

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 30/APRIL/ 2024**

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

Attendance: 38 Members 4 Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade L. MacIntosh

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Comrades, Etmanski, W. Hyshka, R. Wills, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, Fecteau, Walsh, Nelson, Deugau, Simon, Danyi, N.,

**Excused:** Comrade R. Torrie (vacation), Criss (work), Morrill (work), D. MacIntosh (hospital), Wiebe, S. Danyi (hospital)

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**LAST POST**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Deceased</u></b>	<b><u>Service (if applicable)</u></b>
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**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:**

**Motion:** to accept the agenda were made by Comrade Simon  
Seconded by Comrade Claggett

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

McGinnis, Mathew	50-year pin
Cotton, Karen	30-year pin
Jocelyn Guillemette	5-year pin
Janet Hazen	5-year pin
Joseph Luce	10-year pin
Carol Simon	10-year pin

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 26 MARCH 2024**

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

Seconded by Comrade Hazen

**CARRIED**

**Errors or Omissions:** None

**Business Arising:**

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes was made by Comrade P. Earles  
Seconded by Comrade MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATING 23 APRIL 2024**

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

**CARRIED**

**Errors or Omissions:** None

**Business Arising:** None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Comrade N. Danyi

As your Treasurer, it is my duty to report on the current state of our finances and recent significant changes within our accounting department. This past year has presented us with some challenges, but also substantial progress under our previous treasurer Ron Wills towards strengthening our financial management and reporting systems. I look forward to continuing his work.

**1. Bookkeeper Replacement:** We made the decision to replace our former bookkeeper to enhance our financial reporting capabilities and internal controls. This change was part of our broader effort to ensure the highest standards of financial management within our organization. We have hired Debby Geiger, a veteran with 35 years accounting experience with the CAF. She has been working diligently these past 3 weeks.

**2. Audit and Financial Statement Restatement:** Upon the engagement of Debby, it was discovered that there were inaccuracies in our financial statements dating back to 2017. To address this, a comprehensive internal audit was conducted, and we are currently in the process of restating the financial statements for 2023. This exercise will ensure that our financial records accurately reflect our past transactions and financial position.

**3. Current Balance Sheet Review:** The review of our balance sheet has uncovered several erroneous entries that had accumulated over the years since 2017. It is important to note that these discrepancies did not affect our cash balances, and there has been no evidence of misplacement or misappropriation of funds. Accounts affected include, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and the liability offset accounts.

**4. Future Actions:** We are committed to resolving these discrepancies and expect to have a corrected and fully updated balance sheet by the end of May 2024. This will restore clarity and confidence in our financial reporting.

**5. Assurance to Members:** We want to assure all members that the integrity of our cash balances has been maintained throughout this period. The errors identified were restricted to non-cash items and have no impact on the actual cash flows or the liquidity of our organization.

**6. Continuous Improvement:** We are taking steps to enhance our internal controls and financial processes to prevent similar issues in the future. This includes improved oversight and more frequent reviews of our financial practices by the newly appointed bookkeeper and our external accounting firm.

**7. Special Acknowledgment to Ron Wills:** We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Ron Wills, who initiated the process of uncovering these discrepancies. Ron now serves as the chairman of the finance committee and has been instrumental in guiding our financial strategy and corrections. His daily collaboration with our new bookkeeper has been vital in keeping our organization on the right track. His dedication and vigilance have been invaluable during this transition period.

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support as we work through these necessary adjustments. Our commitment to transparency and accuracy in our financial reporting remains unwavering. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

**CARRIED**

**Financial Committee:** Comrade R. Wills

We held a Financial Committee Meeting on Sat Apr 20.

**BMO** – We have our Annual Credit Renewal due by 31 Mar. We have asked for a extension until the 2023 audit review is completed.

We are currently setting up Direct Deposit for Payroll, should be completed by next week.

**AGLC Audit** – The final copy is in.

A fine of \$100 for one contravention Section 4.4 (amended May 2, 2022, to Section 4.4.1) of the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook. If the fine is accepted, it is to be paid from nongaming funds to the AGLC by 4:00 p.m., May 9, 2024.

A fine of \$100 for one contravention of Section J.1 (amended May 24, 2022, to Section 6.1.1) of the Pull Ticket Terms & Conditions. If the fine is accepted, it is to be paid from non-gaming funds to the AGLC by 4:00 p.m., May 9, 2024.

