

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2025

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, S. Danyi, O'Brien, MacIntosh, W. Hyshka, Torrie, Foote, Deugau, Luce, Criss and Werner

Excused: Simon, Walsh, Wiebe, N. Danyi

Absent:

LAST POST

The following Comrades have passed since our last General meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
John Pincent	94	01 Mar 2025	Ordinary
Gordon Edward Graces		01 Apr 2025	Ordinary
Leslie Sumka	81	17 Dec 2024	Affiliate
Edward Lee	83	06 Mar 2025	Ordinary

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Comrade R. Torrie
Seconded by Comrade S. Criss

4. Under Committee Reports remove 4(a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (k)
7. Under New Business:
 - a. Band payment
 - b. Facebook
 - c. Bursary

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS: Comrade N. Danyi

No report

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Hazen

The Raffle Application for the 50/50 Raffle for \$50,000 has been approved by AGLC; we received confirmation on April 16, 2025. I have requested raffle tickets to be printed and they should be completed for pick up on April 25th, just in time for the Rally in Gibbons and the Alberta NWT Command Provincial Convention. Mac and Rick were to confirm that Kingsway Legion will have permission to sell Raffle tickets at both these events. I am in the process of printing some promotional material to use at the branch, and other community events. Kathy D and Jennifer M have volunteered to monitor and audit the raffle tickets. The front end staff will be brief on processing raffle ticket by telephone. I will be canvassing for places to sell our tickets other than the branch, Steve C is looking into having the Cadet Corps sell tickets as well. To support the Raffle and try to sell as many tickets as possible I asking the executive for their full support and a special request to the Sgt at Arms to ask his team if they would help with shifts for the upcoming garage sale. Having veteran members in full uniform, I believe will promote the sale of raffle tickets. Servus has sent notification that they will not be sponsoring the Canada Day Celebration. No word to date from Labatt's for their corporate sponsorship? I will start to canvas local sponsors for the Canada Day Celebrations.

An application to the Poppy Fund requesting funds to host a Veteran's Dinner for 250 members was completed. Rick presented the application at the last Poppy Fund meeting it was approved and it is now going up to Alberta Command for their endorsement. The dinner is scheduled for the 13 of June. First veteran's to be invited will be residence of the Kipnes Centre, I will try to arrange their monthly bus to transport them to Kingsway. A mass email will go out to all our Ordinary Members and their spouses or caregivers. All participants must RSVP by a set date, so that the kitchen can arrange for staff and supplies and volunteers. Would like to have volunteers that are not ordinary members to serve and work the door, and help with 50/50 Raffle sales. Everyone will be invited to attend the Juno lounge after the meal at a reduced door entrance. Ali Bright will be performing and we are anticipating a large crowd. Perhaps this will promote more of our members to support the Kingsway Legion by coming out to our events.

Last month I was given misinformation on the Horizon Grant that was for a total amount of \$22096.00, this grant was received last year and the notification received was to finalize and to send in the audit on what the funds were used for. I am continuing to update the website, Facebook accounts and continue to compile a data base of membership emails and other contacts to send out the Entertainment Newsletter each month.

Reminder for everyone, that I will be out of the area for the May long weekend, the first week of June and June 16 to the 22.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 868 members for 2025 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
305	326	237	25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

3 New Applications 1 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

New Members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
		Monaghay, Ernest
		Symak, Christopher
		Sumka, RoseMarie

Transfer

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Martin, Joseph Surrey, BC Branch 08		

Reinstatements - 0

For a total of 4

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Torrie

CARRIED

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Hazen

For information - Everyone knows that Carol is no longer doing the newsletter and Ron has taken that over which I am grateful for. I am continuing to update the website, Facebook account and continue to compile a database of membership emails and other contacts so that we can send out more news blurbs or entertainment newsletter.

