650 people. This week we are changing our advertising to food and drink specials with this APP. Further results are pending

Effective July 24, every Friday will have drink and food specials

Our attendance has grown from 200-250 per week range in June to 250-290 per week range during the last 2 weeks of July.

A decision needs to be made on whether we continue to maintain our advertising on our billboards with just a plain Legion skin, or do we put the NHL games, 100" screen on the skin, or do we simply shut down the advertising completely on the Billboard.

Comrade Wills answered the decision has been deemed operational and left up to the Business Manager (Bill Huziek) and the President (Ron Wills).

OPERATIONAL REVIEW: We are at the 4,000-hour mark for our volunteer hour usage.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Comrade Wills reported the following:

- 1) Canada Wage Subsidy- we have applied for and are receiving subsidy. It automatically gets deposited into our account 3 days after I apply for it.
- 2) I tried to apply for the COVID-19 Emergency Support for Community Organizations Granting Program for Non-Profits - we do not qualify
- 3) I will be re-applying for the Legion grant through AB/NWT Command.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Class Action Lawsuit – Insurance Coverage for Business Interruption – our name is official registered as a Branch that is joining the class action lawsuit.
- 2) Letter to AGLC for Pull Tickets/Bingo – we have both letters – we are in good standing for another 2 years. Item Closed

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Veteran Support for Food Bank – there is a group that comes up once a year and they do food bank stuff for Veterans. They work out of the Harley Davidson Shop off the Yellowhead & 66th. They are looking at a building to set up a Veteran's Food Bank. It is nothing to do with Poppy Fund, they have their own charity number. He was in last Saturday to talk to me about it. They are supposed to have an event on Saturday. They asked us as a Branch if we could cook meals for them. They are supposed to get back to me, I am willing to do that for them, as we have a commercial kitchen, we can prepare food for our Veterans. We should look at doing meals on wheels for Veterans, get volunteers to help prepare, package and distribute to our Veterans. More to Follow.
- 2) Saturday 50/50 – LA

MOTION: Comrade Torrie moved that we offer the Branch LA to take over the Saturday 50/50 and retain the proceeds.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH #175

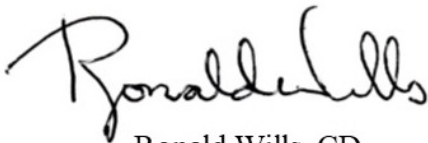
- 1) New hours - Comrade Wills purpose to extend hours of operation on Friday & Saturday nights Happy Hour instead of closing at 7 pm we close at 9 pm. Tuesday to Thursday hours are 11 am to 7 pm.
- 2) Friday Night Shuffleboard Concerns – A discussion was held about a letter (attached) with Friday Night Shuffleboard Concerns. The President will be writing to the Friday Night Shuffleboard League regarding their concerns.

Motion: to adjourn was made by Comrade Ferguson

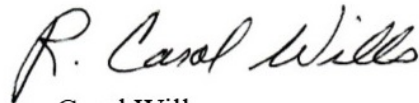
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next Meeting to be held on Aug 18, 2020



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Legion Br. # 175

July 9, 2020.

13331 – 132 Street

Audrey Ferguson, Sports Chairperson

Edmonton, AB. T5L 1S1.

Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch #175

14339 – 50 Street

Edmonton, AB. T5A 0S9.

Comrade Ferguson:

Today, July 9th 15 players from the Friday Night Shuffleboard League held a meeting at Kingsway Legion Branch #175.

We held the meeting to determine how the members felt about the Executive decision to move one shuffleboard next to the dance floor adjacent to the stage. It was felt that this move was not conducive for league play and would make the Draw Master's job more difficult. It was also felt that on the nights when a band played and people danced there would be interference.

Our League which has consisted of 22 players for the last several years enjoyed the comraderie of sitting near each other and having a lot of fun. This is hard to do when we are not in the same vicinity. Couples sit together but do not play as partners so splitting up the shuffleboard table play times would certainly not be doable.

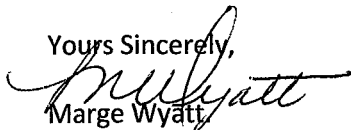
We were dismayed to hear of this executive decision which has shown us no appreciation, respect and consideration.

We have supported the Legion by enjoying our Friday night dinners and beverages. We also took our turn with the Wednesday Meat Draws and 50/50 sales. We had excellent support from our players for this. We also, with the exception of last year, sold 50/50's every Friday night which was shared with the Legion.

Surely an amicable solution must be possible so that we all can enjoy our time at Kingsway Legion #175 or does this mean we no longer support the #175 Branch and decline renewing our memberships in December.

I would appreciate a reply in writing to share with my players.

Yours Sincerely,



Marge Wyatt

c.c. Ron Wills, Bill Huziek.