

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

I'd like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

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

Attendance: 45 Members 2 Guests

The meeting was chaired by Comrade S. Danyi

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comrades, R. Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hazen, J. Hyshka, S. Danyi, N. Danyi, Torrie, Criss, Simon, O'Brien, MacIntosh, Walsh, W. Hyshka, Deugau and Foote

Excused: Wiebe and Luce

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Service (if applicable)</u>
George Johannes	87	08 Jan 2025	
CWO (retd) Alan Turner	83	16 Jan 2025	Army
Sgt Edward Turner	48	27 Jan 2025	Air Force
Lorrie Baker		06 Jan 2025	Army

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion: to accept the agenda as amended made by Comrade R. Wills

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

CARRIED

Under Committee Reports:

Point 6(a) and 6(b) will be combined

Point 6(j) will be struck as the Padre is not here tonight

As well as 6(k), 6(p) there is no correspondence, 6(u) there is no report however there is an announcement that Comrade Deugau will be taking over as Executive representative of Kipnes Centre from this point forward.

Under New Business:

8. (a) Resolutions – Comrade R. Charlet

PRESENTATIONS:

King Charles III Coronation Medal presented by The Honourable Ziad Aboultaif, PC., M.P.

Janet Hazen
Victoria Torrie (Posthumously)

Membership Year Pins awarded

Jared Beard – 5 years
Bill Lawrence – 15 years
Eleanor MacIntosh – 20 years
Leroy MacIntosh – 45 years
Audrey Ferguson – 45 years

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATING 28 JANUARY 2025

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

CARRIED

Corrections:

Page 9 – strike out the words Meta Culpa in the “Our Veteran Story”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER and FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS: Comrade N. Danyi

Financial Review & Budget Planning

The Finance Committee meeting focused on reviewing our fiscal 2024 financial statements as part of the preliminary work for our external accountant, Jamie. We also examined several balance sheet accounts, including clearing erroneous account entries from prior years. We discussed cheque procedures extensively, as we continue refining our budgeting process. Cost controls are critical for the survival of our Legion, and simply having a budget is not enough—we must enforce strict financial oversight.

Cheque Procedure Recommendation

To improve financial accountability, the Finance Committee formally recommends the following cheque protocol:

- Cheques must be obtained from Debbie, Donna, or Janet (if Debbie and Donna are unavailable).

- A valid invoice or supporting document must be provided before a cheque is issued.
- The invoice must be approved and signed by the responsible Department Head:
 - Entertainment: Joe
 - Building & Grounds: Mac
 - Sports: Wes
 - Ways and Means: Janet
 - General Operations: Flo
 - Kitchen: Kitchen Manager
 - Membership: Carol
- A department head may not sign a cheque for their own department
- This process ensures Department Heads are informed and financial records are properly maintained.

Budget Overview

The Global Budget will be compiled monthly using Department Head budgets, which must be submitted by the 10th (15th at the latest) each month.

Our budget is extremely lean, cutting expenses to a minimum while allocating resources strategically, particularly to Entertainment, which is a major revenue generator.

All hands are needed to support Joe, Mac, and Flo in their respective areas, as their budgets have been substantially reduced. If assistance can be provided without incurring costs, it is highly encouraged.

We are looking beyond month-to-month finances, establishing key financial metrics for review. If we do not meet our targets by Q2, more drastic recommendations—potentially related to our building—will be considered.

Financial Performance

January 2024 saw improvements over last year:

- Membership revenue: +\$2,000
- Special Events revenue: +\$5,000
- Room Rentals: +\$4,000
- Friday & Saturday night dances: +\$1,000
- Kitchen revenue: +\$13,000
- Expense reduction: -\$20,000
- General utilities savings: -\$10,000
- Interest savings: -\$10,000 (due to lower bank prime rates)

Result: A net positive balance of \$2,000 for January. This is an encouraging start.

Balance Sheet Review & Cleanup

We are working to correct historical accounting errors, including:

- **Account 1006** (\$82,000 entry from a 2013 bank transition) – to be resolved this year.
- **Account 1110** (negative \$13,000) – erroneous entry, in process of removal.
- **Accounts Receivable** – reflects prepaids in a way that works for our bookkeeping system.
- **AGLC & Sports Liability Accounts** – Cleanup is ongoing to ensure proper recognition of revenues and liabilities.
- **Historical Journal Entry Corrections** – A meticulous process requiring extensive

record review, but progress is being made.

Other Key Items

- A base amount of \$5,000 will be maintained in the membership account to ensure remittance obligations are met.
- CRA compliance: Performers paid as individuals must provide either a GST number or SIN to receive payment. Failure to collect this information could result punitive action from the CRA.
- Community Service: An additional 72 hours were logged, bringing our total to nearly 600 hours.

Conclusion

With improved financial discipline and full commitment from all departments, we can achieve our very ambitious goals. The first quarter will be critical, and continued efforts from everyone are necessary to ensure the long-term health of our Legion.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade R. Charlet

Discussion –

Comrade R. Nelson - I don't understand this one sheet here the January – December 2024 you got wages and benefits at \$10,632.96 and for the year at \$421,373.56. How does that work out?