VOLUNTEER REPORT: Comrade Hazen

For those of you that do not know, Donna Buchanan has taken over the volunteer coordinating position and she is doing a good job. She has asked me that if you know any volunteers to let her know because she is struggling to find volunteers for all the events because the list that she had previously she has contacted most of them and most do not want to volunteer anymore or are incapacitated. She would really appreciate it if you need volunteers to contact her directly and she will try her best to fill them.

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

No report

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Routine maintenance for the month of April included:

1. Tap washer in the kitchen sink had to be replaced,
2. Glass washer in the Maple Leaf was serviced,
3. Compressor for the Beer Cooler blew a seal and was repaired,
4. Kitchen hoods were cleaned as required by AHS and Insurance Policy,
5. The Time Clock was serviced, and a new ribbon was installed.

Cost is estimated at approximately \$1,400.

Will be getting the Parking swept and cleaned early next month!

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrade Etmanski/Comrade S. Danyi

No report

Veteran of the Month – S. Danyi

Trooper Michael Yuki Hayakaze served with distinction in the Canadian Armed Forces as a member of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), an armoured regiment based in Edmonton, Alberta.

In late 2007, Trooper Hayakaze deployed to Afghanistan as a Leopard 2 tank driver with C Squadron. On March 2, 2008, while conducting a supply mission in the Mushan region of Panjwayi District, approximately 45 kilometres west of Kandahar City, his armoured vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Though he was evacuated by helicopter, he succumbed to his injuries upon arrival at Kandahar Airfield.

Trooper Hayakaze is remembered by his peers and commanders as an enthusiastic, capable, and well-liked soldier. He was known for his willingness to support his team, his eagerness to learn, and his positive attitude in the face of adversity. His contributions during pre-deployment training and operational service were invaluable to his squadron's cohesion and effectiveness.

Posthumously, Trooper Hayakaze was awarded several honours in recognition of his sacrifice. His name continues to be honoured by his regiment and the broader military community. Trooper Hayakaze's legacy serves as a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment exemplified by those who serve Canada in uniform.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Luce

-April 15th, Entertainment Committee Meeting

Discussed Upcoming Events

– Monday Comedy Night – Oilers Watch Parties – Extreme Music Bingo – Neil Diamond Tribute
– DAD's Family Scavenger Car Rally – Canada Day.

- \$5,000.00 donation for Advertising after getting quotes for TV & Radio. We discussed on what was given to us from Global and the lack of interest from CTV. Waiting for Radio quote this week. April 23rd.

Entertainment Buzz Newsletter PDF Email Going out Wednesday April 23rd to all members and other groups.

I'm Happy to Report that we are doing well in our First Quarter. We are in the Positive due to everyone involved. Thank you!

Entertainment from January 3rd to April 19th, 2025.

Gross \$81,357.82

Net Profit \$34,454.48

Comrade Criss moved report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

Discussion

Comrade MacIntosh – I just want to do a really tight breakdown of just door vs bands. On average, up until now, a total has been raised of \$17,320.00 off the door and it is averaging \$1,154.60 per

event which means that every event regardless of whether we have many people show up or not or things people didn't like has on average made a profit.

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

I gave you my financial statement for the first quarter we have brought in \$3,720.00 of profit. It works out to \$338 per week – January through March.

Event Name Thursday Night Jam

	09-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	06-Feb	13-Feb
Number of Tickets:	56	66	45	56	45
Cost Per Guest	\$ 560.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 455.00
Bar Sales	\$ 613.59	\$ 517.31	\$ 340.73	\$ 458.31	\$ 539.31
50/50 Raffle	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 1,238.59	\$ 1,252.31	\$ 850.73	\$ 1,093.31	\$ 1,054.31
Food	\$ 123.54	\$ 92.18	\$ 55.93	\$ 81.43	\$ 98.01
Bar Expenses	\$ 79.13	\$ 78.53	\$ 56.50	\$ 69.81	\$ 79.96
Staff	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50
Printing	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Appreciation Prize	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Name of Band					
Total Expenses	\$ 763.17	\$ 731.21	\$ 672.93	\$ 711.74	\$ 738.47
Total Income					
Total Profit/Loss	\$ 475.42	\$ 521.10	\$ 177.80	\$ 381.57	\$ 315.84

