



KINGSWAY LEGION 175
LADIES AUXILIARY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 PM by President Kim Earles, by Ritual (Treaty Land Acknowledgement, O Canada and Prayer).

The Sgt. At arms reported there were 16 members present and 3 guests.

Roll Call; Kim Earles, Mary Good, Phyllis Moldowan, Charlotte Bueckert, Sharon Clemens, Zelda Doell, Alice Graham, Eldean Baskerville, Christine Payea, Estelle Comeau, and Reba Baskerville were present.

Excused: Blondie Charlet , Marilen Pytel and Loree Hurst

INITIATION AND GUESTS: Three guests were present.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING: For May 30, 2023, were reviewed. No errors or omissions were found.

Motion to accept minutes made by Chris Payea, seconded by Alice Graham, and carried.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: For September 12, 2023 were reviewed, no errors or omissions were found.

Motion to accept minutes made by Eldean Baskerville, seconded by Sharon Clemens, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Servus Credit Union Bank stating they are merging with Connect First Bank.
2. In summary a letter from present treasurer Loree Hurst, advising executives that she is very sorry that due to health issues she will be unable to fulfill her duties. Loree expressed her gratitude and love for being part of the LA and working on the executive. Loree stated she will attend meetings and drop into Saturday meat draws or other LA functions as she feels she is able.
3. Lest We Forget Concert invitation. Concert on Sunday Nov 5th at the Dow Centre in Ft Saskatchewan.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Note: Due to health issues elected Treasurer Loree Hurst has stepped down and Sharon Clemens will step in as acting treasurer till elections in Nov. 2023.

Sharon went through the financials for June, July, and August 2023, reporting at the end of August there is \$11,254.06 in general account (there is an outstanding cheque that hasn't been cashed for \$840.00), \$18,540.16 in meat draw account and \$9,336.53 in GIC.

Sharon Clemens so moved her report, seconded by Zelda Doell, and carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Charlotte Bueckert reported there are 49 members in good standing. Membership renewal is going on now for 2024.

Please welcome all new members that are joining us today as guests and will become official members as of January, 2024. Caroline Irvine, Geri Britton, Elizabeth Aboultaif. WELCOME LADIES!

Charlotte Bueckert so moved her report, seconded by Lorraine Knudsen, and carried.

MEAT DRAW: Mary Good, reported meat draws are doing very well.

1. Mary asked members is with the fact that due to the stores not giving out plastic bags for the meat anymore, should we buy small garbage bags. Kim Earles said she would look on Amazon to see what the prices are, and other members said they would look into other places and prices.
2. Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey meat draw will be held on September 30th, 2023.
3. Christmas Ham & Turkey raffle is Dec 16th

Note: Saturday November 11th meat draw will be cancelled due to Remembrance Day Celebration.

Mary Good so moved her report, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

BINGO: Button bingo was held on September 9th and went over very well. Next bingo will be held on October 14th, 2023.

Kensington bingo dates are: Tues Sept 26, Tues Oct 10, Fri Oct 27, Wed Nov 8, Wed Nov 29, Mon Dec 4, Thurs Dec 21, Fri Jan 5, and Mon Jan 29

WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Letter to President of Legion Branch needs to be done asking for permission to hold Christmas Raffle, bake sale, and craft sale on December 16th, 2023. Kim Earles advised that the letter was given and verbally accepted by President Mac Torrie.
2. Prize will be:
 - a. Food Hamper – \$400.00
 - b. Ninja Air Fryer – \$300.00
 - c. Christmas Globe, framed wooden Christmas scene and Sleigh - \$150.00
 - d. Magic Bullet – \$50.00

MOTION: was made by Eldean Baskerville to move the price of the Christmas Globe, framed wooden Christmas scene picture and the Sleigh at \$150.00 Seconded by Alice Graham and carried.

Chris Payea so moved her report, seconded by Phyllis Moldowan, and carried.

VETERANS CENTRE: Kim Earles advised for anyone that wants to volunteer the next Bingo will be held on Sept. 25th @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm (please arrive @1:15), and next Birthday Party will be held on Sept. 26th @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm (please arrive @1:15).

Dates for the remaining birthday parties this year are Oct 19, Nov 16, and Dec 19.

Kim Earles so moved her report, seconded by Zelda Doell, and carried.

SICK AND VISITING:

1. Sharon Clemens reported that she received a Call from Mary and was out of town and didn't get back to her so Kim Earles brought a card out and had everybody sign it for the passing of Alice Grahams' brother.
2. Kim Earles called Sharon a couple days before the fall Rally and mentioned that Vickie Torrie was in hospital and that we should send her a Get-Well Card. I brought a nice card to the Rally and all the ladies who attended signed it. Vickie was there and I gave her it and a hug.

Sharon Clemens so moved her report, seconded by Reba Baskerville, and carried.

PHONING: Phoned all ladies and left messages for those that never answered.

Zelda Doell so moved her report, seconded by Lorraine Knudsen, and carried.

COMMUNICATION: No report.

