

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 28, 2020

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades Wills, Kuervers, Forner, Burton, Deugau, R. Torrie, Kerel, O'Brien, Criss, Huziek, Ferguson, Hunter, Fecteau, V. Torrie

Excused: Comrade Baxter (work), Wiebe (vac), Rimmer (sick), Earles (sick)

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
HEROUX, Jocelyn (Josh)	73	27 Nov 2019	RCAF
ELKES, Vera I.	87	28 Dec 2019	RCAF
TYWONIUK, Leslie	96	16 Dec 2019	ARMY

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Leaburn
Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

WELCOMING CEREMONY:

The following new members attended the Welcoming Ceremony:

Hugh Guitard
Gregory Adolf
Fady Yalidku
Lawrence Hodson
Jeanette Johnston
Judy Morrill
William Klushin
Pam Cottrell

PRESENTATIONS:

Certificate of Appreciation

Steve Criss
Sharon Watts

Certificate of Merit

L. MacIntosh
E. Macintosh
Lori Faraschuk

Branch Service Medal

Ron Wills
Carol Burton
W. Garrity
Gail Simons
Norma Yerux

Executive Member Service Bars

Randy Kerel - Sgt-at-Arms
Steve Kuervers – 2nd Vice
Gary Forner - 2nd Vice & 1st Vice
Carol Burton - Secretary
Ron Wills – Bar to the Past President

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 26 NOVEMBER 2019:

Motion: To accept the minutes was made by Comrade L. MacIntosh
Seconded by Comrade Leaburn

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Leaburn
Seconded by Comrade Mackie

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATED 21 JANUARY 2020:

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

CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: None

BUSINESS ARISING: None

Motion: To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade Harvey
Seconded by Comrade Bunse

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Comrade Forner reported as per the presented financial statements I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Stewart

CARRIED

Motion: I move that we approach and accept Jamie to continue to be our accountant, at the same price of \$4100.00

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Criss reported the following instead of starting the New Year with monster 50/50 raffle; we are going to do a vacation raffle. The first one will be a 4 day trip to Las Vegas. The raffle will be on sale as of February 1st and poster will be posted on the boards. Any questions on the raffle please come and see me and I will explain the raffle. There will be a 2nd prize of Dinner for two at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Kuervers

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade V. Torrie reported that we have 926 members in Good Standing

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
369	298	235	24

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS:

Please look over the individuals listed on page 3 & 4 of the Executive Minutes of 21 January 2019.

Motion: I move that we accept those individuals for processing and transferring into our Branch.

Seconded by Comrade Faraschuk

CARRIED

PUBLICITY: Comrade Wills as per the Executive minutes of 21 January, I so move my report with the following addendum

I am looking for input for our newsletter. If you are a sports team and want to submit pictures send them to me. I will put them in the newsletter, it will help build up the newsletter and encourage people to join and to come out.

Seconded by Comrade Bunse

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Ferguson reported as per the Executive minutes of 21 January, I so move my report, with the following addendum:

On January 24-25, 2020 the teams of Carol Burton and Ron Wills and the team of Ben Murdock and Jeff Biddescombe attended the Command Euchre held in St. Albert. The cards were not very nice to these two teams and thus prevented them from bringing home the plaque.

On Feb 14-15, 2020 the teams of O.K Schneider, Curtis Leaq and Laura Lea Thompson and the team of Clarence Ziegler Serge Kowalchuk and Cheryl Kowalchuk will be representing District 2 in the Command Pool Doubles being held in Drayton Valley. Good Luck to these two teams.

As stated in the Executive minutes we are still looking for scorekeepers for the Command Legion Darts which we are hosting on February 7-8, 2020. If you can come and help it would surely be appreciated. Let's show the other districts how we host an event for Command.

There will be no shuffleboard on Friday Feb 6th and no drop in pool on Feb 7th. The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Saturday meat draw.