Event Name Thursday Night Jam

	20-Feb	27-Feb	06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar
Number of Tickets:	45	70	62	33	48
Cost Per Guest	\$ 450.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 480.00
Bar Sales	\$ 395.19	\$ 500.33	\$ 505.58	\$ 269.29	\$ 517.38
50/50 Raffle	\$ 55.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 70.00
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 900.19	\$ 1,285.33	\$ 1,195.58	\$ 639.29	\$ 1,067.38
Food	\$ 74.22	\$ 69.00	\$ 79.57	\$ 40.93	\$ 93.94
Bar Expenses	\$ 56.19	\$ 96.07	\$ 87.35	\$ 47.93	\$ 76.79
Staff	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50
Printing	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Appreciation Prize	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Name of Band					
Total Expenses	\$ 590.91	\$ 725.57	\$ 727.42	\$ 649.36	\$ 731.23
Total Income					
Total Profit/Loss	\$ 309.28	\$ 559.76	\$ 468.16	-\$ 10.07	\$ 336.15

Event Name Thursday Night Jam

	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr
Number of Tickets:	38	53	44	45	
Cost Per Guest	\$ 380.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 450.00	
Bar Sales	\$ 471.07	\$ 414.24	\$ 35.00	\$ 560.29	
50/50 Raffle	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 358.61	\$ 50.00	
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 901.07	\$ 1,009.24	\$ 833.61	\$ 1,060.29	\$ -

Food	\$ 87.28	\$ 64.96	\$ 59.24	\$ 121.07	
Bar Expenses	\$ 68.17	\$ 71.74	\$ 59.09	\$ 63.82	
Staff	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50
Printing	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Appreciation Prize	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 400.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Name of Band					
Total Expenses	\$ 715.95	\$ 672.20	\$ 678.83	\$ 745.39	\$ 560.50
Total Income					
Total Profit/Loss	\$ 185.12	\$ 337.04	\$ 154.78	\$ 314.90	-\$ 560.50

Jan 9 to Mar 17 Bank deposits = 3720.13
 Event Name Thursday Night Jam Average = 338.19 per wk.

Number of Tickets:					
Cost Per Guest					
Bar Sales					
50/50 Raffle					
Total Sources of Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Food					
Bar Expenses					
Staff	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50
Printing	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Appreciation Prize	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Name of Band					
Total Expenses	\$ 560.50	\$ 560.50	\$ 560.50	\$ 560.50	\$ 560.50
Total Income					
Total Profit/Loss	-\$ 560.50	-\$ 560.50	-\$ 560.50	-\$ 560.50	-\$ 560.50

Number of Tickets:					
Cost Per Guest					
Bar Sales					
50/50 Raffle					

move my report
 Seconded by Comrade Hazen

I so

CARRIED

Discussion

Comrade MacIntosh – on this report on April 10 \$358.61 on the 50/50 raffle. Can you explain that?

Comrade O'Brien – no I cannot

Comrade Torrie – probably a typo

Comrade MacIntosh – also on that one to give a tighter breakdown, I am not showing those numbers. I am showing from January 9 to the 10 of April from the daily sales report \$1,195.00 hit the bank. An average of \$91.92 and in the month of March 3 weeks, nothing out of 4. We pulled the daily sale reports for those weeks.

Comrade O'Brien – I don't know. We put the money in. All I can do is put it in my red pouch.

Comrade MacIntosh – You put in \$3720? Where did you get that money from? When you looked across from you door and expenses I believe your 50/50 you are not making 3720.

