

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 25/June/ 2024

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

Attendance: 45 Members 1 Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades, Torrie, Etmanski, W. Hyshka, Danyi, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, Fecteau, Walsh, Nelson, Morrill, Simon, Danyi, N., MacIntosh, Criss, Hazen

Excused: Comrade Deugau, Wiebe

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Deceased</u> | <u>Service (if applicable)</u> |
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| Dick Jackman | 75 years | 23 June 2024 | Air Force |
| Andrew V. Milot | 86 years | 22 March 2024 | Air Force |

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda were made by Comrade R. Wills
Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Don Claggett 10-year pin
G.A. McDougall 50-year pin
Thomas W. Dunlop 60-year pin

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 28/MAY/ 2024

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade P. Earles

Seconded by Comrade Foote

CARRIED

Errors or Omissions: add names to General minutes

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Foote
Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATING 18/JUNE/ 2024

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade E. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Claggett

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Comrade N. Danyi

1. Internal Audit Progress

We are diligently working through our internal audit to finalize our Fiscal 2023. The process is taking longer than anticipated due to ongoing efforts to correct past mistakes and properly document the changes we are implementing. Key steps in this process include spot-checking journal entries and their supporting backup, and drafting and executing affidavits where original backup cannot be found.

This past weekend, along with our new bookkeeper, I reviewed 10 out of the 17 bank account reconciliations, uncovering additional errors that need correction. Our next available weekend to continue this work is July 13. As a result, we will face further delays in reporting to the bank and other agencies. This is a serious concern, although it is worth noting that, as a volunteer organization, we are constrained by the available man-hours to address these issues.

2. Financial Performance

Despite the challenges, we are pleased to report a modest positive income for May, amounting to \$13,000. This is a significant achievement and a step in the right direction.

3. Expense and Revenue Breakdown

Building expenses remain a significant portion of our outlays, accounting for 30% of total expenses. In contrast, building rentals constitute only 10% of our revenue or 20% if we include special events.

4. Canteen Performance

The canteen continues to be our highest source of cash, generating 56% of our revenues in May and 67% of our year-to-date revenue. This highlights the canteen's crucial role in our financial health and underscores the importance of maintaining and enhancing this revenue stream.

We will continue to address these challenges with diligence and transparency. Our commitment to improving our financial processes and ensuring accurate and timely reporting remains unwavering.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT Comrade R. Wills

No Meeting this month, hope to have it on 22 Jun

BMO - We have our Annual Credit Renewal due by 31 Mar. They are now asking for our end year without the audit.

Silent Auction – We have had to move the Silent Auction to October 19, more to follow.

Class Action Lawsuit- No Change

Outstanding Invoices - We have paid all outstanding invoices.

AGLC – Currently working on the Oct 22 – May 2023 review they are requesting. Must be completed by July 9.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade M. Steele

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Criss

Currently working on applying for the Oilers 50/50 program and keeping an eye open for the opening dates for the New Horizon Grant for Seniors. Grant will be going towards upgrades for the banquet rooms such as new chairs, stage, and hopefully new POS system.

We finished our 3rd season of Extreme Bingo finishing it off with the 80's. Would like to thank everyone who has volunteered or participated in the bingo. Your support was greatly appreciated!

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 O'Brien

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1154 members for 2024 in good standing.

Ordinary
443

Associate
427

Affiliate
259

Life Members
25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills – 4 New Applications 0 Transfer 0 Reinstatement

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Shannon, John M.

Farrell, Richard R.

Big Plume, Andrea
Ziegler, Verna S.

TRANSFER

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

REINSTATE

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

For a total of 4

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Simon/Henzen

Carol and I have been working together diligently on the Canada Day Celebration, we have been able to have all and more of the needed supplies donated for the event. We are hopeful that with all our efforts, this event will be able to generate some much-needed funds for the Kingsway Legion. Volunteers have been recruited and St John Ambulance will be providing First Aid Support.

The Honorable Heather Sweet and Elizabeth Aboultaif and her family will be in attendance for the Pancake Breakfast.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be organizing a bingo and bake sale. We are so very grateful for their collaboration and their generous donation of \$500.00 Thank you Ladies.

Promotion for this event: The event has been posted on the Kingsway Legion Website, newsletter, Facebook, poster and advertisement cards have been placed on the dining room tables. I have contacted CFRN and Global news and am waiting to see if this event will be advertised on their website or announced live? Please encourage your friends and family members to share the information and if possible, attend the event.

It is very important that thank you letters go out to all that donated items for this event and an announcement will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. If we wish to secure future donations from these or other sponsors, it is imperative that they receive recognition.

