

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024

The President opened the meeting by ritual at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hazen, J. Hyshka, Torrie, S. Danyi, N. Danyi, Simon, Zeck, Weibe, Luce, O'Brien, MacIntosh (late), Walsh, Criss, Foote, Deugau

Excused: Flo Werner

Absent:

Guests:

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
Edith Norma Leben		passed 24 Nov 2024	Air Force
William Cocburn	82	passed 05 Dec 2024	AV
Cpl (Ret'd) Alex Di Blasio	44	passed 07 Dec 2024	Army
Sgt (Ret'd) John Barlett	63	passed 12 Dec 2024	Army

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Move Treasurer's Report
Open up with the Financial Report
Manager's Report to be read by the President

Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Comrade Wiebe
Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION

Rick Etmanski – President
Sean Danyi - Chairman
Carol Wills – 1st Vice
Janet Hazen – 2nd Vice
Jackie Hyshka – Secretary
_____ - Treasurer
Janet Hazen – Ways & Means
Carol Wills – Membership

Carol Simon - Public Relations
Mac Torrie – Building and Grounds
Terry Zech - Sports
Mac Torrie – Past President
Terry Zech – Historian
Bob Wiebe - Sick & Visiting
Bob Wiebe - Chaplin
Joe Luce - Entertainment and Special Events
Donna MacIntosh – Poppy
Mike Walsh – Service Officer
Mac Torrie – Honours and Awards
Steve Criss – Cadet Liaison
Lionel Foote – Sgt-At-Arms
Flo Werner – Branch Manager
Bill O’Brien – Executive Member
Cathy Deugau – Executive Member

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Comrade N. Danyi

REPORT NOT YET PROVIDED

I so make my report

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

TREASURER:

Comrade Etmanski - I spoke to Don Leaman but due to his wife's passing he unfortunately cannot take on the Treasurer's position.

Our new Treasurer starting January 2025 will be Donna MacIntosh. She will be sworn in at the January Executive meeting.

There is no Treasurer Report

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Hazen

The Raffle Committee agreed to present to the board on proceeding with a 50/50 Raffle for \$50,000. This option will have the least amount of risk and the operational fees will be at a minimum. The raffle would run for an entire year.

ACTION ITEM

Overhead costs for an in house Raffle:

- \$50,000 registration fees AGLC = \$150

- **\$100,000 registration fees** AGLC = \$500
- Tickets would be sold manually
- Printing costs would be done internally approximate cost \$100
- Advertising Fees **Optional**, but highly recommended \$2000.00
- Maximum cost approximately = **\$2600 Profit \$47,400 if all tickets are sold**
- See attached break down on amount of Tickets and Prices.

General Tickets Location

Licence Entry Wizard
Ticket Information

Colour	Units	Unit Price	Quantity	Extended Value
Black	1	for \$ 10.00	5000	\$50,000.00
Purple	3	for \$ 25.00	6000	\$50,000.00
	0	for \$ 0.00	0	\$0.00
	0	for \$ 0.00	0	\$0.00
	0	for \$ 0.00	0	\$0.00

Example:

Red	1	\$2.00	500	\$1,000.00
White	3	\$5.00	300	\$500.00

Total Amount: \$100,000.00

Our committee would like to recruit a large team of volunteers, these folks would work all the legion events, the Farmers Market and would also go out into the community selling tickets at e.g. Elks games, trade shows, major festivals in the city throughout the year. This will be a **Great** opportunity to promote membership at the Kingsway Legion. If you wish to help with this project, please let our committee know, this is going to be a big fundraiser to keep the Kingsway Legion open.

See attached break down on amount of Tickets and Prices needed for this raffle.

The committee is requesting approval to move forward with the raffle and for the funding for expenses of \$2600.00.

Only physical tickets will be available.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

MOTION at the Executive Level: by Comrade Hazen

To approve as presented the in house raffle for a prize up to \$50,000.00 at an estimated cost of \$2,600.00 up front for presentation to the General Membership

Seconded by: Comrade C. Wills

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills
No Report

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills
No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Simon

I sent out the Newsletter and updated the revolving TVs and do whatever I can to promote the Legion. Comrade Hazen advised that the website is updated as soon as she gets the stuff.