Comrade O'Brien – you are forgetting the bar

Comrade MacIntosh – you are not depositing the bar

Comrade O'Brien – no

Comrade MacIntosh – so that did not go in your pouch

Comrade O'Brien – no

Comrade MacIntosh – exactly. So \$91.02 is the average that went in per week. And there were weeks that nothing went in – there was a negative. Two weeks at a negative and the week in between made \$55 and that went against the \$95 negative from the week before still not making up that amount.

Comrade Luce – his goal is to look at this

Comrade Wills – Tickets. Do you keep track who comes in like they do on Friday and Saturday night.

Comrade O'Brien – no

Comrade Wills – why

Comrade O'Brien – we do up our cash after the 50/50 draw. It is \$10 per person and cash divided by 10 and there is your guests

Comrade Etmanski – only members pay \$10 as non-members are supposed to be paying \$15 right?

Comrade O'Brien – they do not have a membership

Comrade Etmanski – Everyone just pays \$10 across the board?

Comrade Luce – it is like the Comedy night – everybody just pays the same amount

POPPY: Comrade D. MacIntosh

Not much of a report. There was no poppy committee meeting for me to go to. Rick and Jackie may have more information for you on the executive meeting. We would like sell the indigenous pins at both the Rally and Convention if we can get a contact I will get a hold of them at both those locations. The thing with that is the Legions might feel there is a conflict because every Legion sells indigenous pins and they are selling them at retail price. We are trying to sell ours at wholesale. Preferably we are not looking to sell them in ones or twos we are looking to sell them to supply the Legions. So it would be a lesser price than they could order them for but I think we really do need to ask permission to do so because of the conflict that they already sell them there. I think we sell them here at \$10 each so we are selling them wholesale at \$5 per pin. If you order more than 100 pins they are \$4 plus shipping and handling. We are asking for \$5 to cover what

we had paid for them. Most Legions I don't think order a 100 at a time the price for less than 100 goes up. So we are offering a break to them.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Luce

CARRIED

Discussion

Comrade Etmanski – what do they come to – 25 to a bag?

Comrade MacIntosh – yes

Comrade Hazen – how many do we have

Comrade MacIntosh - \$20,000 worth

Comrade Etmanski – Tomorrow or the next day I will give the President of Gibbons a call and ask him it would be okay for us to. I will explain the situation and why we are selling them.

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade MacIntosh

I have completed 2 requests for Poppy Fund assistance.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Luce

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

Received an email from Dave Basham regarding the Legion Dispatch and Branches to subscribe to this publication.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Torrie

CARRIED

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

Would like to Start off by a huge thank you and a Bravo Zulu to 570 Squadron for their help in delivering 1,000 flyers on April 112th. They had 24 cadets and 3 officers and was a tremendous help in advertising events to the community.

180 RCACC Army Cadets

On Tuesday, April 8 2025, I visited the 180 RCACC and they had 29 cadets present for training. That evening they were doing shooting training.

NLCC CB Hill Navy League Cadets

Attended C.B. Hill Friday on 11th of April for their 2nd Command Review. I will be there again this Friday for their regular parade night, when I plan to ask if they are planning a visit to the Legion for a spring cleanup, Rick has suggested that May 10 would be the preferred date if they are planning that as 1 of their community projects.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

KIPNES: Comrade Deugau

I met with Bev Friske on April 3. I had a tour of Kipnes, met Shawna Kessler the Recreation Director. Kipnes could use vets to visit vets at Kipnes. If you are visiting the veterans, you need to go through a screening process. Speak to Kipnes.

They are not doing a memorial for veterans so far. Kipnes has 1 military outing per month as they have limited bus service. I did pass on the Shawna Kessler the upcoming possible date of June 13 for the veterans dinner. I would like to start up monthly luncheons for the Kipnes again if we can manage this roughly \$25 per person.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W. Hyshka

CARRIED

Discussion

Comrade J. Hyshka – Wes made a very good point. So at the Directors meeting of the GEPF they are in agreement with our proposal to spend \$8,750.00. I think that it needs to be passed here too. That is one of the problems we ran into with respect to the \$4,000 bursary is that it was not passed at our general meeting and then taken to the Directors meeting.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Foote

The Honor Guard will be present at a Celebration of Life at the Branch on Friday 25 Apr 2025 at 1200 hrs for Comrade Tim Murphy.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

We have two new people in the kitchen and they are both named Chris. The menus have been updated some prices went up a little bit and some went down a little bit.

