

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Comrades Fecteau, Ferguson, R. Wills, C. Wills, Deugau, R. Torrie, Earles, Criss, Etmanski, Rayfield, Forner, MacIntosh, Earles K.

Excused: Comrade Wiebe (vac) Werner, Biddiscombe (vac), Kuervers

Absent:

Guests: Brenda - ANAVETS

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
LEE, Kenneth	91 years	29/Aug/2021	RCAF
Drew, Dorothy	84 years	20/Aug/2021	

Guest speaker: Brenda – ANAVETS

The reason I am here is we are looking for a room for our monthly meetings, with the possibility to rent space for hosting annual and bi-annual meetings plus other activities. We are currently paying Norwood Legion \$3000 per year for same use of their building. We are asking same or similar consideration from you, we are flexible to work within time slots provided by the Legion for monthly evening meetings. We have 36 members, with possibly 2 more members. We are a small group but we do a lot of activities during the year. We will need the room for October, November, January to May. We usually have a Senior's supper in February for ex-military and whatever Senior's would like to come for supper. The third Tuesday evening of the month would work for us, we would come in for supper before the meetings to support the Legion. Also myself & my son and other members will be joining the Legion.

Executive discussion: after discussion Flo Werner, Bill Fecteau & Ron Wills will check on dates and we will enable the ANAVETS to rent a room, every third Tuesday of the month.

A vote was taken

CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Comrade Torrie
Seconded by Comrade Rayfield

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 24 AUGUST 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade Fecteau
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 2 SEPTEMBER 2021:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN: No Report

TREASURER: Comrade Forner No Report

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss

Still no word for the New Horizons Grant, I am looking at an CFP Grant will know more for next month. The new online 50/50 will be set to got for October 1st to October 31st and draw will be November 6th, but sales end on October 31, 2021.

Due to covid still hanging in, will be looking at other ways to help bring in money for the Legion, again this will be subject to restrictions, but we'll see how it goes.

The list for upcoming bingos for last of 2021 are: October 11th, October 28th, November 1st, November 19th, November 29th, December 2nd, and lastly December 21, 2021

Want to thank the volunteers at the last Bingo on the 6th for stepping up, your help is appreciated.

For any other fundraising ideas please call me at 780 278 1263 or email me at steve.criss@kingswaylegion.ca

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

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

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
389	347	435	27

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: 10 New Applications 4 Transfers 2 Reinstatement

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Fleetwood, Allan	Lazowski, Jeff Scouten, Mona Cherrington, Wayne Bartha, Sheila Mucha, Raymond	Komarynsky, Alan Gorgichuk, Allen Williams, Gwen E. Pierzchajlo, Megan

TRANSFERS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
Laidlaw, Douglas G. Jasper Place Legion Br #255	Bradford, Brenda Killarney, MB Br #25	
	Hysnka, Jacqueline Norwood Legion Br #178	
	Hysnka, Kayla Norwood Legion Br #178	

REINSTATEMENTS

<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Affiliate</u>
		Lawson, Fran Tomkow, Lawrence

For a For a total of 16

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

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

New Members Who Signed a Declaration: None

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills - Website had 1158 visitors this month and was last updated 21 Sep.

I am currently working on the Oct Newsletter; if you want something added I must have it by this Sat Sep 25.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson - Attended the District 2 Rally in Westlock on September 12, 2021. Sports were set up for the District. A copy of the schedule is posted in the display cabinet outside the canteen.

Area Euchre was held on Sunday September 19, 2021 in Gibbons. The team of Jeff and Olly took 1st place, Chuck and Jim took 2nd place and Mac and Lionel took 5th. These teams will advance to Districts on November 20, 2021 at Kingsway. Congratulations Comrades on a job well done!

Area sports coming up!

September 25, 2021 we have one team entered in the Area Legion Crib being held at Strathcona. Good luck team.

October 02, 2021 there is Area Legion Darts to be held at Fort Saskatchewan. Get your entries in for Carol to verify membership. We need these forms by September 25, 2021.

On October 9, 2021 we are scheduled to host the Area Shuffleboard. Any teams interested in playing please fill out the Entry form and give them to Carol Wills for verification of your membership. Let's try and have a good turnout. These forms are due to Carol before October 2, 2021.

October 17, 2021 is Area Pool Doubles hosted by Norwood Legion. Fill out your entries and give to Carol before October 9, 2021 for verification.

There is no charge for playing these Area sports and only cost to you will be your lunch.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie - Continue to maintain the grounds as required. During the coldest week this summer both boilers shut down. An emergency callout to Nordic was made to find the cause! One boiler was brought online, while the second boiler is awaiting parts. When the parts arrive, the second boiler will come online! In the meantime, the one boiler should maintain a comfortable temperature throughout the building.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau - The 75th display is up. I have more to add, which will happen in the next week or so. Please have a look.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: No Report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Rayfield - - Due to the sudden band cancellation by The Romantics for the Sept 10/11 weekend, I was pressed to book a fill-in group

named Raven on short notice.

Because of the mask/vaccine mandates, for the last 2 weekends, our attendance has been smaller than normal, door revenue is approximately half of the average since July 1.

Our most popular, but loudest band, Trick Ryder/Dean Henry, recently replaced their conventional acoustic drum set with a new electronic drum set, which allows for a significantly lower volume of the singers.