I so move my report

Seconded by: Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade Zech- No report

Comrade Etmanski advised that Comrade O'Brien has volunteered to pick up the meat for Wednesday Meat Draws.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Light has been installed in the foyer
Waiting for estimates to replace the florescent bulbs
I will not get in a panic to remove the snow from the sidewalks. It is easier to walk on packed snow than on clear cement where there is a sheen of ice that nobody can see.
Comrade Nelson has volunteered to help me when I am away.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Zech

I have been talking with Rick about what we are going to do. After the 29th we are going to start changing the display case gradually.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe –

I do not have a report but if you have someone who is ill and needs a visit – just call me.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Luce

I would like to begin by formally thanking Jackie for her dedicated service as Entertainment Chairman to 2024. Her leadership and commitment to organizing entertainment events for the Kingsway Legion have been invaluable. On behalf of the executive and members, we appreciate all the hard work and passion she brought to her role.

Also, the Entertainment Committee looks forward in helping out Jackie with this year's New Year's Eve Event.

As we move forward into 2025, I kindly request that all future event ideas and plans be communicated directly to me before proceeding, unless you are personally organizing and renting the hall for your event. This will ensure consistency in planning and alignment with our Legion's goals and operations.

Weekend Canteen (Juno Lounge) Band Lineup 2025

We have successfully confirmed 12 bands as of to date that will be part of our entertainment rotation in 2025. These bands have agreed to the financial terms, and I am pleased to report that the Executive has reviewed, amended, and approved the updated performance agreement for the bands to sign. This provides a solid foundation for a vibrant and exciting year of entertainment in the Juno Lounge.

The Bands I have contact information on, that Jackie has confirmed for the New year have been notified as to the changes and that the first two weeks are as planned but the third week the new band rotation will be begin.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Looking ahead, I briefly discussed the possibility of securing sponsorship deals to encourage corporate investment in our Legion. While still in the early stages, this initiative could provide significant benefits for our organization. I will continue to develop this proposal and plan to present it to the Executive for further consideration and approval in 2025.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to collaborating with all of you to make 2025 an outstanding year for entertainment at Kingsway Legion.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

MOTION: by Comrade Luce

To accept the Performance Agreement with the amendments given so that we can get the bands signed up for the upcoming year

Seconded by: Comrade Simon

CARRIED

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

I am assuming you mean the Thursday Jam. We are increasing the amount to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2025. There are no more Jams this year. The first Jam for 2025 is January 9. I would like to do every week but I cannot find another band.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Zech

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade D. MacIntosh

Submitted 4 bursaries and got them approved before the end of the year. Found out at our meeting that Strathcona Legion has been told to submit all funds and poppy supplies. We do not have a timeline for this.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed two requests for Poppy Fund assistance. Two veterans referred to the Veterans Food Bank Association for assistance. Assisted one veteran with an initial disability claim and referred three veterans to Command Service Officer for additional follow up. Provided information to two veterans via telephone conversation.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

Service medals and bars to be awarded at February General Meeting

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

Comrade C. Wills – we have members who have been members for 40/50 plus years. I do not hand out pins over the counter. Some of these members cannot come out anymore and we decided that we would take the pins to these individuals and present the pin to them. We have one gentleman who is in a nursing facility and I will phone and find out when their coffee break is. Mac, Rick and I will show up in uniform and present him with his 50-year pin. The same for the other two.

Check Jimmy Stewart

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

No report

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Etmanski

There were no requests for Honour Guard Services scheduled for the month of December 2024.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: read by Comrade Etmanski

We have the light up in the lobby now

The staff have had a Christmas party. I think they all enjoyed it.

The Christmas parties for the banquet rooms are finished for the year. I feel we made less money than last year, the parties were down, and the number of guests were down. I might be wrong.

I have ordered the name tags for the Executive.

We have to get the director's insurance paid for this year.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to thank you for all your help this year.

Comrade C. Wills moved the report.
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

No new business

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Waiver – Comrade Etmanski

All Executive members must sign these two forms - (1) Discrimination and Harassment (2) Confidentiality Agreement

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

Comrade J. Hyshka – As some of you may know, I am the 1st Vice President for the Ladies Auxiliary AB/NWT Command. We are exploring the possibility of moving our Command Office out of Calgary. I said I would check to see if there was space here at the Branch for our Command Office. Pending further details.

Reminder that Comrade Hyshka wants all your reports sent to me. I want them in Word/PDF. My email is jackie.hyshka@kingswaylegion.ca. If I do not get a report – I will mark “NO REPORT” in the Minutes.

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M

Next meeting January 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm

 Rick Etmanski President Kingsway Branch #175	 Jackie Hyshka Executive Secretary Kingsway Branch #175
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