Section 2 of this report identifies \$15,441.63 of net non-gaming funds deposited in the gaming accounts. The unapproved amount of \$15,180.98 will be reduced by the \$15,441.63 of non-gaming funds in the gaming account. As a result, no reimbursement is required. The Legion reimbursed the gaming account \$5,161.48 on December 12, 2023, in response to the PAR. The Legion is welcome to transfer these funds out. Please ensure you advise the auditor if this is happening.

**Use of Gaming Funds for 2024 Dominion Convention** -Turned down, Gaming funds does not cover administration and they deem the convention as administration except for the 1st day which are all workshops.

**GAIN Training** – A reminder that all executive members should take the GAIN online course as soon as possible. The website is : <https://gain.aglc.ca/Index.aspx?tabid=2> Our AGLC Number is 66217

We are holding off paying as many operations cost bills until we received our Casino cheque, which is due mid May

**Silent Auction** - We are starting to plan a Silent Auction for Sat Sep 14 more to follow.

**Class Action Lawsuit**- No Change

**Insurance Claim** for Broken Pipes is currently in the hands of Intact Insurance. Sent an email on Fri for an update.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** The Branch will cover the cost for Robert Torrie to attend the 2024 Dominion Convention in August 2024 in the amount of \$3500.00

**CARRIED**

**WAYS & MEANS:** Comrade Criss

Next round of Extreme Musical Bingo is May 4th. This will be an All-Era Theme, we are also doing a bring a buddy night and enter a draw for a prize. Following for our year end bingo June 22, 2024.

For people that can volunteer for our regular bingos at Kensington Bingo Hall please contact Renee Lafrance, her number is 780 222 8018. Her email is [rsilafrance1957@gmail.com](mailto:rsilafrance1957@gmail.com).

Will be doing up raffle tickets for the farmers market starting second week of May. There will be 500 tickets printed up 1st prize will be \$250.00 grocery card to Safeway, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 100.00 to gas card for Shell, and \$50.00 spa treatment. Draw will be Sunday August 25, 2024, or 2 weeks notice if sold out. Tickets will be sold at farmers market only.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Charlet

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** A request has been made to bring back Chase the Ace. I would need no more than 4 regular volunteers to rotate through shifts and events. This won't be run to only one event but will be spread between Thursday night Jams and, darts and shuffleboard as well as Friday and Saturday night dances as well of the rest of the weekly events and will only run Sept to May.

Once I have received 4 volunteers that will commit to these timelines then we will sit down and see if it's feasible.

**DENIED**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1092 members for 2024 in good standing.

Ordinary  
443

Associate  
390

Affiliate  
233

Life Members  
26

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade

**CARRIED**

**NEW MEMBERS:** Comrade C. Wills – 11 New Applications   4 Transfer   1 Reinstatement

Ordinary  
Demaine, Todd D.  
Lone, Howard

Associate  
Hunt, Alana  
Keller, Linda  
Gerber, Christopher  
Miller, Kinley  
Robinson, Kim M.  
Ewanchuk, Doris

Affiliate  
Buzak, Sam  
Amritpal, Ronnie  
Chisholm, J. Wayne

**TRANSFER**

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Limoges, Bernard  
Innisfail Br 104

Usher, Kenneth  
Penticton Br 40

Tanguay, Robert  
Ottawa Br 15

Weber, Matthew  
Kingston Br 560

**REINSTATE**

Ordinary

Associate

Affiliate

Ringdahl, Jack

For a total of 8

I so move my report.  
Seconded by Comrade LaLonde

**CARRIED**

**PUBLICITY:** Comrade Simon/Henzen

A second newsletter went out, including the posters and upcoming events and sports leagues.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade E. MacIntosh

**CARRIED**

**SPORTS:** Comrade Nelson

No report, just a reminder that there are drop-in sports over the summer.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Comrade W. Hyshka

Steam clean carpets and chairs.

Plant the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tree.

Paint the trellis white in tear drop.

Clean up flowerpots and replant.