Due to the A/C being on this past weekend, with temperatures in the mid teens, numerous people complained, as a result some people left very early in the evenings, which results in lost revenue in bar & food sales.

With only 2 exceptions, people have been very accommodating in the wearing of masks, most violations have simply been forgetting to put it on when getting up from their table.

Recently, I have been approached by 4 or 5 bands wishing to be put into the weekend rotation and several acts for our dinner shows

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade Biddiscombe – No Report

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills - YTD 2020

Veterans or their Dependants: 72 Clients for	\$42,613.07
Food Vouchers	\$6,200.00
Emergency Vouchers	\$95.00
Other Vouchers	\$184.80
Medical	\$5,771
Misc- Life Call, Medi Chair, Travel	\$3079.10
Rent	\$12,177.95
Client Utilities	\$5,105.22
Bursaries:	\$10,000 / ten students
Command Poppy Fund	\$50,000.00
Current Balance:	\$ 1,185,968.84

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Earles

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: No Report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles - I have completed three requests for Poppy Fund assistance.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski – we are looking for volunteers for the Colour Party and Honour Guard.

Comrade Biddiscombe and myself were able to obtain plexi-glass on stands to be placed in front of the bands in both the Canteen dances and the Thursday Night Jam.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT:

We need work done on the Kitchen suppression system, I do not have a quote as yet.

Boiler will need repaired but they have to wait for parts.

Lady named Rose fell on the sidewalk where the ash fault is lower than the sidewalk. It will need to get repaired, our snow removal guy was always telling me it is too hard to remove snow there, and they were afraid to wreck the red sidewalk when removing snow.

KJM will not be doing our snow removal this year. Keith went out of business but he has arranged for someone to do our snow removal at the same cost he was charging us.

We received a very large donation from Don Glaggett in memory of his wife Helga, he commented that the Friday night shuffleboard league and the Dancers, made him feel really welcome here.

Comrade C Wills move the report.

Seconded by Comrade Ferguson

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade Kim Earles - Currently we have 46 members in good standing with four who have not paid their 2021 dues. Three new members were initiated at the August General Meeting.

Meat raffles continue to go well. Our Thanksgiving Ham & Turkey raffle is on October 2nd. We currently have our Christmas raffle ticket sales under way and soon will have a separate raffle on wooden vehicles as well.

Four members attended the District Rally in Westlock on September 12th under the LA. Thank you to those who saw that our ladies were transported safely.

Our 2020 & 2021 Honours and Awards ceremony is Oct 19th at our General Meeting. We will hold nominations at this meeting for the upcoming election which will take place at the November LA General Meeting.

At our General Meeting today the members discussed a donation to the branch towards the cost of the 75th Anniversary celebration. Unfortunately we did not meet quorum so will vote on this at the October meeting. Congratulations on achieving 75 years!

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

Comrade Fecteau – The Ladies Auxiliary would like permission to hold a 50/50 on December 18 to coincide with the annual Christmas bake sale and meat draw. We would sell the 50/50 tickets

in the foyer as we have in the past, further, we would like permission to sell our raffle tickets in the foyer until the draw on 18th December.

I so move that we approve the request.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Fecteau – Due to the new Covid19 restrictions, effective 21 September, in order to enter the Branch, all members and guests must show proof of vaccinations or proof of a negative test within the last 72 hours.

Our sports program is off to a good start and is well attended. Friday and Saturday dances continue to be successful with good bands provided by our entertainment chairman.

Our staff has been issued uniforms and name tags.

We, your executive is constantly striving to improve services to our comrades and the public.

In the meantime, Stay safe.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Rayfield

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

a) **Class Action Lawsuit** – Insurance coverage for business interruption

75th Anniversary – Comrade R Wills -

Our next meeting is on Sat Oct 2.

Given the current restrictions I think we should postpone this event until next year.

We are actively seeking monetary donations and for the silent auction.

Motion: Comrade R. Wills proposed that we postpone the 75TH Anniversary dinner and dance from Saturday October 22, 2021 to Saturday February 5, 2022 due to COVID restrictions, however the dates for the Silent Auction Oct 16-22 will not change

Seconded by Comrade Forner

CARRIED

Kitchen Update - The new menu seems to have a positive response from the members. The new banquet menu costing is completed.

Even with the numbers being down on Sunday we are remaining open for Farmers Market. They will be moving indoors soon so the numbers should go up.

I am developing a new Dinner Special menu for the winter. Should be finished and up running Oct 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: Comrade Rayfield suggested that we have a contest of renaming the Canteen.

The winner will receive a free 1-year membership. Submit suggestions to the front desk – closing at the General Meeting in November – winner drawn on December 1st, 2021 and announced on January 2nd 2022.

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

Re-naming of the Canteen Committee – Comrades Rayfield Torrie, Etmanski

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Grey Cup – Ways & Means Comrade Criss is to get Grey Cup tickets to be sold, and we will hold a Grey Cup party on Sunday 12 Dec 2021

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade Earles

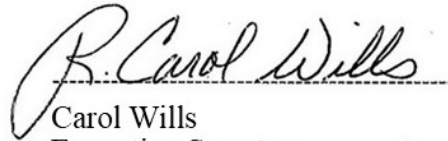
The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Next Meeting: 19 OCTOBER, 2021 at 7:00 pm



Wm Bill Fecteau
President
Kingsway Legion Branch # 175



Carol Wills
Executive Secretary
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