Carol Simon – The revolving TVs are UpToDate and working. Working on the July Newsletter. Please have all the items and news you wish to enter by Friday June 28, 2024.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Nelson No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade W. Hyshka

No report – comment I would like to thank Claude Lalonde and Roger Nelson for their work on the Tear Drop Garden, planting and the mowing the lawns.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Morrill

I am working on real people stories on Veterans. Anyone having and information or news stories please pass them onto me, as I am creating a booklet that all can read and pass onto the youth.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

June 21/22 – Dean Henry

June 28/29 – Trick Ryder

July 5/6 – D.J

July 12/13 – Sweetgrass

July 19/20 – Dean Henry

July 26/27 – CC & High Ryder

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 21, 2024

Real Canadian Wrestling

Gladiator Cup

\$25.00 first row

\$20.00 general admission

\$25.00 at the door

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Bell rings at 7:30 pm

Advance tickets at the office

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Elvis Show featuring Bruce Stewart

More information to come

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Twilight Time

More information to come

December 31, 2024
New Year's Eve
"The Diamonds Band"

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade S. Danyi

Poppy order request was due. Many thanks to Geoff for getting that in for us. Geoff is still an active member of our Poppy Committee, and his support is greatly appreciated. Kingsway was the only Legion to submit their order before the proposed deadline.

The other Legions are waiting for the pricing to be released before they submit orders. The financials as well as the FEFP audit were presented and accepted. Strathcona Legion as put forward a request to leave the GEFP. At this time, we do not know what that will look like but currently we are awaiting a response from Command.

I have submitted two more bursary requests which were both approved. We received a Thank You card from Kaylie MacIntosh for her bursary.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 1 request for Poppy Fund assistance, referred 3 veterans to the Command Service Officer for additional follow-up and assistance. Completed 3 miscellaneous requests via telephone.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Zech

MOTION: 175-24-013 Gas & Grocery cards \$100 each total \$200.00

Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade C. Wills No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Fecteau

I attended 504 Squadron on Saturday 15th of June for their Annual Cadet Review Parade. There were 120 cadets on Parade. I was privileged to present the Royal Canadian Cadet Medal of

Excellence. There was an excellent meal served following the parade. Unfortunately, there will be no summer camp for first year cadets. There will however be the usual Scholarships.

180 Army Cadet unit was visited by Comrade Janet Hazen and she presented the Medal of Excellence to WO Cora L Leavitt.

1809 Army Cadet unit was visited by Comrade Wes Hyshka and he presented the Royal Canadian Medal of Excellence to WO Gillard,

I have not yet received a report for 570 squadron.

Comrade Don Claggett

C.B. Hill Navy League Cadets held their rehearsal on Friday June 8th for their Annual Cadet Review.

Al Harker expressed the Cadets wish to be involved twice a year for grounds clean up at Kingsway Legion to earn their Community Service Medal. Proposed dates are September and April.

Saturday June 15th. I attended the Annual Cadet Review and was honored to be the Reviewing Officer. Discussion with President of Alberta Navy Cadet Association as to programs and goals.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski No report

LADIES AUXILIARY: Comrade K. Earles

It is with great honour that I am able to announce that our 65-year member Madam Eldean Baskerville has received her Palm Leaf Award. This is the highest award available to an LA member. The citation was read out at the 2024 AB-NWT LA Convention and the plaque will be presented in the Branch.

Congratulations are in order also to Madam Jackie Hyshka, as she is now our AB-NWT LA Command 1st Vice President.

July 1st our ladies can be found at the Branch volunteering in different capacities, holding a bake sale and holding a Free Fun Bingo. Come out and celebrate with Legion friends!

Come to the meat raffles, 50/50's, the market, or meet for a meal and various activities over the summer. Come in and support the Branch we love.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

CARRIED

Presentation of 2 paintings by artist Tony Friesen was presented to the President of Kingsway Legion.

LEST WE FORGET: No report

KIPNESS CENTRE No report

VETERAN'S VILLA No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Torrie

I have no report, however, I am asking for volunteers to run the hot dog stand on Sunday's market. If you can help out, please give your name and phone number to the Front desk.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Fence – Comrade O'Brien

Central Park Estates (Condo) recently had the fence between the Condo and the Legion surveyed.

Results, from Manning Freeway and the jog in the fence, the fence is 12" on the Condo property. From the jog in the fence to 50th St, it is 4" onto Legion property.

At present there are over 12 posts that need to be replaced. The Condo will soon be adding additional bracing.

Repairing the fence could happen this Fall, but likely will happen in 2025.

When the fence was originally installed, they used LARGE holes to cement the posts into. We know that removing that cement is expensive, so the game plan is to install a 4' section then go back to 8' sections. This will avoid removing the cement base which is a large part of the replacement costs.

We plan to leave the fence in its current place. This will allow the Burm to remain at its current location and not effect any drainage issues.

Estimated cost is \$25,000.00. We will be asking the Legion to help out.

We know the Legion has spare metal panels, we may ask to use them and purchase more if required.

Discussion: the Legion will consider the spare metal panels, however, if the Condo is willing to pay for the posts or any additional panels required. Comrade O'Brien will speak with the Condo board and further discussion will be held at the September General Meeting.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

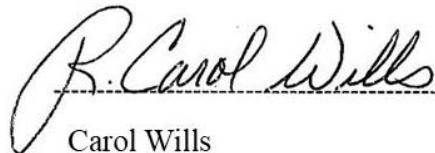
50/50 # 254408 Winner: Brett Finch
Amount: \$55.00

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka
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