I am setting up a sports committee for the 2020 year and if you are interested please see me after the meeting. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Bunse

CARRIED

MOTION: I move the following change to be made to the Sports Criteria dated June 2015. On page 2 para 4 the following states: MEETING ATTENDANCE AND VOLUNTEER WORK must be completed by November 30 after the commencement of the new AREA sports fiscal year. Sports fiscal year starts on September 01 and ends on August 31 of the following year.

Remove the sentence "must be completed by November 30 after the commencement of the new AREA sports fiscal year" and change to read:

MEETING ATTENDANCE AND VOLUNTEER WORK must be completed by the end of the Sports fiscal year. The Sports fiscal year starts on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year.

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Comrade R. Torrie reported we had a problem with the air handler on the roof, which had broken down and it was pretty cold inside the Legion. We have had it repaired and is now working. It took 3 days to warm up the building; ideally we should have all the doors shut to help keep the heat in. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Gwilliam

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Deugau reported The Canadian Forces Supply Depot display is up, please have a look. Thanks to Tony Sowards for the previous display. Tony is also willing to put up another display.

Mary Weller of the Frontiersman museum loaned several pieces to previous displays. She has generously donated for display a British flag to the legion.

Joan Kelly and family have donated a cigarette case to the legion for display.

Bob Hunter has given to the legion historical books and a cd on the Avro Arrow. He has also given the legion for display a RCAF teacup and saucer.

The dismay lights are still on going. The one light fits but doesn't work. Prices to replace bulbs 300 - 1000 dollars which can be done over time. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

SICK AND VISITING: Comrade Hunter reported as per the Executive minutes with the following addendum: If you know of any members who are ill or in hospital please let me know by leaving a message at the front desk and I will visit them.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Huziek as per the Executive minutes with the following addendum:

We have several events planned for the balance of the year. We have Creedence Clearwater Revival on Feb 9th, March 8th a tribute to the Eagles, April 26 Garth Brooks Tribute. Bonnie Kilgrove is willing to do the Diva show, we are still in negotiations with her, June 7th Alan Jackson Tribute, July 1 Canada Day Celebration we have to finalize our plans and volunteers for that day. September 13th Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison Tributes and all these shows are really good shows. October 4th Twilight Time a Tribute to the Platters and Do Wop music. Nov 11th Remembrance Day activities and will need volunteers again, probably close to 70 volunteers will be required. We are also planning a set of mini concerts in the Canteen in partnership with Han TV featuring young artists, playing jazz, blues, pop, pop rock, Metallica and country. The tentative dates are May 24, July 12, August 30, Sept 27, Nov 8 and January 10, 2021. The price of admission has not yet been determined and we will be serving finger foods during the events. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Olson

CARRIED

POPPY: Presented by Comrade O'Brien not much to report as the campaign trail has been pretty quiet. On February 10th we will be having a discussion on boundaries. Next year in November we may have a larger area to cover than we did this year. As there are new areas we will be picking up some of them. I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade L. MacIntosh

CARRIED

POPPY TRUSTEE REPORT: Comrade Wills reported that he will be away for the next Trustee meeting and will be able to submit a report at the March General Meeting
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Harvey

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS: Comrade Baxter – No Report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Fecteau reported if there are any members who feel that another member who deserves of an award please contact Comrade Fecteau.

We have 2 50 year pins to award
Robert Kemp
Brian
I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Oliver

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: No report
I so move the correspondence.