HONOURS AND AWARDS: Honours and Awards take place in May.

CHAPLAN: Alice Graham reported our member Verna Lamond passed away on July 6th, 2023. Verna was a 38 yr. LA member. She requested an Honor Guard, but we were not able to attend. A memorial service was held on Aug. 30th at Central Church of Christ in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Alice Graham so moved her report, seconded by Chris Payea, and carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sept 29-Oct 1, 2023 inclusive and Oct 4 -21, 2023 inclusive I will be away. This means I will not be at the executive meeting in October. It gives the first or second vice the opportunity to run a meeting or cancel if they see fit. Please know I will be reachable by my home e-mail.

I produced and mailed out 25 LA newsletters to the over 30 year members and the Life members.

I am currently going through the Kingsway branch website LA information to have it updated.

I completed the June, July and September branch newsletter submissions.

I am finalizing the roles & responsibilities document to be available in October as we have elections in November with first round of nominations in October.

Attended the 504 Blatchford Cadet year end parade with Eldean Baskerville. The cadets were impressive on parade.

It was great to see 14 of our ladies attend the District #2 Fall Rally. As District 2 Commander I did bring to the table the need for better communication regarding the submission of awards and the reasons they are declined. I also brought this to the AB-NWT Ladies Auxiliary Command meeting Sept 16, 2023. I believe the suggestion will be addressed.

At the LA Command meeting

-I heard of "Veterans Voices of Canada". The next day I looked it up online to find a picture of our late member Joyce Bruce with an interview and a song by her.

-The Flags of Remembrance tribute will return to Highway 11 where motorists will drive past flags on both sides of the road starting on Sept. 9. This is at Sylvan Lake. The flags are raised to represent the 128,000 Canadian military members and RCMP officers and missing-in-action service personnel lost in service since the Boer War. There are also maple leaf shaped plaques for purchase with a veteran or RCMP officers name service number, unit information etc. that will be displayed.

-At the Command meeting I learned that Gibbons LA celebrates 75 years in 2024 and Jasper Place in 2025.

-There were 14 bursaries of \$500 each given out by command. Donations are needed in the bursary fund once again. A \$5000 donation to HiMarc and a \$1000 donation from the sports fund to Jaxson Denis from Fort Saskatchewan for his trip to Denmark this year for the World's Dart Tournament. He is 14 years old and is Marie Coubrough's grandson and Sherilyn Danis's son from the Fort Saskatchewan LA. A \$1000 was also donated to the "Walk for Veteran's" from the hospital fund happening in Wetaskiwin.

Kim Earles so moved her report, seconded by Chris Payea, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS: refer to the Executive Meeting Sept 12, 2023 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) LA Poppy Campaign dates (pick up at the legion at 9:00AM pick up at location to return to the legion 2:45PM)

- Nov 1, 2023 Glenrose Hospital Alice Graham and Eldean Baskerville
- Nov 7, 2023 Glenrose Hospital Sharon Clemens (will transport herself) and Caroline Irvine
- Nov 3, 2023 Canada Place Estelle Comeau and Cassie Gretzan
- Nov 3, 2023 Royal Alex Hospital Lorraine Knudsen and Zelda Doell

2) Forgotten Heroes Gala - after some discussion Kim Earles made a motion for Kingsway LA to donate \$250 to the Forgot Heroes Gala Oct 14, 2023. Seconded by Reba Baskerville. All in favour. No opposed.

- 3) Quilts of Valour – Kim mentioned she has some information on two members (Estelle and Bonita) and once complete will submit for a quilt.
- 4) Brought up making an LA calendar as a fundraiser. Discussion was held and it was decided to wait until the new year to review for a 2025 calendar.
- 5) Membership dues were discussed and at this time will remain the same. Last increase was in effect Jan 1, 2016.
- 6) Permission has been given to the Ladies Auxiliary to sell our Christmas 2023 raffle tickets at the Legion on Remembrance Day.
- 7) The market has reserved parts of the parking lot on Sundays. Please do not leave your vehicle there overnight Saturdays.
- 8) AB-NWT LA Command is having a raffle with cash as the prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each with 1st prize \$300 2nd \$200 and 3rd \$100. Once tickets are available Kim and Jackie will have tickets available to support Command.
- 9) AGLC Disbursements were discussed and voted on. Motion made to approve all figures in chart attached minus the Legion donation to be voted on at the November General meeting by Eldean Baskerville and seconded by Jan Langston all in favour no opposed. Approved.

DOOR PRIZES: 50/50: Phyllis Moldowan \$42.00
 Attendo: Vickie Torrie not in attendance
 Door Prizes: Geri Britton, Jan Langston, Zelda Doell

DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING: October 24, 2023 at 12:30 pm

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: October 17, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Motion for adjournment at 2:45 PM was made by Eldean Baskerville, seconded by Chris Payea

Meeting was closed by ritual - God Save the King.

Kim Earles
 LA President
 Kingsway Branch 175

Phyllis Moldowan
 LA Secretary
 Kingsway Branch 175

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