We need volunteers to plant in front of the building, bring you flowers and tools, and adopt a flowerpot, you can then water and weed each pot.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Zech

**CARRIED**

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Deugau

I am working on the Battle of Britain display to add to the Air Force display.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade O'Brien

**CARRIED**

**SICK & VISTING:** Comrade Wiebe    No report

**ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS:** Comrade J. Hyshka

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

April 26/27 – CC & High Rider

May 3/4 - Sweetgrass

May 10/11 – Sweetgrass

May 17/18 – Trick Ryder

May 24/25 – Dean Henry

May 31/June 1 – CC & High Rider

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mother's Day Tea

Two sittings

12:00 noon and 2:00 pm

\$30.00 per ticket

Tickets at the office

Real Canadian Wrestling

Clash of the Titans

Saturday, May 25, 2024

\$25.00 first row

\$20.00 general admission

\$25.00 at the door

Bell rings at 7:30 pm  
Advance tickets at the office

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
Elvis Show featuring Jaedyn Pilon  
The Vegas Years  
Doors 5:00 pm  
Dinner 5:30 pm  
Show 7:00 pm  
Show Only \$30.00  
Show Only at the door \$40.00  
Dinner and Show \$55.00 +GST  
Tickets at the door and Eventbrite

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Bonnie Kilroe Show  
Patsy Cline Tribute  
More information to come  
Sunday, June 16, 2024  
Father's Day BBQ Steak Dinner  
\$25.00 for tickets  
Doors open 4:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Advance Tickets only  
Available at the office

Friday, June 21, 2024  
Real Canadian Wrestling  
More information to come

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 Foote

**CARRIED**

**POPPY:** Comrade S. Danyi    No report

**SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Comrade Walsh

I have completed 3 requests for Poppy Fund assistance, referred 4 veterans to the Command Service Officer for additional follow-up and assisted one veteran in completing Veterans Affairs forms for disability benefits.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Comrade R. Wills motioned to approve the listed Poppy Fund assistance given

Motion 175-24-007 Grocery Cards \$300.00

Motion 175-24-008 Grocery Cards \$200.00

**HONOURS & AWARDS:** Comrade Fecteau      No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Comrade C. Wills

I have 3 letters as follows:

Yesterday's Auto Gallery a tribute to D-Day on June 8, 2024, Saturday

Command Level Winners for Poster Competition

2024 KHQ RCMP Golf Tournament – June 21<sup>st</sup>

All posters will be posted at the front office.

**CADET LIAISON OFFICER:** Comrade Fecteau      No report

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Comrade Etmanski      No report

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** Comrade K. Earles

Our next Free Fun Bingo is Saturday May 11, 2024, after the LA meat raffle and 50/50. It is our last Bingo until September. Come out and enjoy! Our meat raffles and 50/50's continue throughout the summer so come out and continue to support us.

The Ladies Auxiliary has just submitted 522 hours and 7 mins of volunteer time from January 'til now. These accumulated hours do not include our members collecting tickets or money at various Legion functions, clearing tables or selling 50/50 at these functions. These hours are collected through the legion. Our auxiliary works hard to support our Legion.

Our fundraising efforts from our Easter and Christmas raffles, bake and white elephant tables and our Saturday meat raffles and 50/50 are a great success because of the great support we receive from Legion members and guests. Thank you. Our fundraising goes to The Kipnes Centre for Veterans supporting the monthly birthday parties, their bingos, and a gift bag to each of the 120 residents at Christmas, five Cadet Units, AB-N.W.T. Ladies Auxiliary Command, Edmonton and Area Poppy Fund and when funds have allowed other organizations. Fifty percent of our fundraising dollars goes to our Branch. At this time, we'd like to present Kingsway Br 175 with a donation of \$10,000

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Hazen

**CARRIED**

**LEST WE FORGET:** No report



**KIPNESS CENTRE:** No report

**VETERAN'S VILLA:** No report

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Comrade Etmanski read:

“On Holiday’s” adjusting to a new lifestyle! A huge “Thank You” to everyone for their Condolence’s and Hugs on Vicki’s passing! Greatly Appreciated!

Wishing one and all an enjoyable spring, gardening, cleaning the yard and getting ready for summer!

I so move the President’s Report.

Seconded by Comrade Foote

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Friday and Saturday dances – entry door fees will be as of June 1<sup>st</sup>,

Members \$10.00

Non-members \$15.00

**COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175**

Comrade C. Wills – reading of comment cards. Executives in charge of each event will be responsible to answer questions.

Flower Planters – We need volunteers to plant, water and weed the front flowerpots.

LGBTQ – to be tabled until our President speaks with Command.

50/50 # 855059 Winner: Don Claggett

Amount: \$70.00

**Motion:** To adjourn was made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

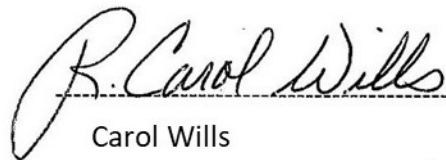
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M



Richard Etmanski

Vice President

Kingsway Legion Br. # 175



Carol Wills

Executive Secretary

Kingsway Legion Br. # 175