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Baxter- No report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Earles – No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Presented by Comrade Kerel as per the Executive minutes of 21 January 2020 with the following addendum:

Ben Murdock is feeling much better, it was reported that he had the flu. We are doing a memorial at the Kipness Centre on January 29, 2020. I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Oliver

CARRIED

LA REPORT: Comrade V. Torrie I am presenting the report from Kim Earles, President of the Ladies Auxiliary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their continued support of the Kingsway Ladies Auxiliary. We appreciate your financial support in raffles and meat draws as well as the many other ways. A number of our members are not able to assist with activities due to medical concerns. Those who are able do what they can; any female Legion member can be a dual member. That is a member of both the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. Applications are at the front desk for the Ladies Auxiliary membership. Since my installation in December I have attended both the Norwood and Gibbons installations. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their first Provincial Convention separate from the Legion Convention; it's a great way for dual members to be able to attend both conventions. The convention will be held June 5-7, 2020 in Fort Saskatchewan. I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Gwilliam

CARRIED

LEST WE FORGET Comrade V. Torrie reported the Lest We Forget Concert Committee meeting was held December 5, 2019 at the Strathcona's Legion. Bank balance as of November 20, 2019 was \$13,208.72. A cheque for \$10,000.00 was given to CMS to cover some of the 2019 expenses.

The committee gave their reports on how their work during concert went and what could be improved. Ticket sales were down this year and major construction around the theatre didn't help. We need to change our marketing company.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom we wouldn't have the production that we have. A special thank you to our impressive Colour Party and to Charles Sove for his help catering to the after concert reception.

Lt Governor Lois Mitchell, came to the concert and was really impressed with the production and the music. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Christensen

CARRIED

VETERAN'S VILLA Comrade Stewart, no report as we will be meeting this Thursday for the next meeting. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade Wills reported things are going well and we are getting ahead of the game, let's see if we can keep it up let's push getting more people to come out. Given the fact that most of the Executive will be gone in February, we have decided not to hold an Executive Meeting for February.

Farmers market is having a special event on February 14th from 11 – 8 pm; there will be food & prizes available. More information is available in the newsletter and the website. I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Bunse

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: 50 % of all bingo profits are transferred to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Seconded by Comrade Clement

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we authorize the Ladies Auxiliary to hold bake sale and raffle, including the 50/50 draw on April 4.

Seconded by Comrade V. Torrie

CARRIED

Motion: Comrade Wills motioned that we cancel the February General Meeting.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

CARRIED

Comrade Huziek reported Effective, today Jan 28, 2020 The Kingsway Legion has entered into a partnership with The Holiday Inn, on 50th Street. The establishment is under new management and have reached out to us. \$109 plus taxes will get you a King or Deluxe 2 Queen beds. If

there is a large group of people who wish to book, please talk to the Legion Management to allow us to give you the VIP connections to the Holiday Inn. If your stay is extended, you may be able to work out additional arrangements. In Exchange, The Holiday Inn will be sending all queries for Meeting Rooms, Conferences and Weddings to the Kingsway Legion.

We have also partnered with Han TV to assist us with some digital marketing and work with the Mini Concerts. There will be live camera interviews on site, with Han TV clients using the Kingsway Legion as a back drop. The Legion Ethos and our individual privacies will be respected.

We are also working with Post Media solutions to help advertise our special events through digital marketing. Our results are under continual review. Our goal to have 1% of the hits we receive on this site to buy our tickets. The CCR and Eagles Tribute Shows have had **3412 hits since Jan 22**, which are really good results.

I am also looking for additional volunteers that would like to help hang posters at businesses in North East Edmonton. There would be no more than 5 posters to take to various businesses. 2 or 3 more people would be greatly appreciated. Routes would be determined with the volunteer.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade L. MacIntosh, commented on the December 8th installation, it was a disgrace because only 5 members of Branch #175 Kingsway showed up to support our new Executive.

Saturday, March 21 at 8 pm Midget Wrestling Warriors, we have tickets for \$25.00 each. There will be a Silent Auction as well on that date.

50 / 50 DRAW:

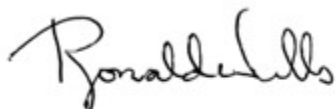
Winning Ticket #073942 Amount: \$75.00

Winner: Ben Murdock

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade L. MacIntosh

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Ronald Wills, CD
President
Kingsway Branch # 175



Carol Burton
Executive Secretary
Kingsway Branch # 175