Comrade C. Wills so moves the Manager's report.
Seconded by Comrade S. Criss

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bands Payments – Comrade Etmanski - it had been discussed at the Finance Committee a little while ago that all bands would be paid by cheque so effective immediately all bands being booked in here to play will be paid by cheque only. There will be no more paying by cash and one of the Master Function Budget Checklist that shows the expenditures will be completed.
- B. Facebook – Comrade J. Hyshka – So a friend of mine in Calgary came across this Facebook page called the Royal Canadian Legion Exposed and we were front and center - Kingsway. It is from our favourite friend Matt Scarpino and he has been posting sections from our minutes. He is getting them off the website. So we can either take them off the website or that particular part of the website is password protected like Provincial Command has done.

There was discussion on what to do and whether we have the Minutes password protected or what direction we should take.

Motion: Comrade R. Torrie – I move that we remove the Executive and General Minutes from the website.

Seconded by: Comrade W. Hyshka

This motion will be brought up at the General Meeting and let our membership decide the course of action to be taken.

CARRIED
1 OPPOSED

Discussion – Comrade S. Danyi – This is why this needs to be brought up at the General Meeting. It needs to be voted on at the General Meeting as we voted on it initially to put it on there in the General Meeting. We cannot countermand that just from your Executive secondly, password protecting it we are going to release that password to 868 members. If someone wants to get their hands on them they will get their hands on them. If we don't post them, someone is going to come and here and grab them – people will find what they want to find. People will sling s*** on the internet because people sling s*** on the

internet. Us fighting it and wasting time, wasting breath is not the right position for us. We do need to give access and transfer, and this is just me speaking as a member of the Executive, but we need to give access and transparency to our members. We need to promote that, we need to frame the messaging on it that we are giving access and transparency, so they can continue to sling s*** over our Minutes online and we continue to respond with we are providing access and transparency, which we are being accused of not doing overall. If the RCMP were investigating us for fraud that we would be providing the maximum transparency to our organization. I don't think it is worth the time and effort. We will bring it up at the General Meeting and if that is the way the vote goes.

Comrade C. Wills – I think the membership should realize they may not know, I didn't know anything about this. I think they need to know that this s*** is being flung at us.

Comrade S. Danyi – why continue to think of this

Comrade C. Wills – the membership needs to know

Comrade S. Danyi – but we continue to put a spotlight on everything that throws s*** at us, we continue to give it time and space, and breath. There is going to be s*** on the internet, I guarantee you right now. I can hop on Reddit and find multiple forums tearing down the Kingsway Legion and the Legion at large.

Comrade R. Etmanski – so what you are saying is we should just ignore it

Comrade S. Danyi – basically. Stop giving it the time of day

Comrade R. Etmanski – if we keep bringing it up at meetings, I agree with Sean, if we keep bringing it up at meetings and that all it does is people are going to start going to look for these things. So maybe ignoring it is the best idea – I don't know.

- C. Bursary – For approval at the General Meeting to recommend to the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund to provide a Bursary for 1st year of a 2 ½ year Masters Program, University of Alberta, – grandparent was a veteran - in the sum of \$4,000.00 – Section 402(vi)(a) of the Poppy Manual
- D. Veteran's Dinner – For approval at the General Meeting to recommend to the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund to seek approval from Command to host a Veteran's Dinner for 250 Veterans at \$35.00 per plate in the sum of \$8,750.00 – Section 403ii(h) of the Poppy Manual

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

Motion for adjournment made by Comrade W. Hyshka

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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