Comrade N. Danyi – We had a lot of turnover last year. January is a little bit offset as some of it was paid in December. Our payroll per month is estimated to be \$35,000.00 per month. Last year we had quite a few people that left from the kitchen and we needed to hire a bookkeeper and pay that bookkeeper to redo two years of financial statements because of all of the erroneous journal entries. Last year was an odd year. This year we expect payroll to come in around \$400,000.00 but we put a little more in the budget for it.

Comrade R. Nelson – I think we need to find a way to cut that back. That seem pretty high for wages.

Comrade N. Danyi – I did pull an Alberta Wage Survey looking at the number of hours our staff works compared to the Alberta Wage Survey and we are within a couple thousand dollars on what the average wage is to do that job.

We did look at a long of the payroll lines and short of cutting services that means you guys don't get access to the Canteen, or there isn't front desk staff to answer the phone or we don't have someone managing events there isn't much we can cut. Everyone is working regular hours at a wage that compares to the Provincial standard for that job.

Comrade R. Nelson – I really believe that if you take a hard look at what is going on in this building, we could cut wages down. I know for a fact that you are hiring people where we recently used volunteers. So, you are hiring people that cost money where you could have used volunteers.

My examples are the kitchen for one.

Comrade N. Danyi – You can't

Comrade R. Nelson – you use people that you pay when you could have used a volunteer.

Comrade N. Danyi – we cannot have volunteers in the kitchen for day to day

Comrade R. Nelson – not in the kitchen but to help out with clean up

Comrade N. Danyi – that is who we use – volunteers. Finance meeting – March 15 at 10:00 am. I invite you to come.

Comrade President – we have looked at that situation. In the past we have someone from the kitchen being paid to come and serve at different functions. We are in the process of changing that so it will be strictly volunteers that will be doing that from now on. So that alleviates part of it. As I have said, this is a work in progress.

CARRIED

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Hazen

UPDATE

- Raffle Application was hand submitted to AGLC on February 21, 2025.
- Labatts has declined any sponsorship for Canada Day.
- Once the raffle is a go, we are going to need a lot of help. The more tickets we sell the more successful our raffle.

The Raffle Application for the 50/50 Raffle for \$50,000 should be completed by the end of this week and I will be personally taking the application to AGLC upon completion. After reviewing the rules and confirming by telephone with AGLC, the licence fee will be \$750.00.

I have continued to update the website, Facebook account and started to compile a data base of membership emails and other contacts to send out the Entertainment Newsletter each month.

Labatts and EPCOR have not responded to my requests for sponsorship for Canada Day celebration to date. I will continue to research more options for grants and corporate sponsorship.

Just a reminder for everyone, that I will be out of the country from March 1 to 9.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade B. Charlet

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills reported that we have 1226 members for 2024 - 2025 in good standing.

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate	Life Members
481	423	297	25

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

7 New Applications 10 Transfers 0 Reinstatement

New Members

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Kuhn, Kathryne	Tallman, Laura N	Jorginson, Elaine D
	Honrada, Evelyn	Jorginson, Dennis A
	Nelson, Sherry	
	Lechky, Gloria	
	Trembley, Gilbert	
	DeRudder, Kim	
	Price, Denise	

Transfer

Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
Burchholz, Stephen Dominion Br 015	Stevens, Dennis B. (Barney) Dominion Br 015	Reid, Joanne E. Dominion Br 015
Dore, Anthony Grande Prairie Br 54	Rivard, Jennie B. Dominion Br 015	
Price, Norman A. St. Albert Br 271	Klepachek, Michael R. Dominion Br 015	

Reinstatements - 0

For a total of 17

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrades Simon/Hanzen

The newsletter is back on schedule. It will be out by March 3, 2025. I also wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Command Pool Tournament and all the volunteers who have

helped me weather the transition for the month of February. Each day is a new day so let us make them count.

Thank you

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade R. Wills

CARRIED

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

UPDATE:

- Congratulations to Team Kingsway - Craig and Blaine Nowell for coming in 1st place at Command Pool this past weekend. They are off to Fredericton, New Brunswick in May.

We have collected from the clubs \$2,131.50 for the month, \$31.50 from shuffleboard, and \$248.15 for pool. I want to thank Alex Ewan, Mark McCarthy and Vic Clarke they paid for and had new pool table cloths installed plus they also have gotten new pool ball racks.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Just routine maintenance. Nordic was in this morning to shut down the boiler. It is a little warmer so they could shut it down and do a little maintenance without causing issues throughout the building. As far as the parking lot goes, this is Edmonton, Alberta – walk carefully. The snow removal guy came in with his bobcat and dragged the bucket backwards so that the teeth cut into the ice and try and rough it up and give it more edge for more melting. If it gets real bad, we will try to get a few pennies to put some grit down. In the meantime, walk carefully. If you have a mobility problem, whoever is driving, pull up to the front so they can stay on the dry cement.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Jocelyn Guillemette

CARRIED

HISTORIAN: Comrades Etmanski/S. Danyi

No report

Veteran of the Month – Comrade S. Danyi

Ladies and gentlemen, in honour of Black History Month I would like to honour the memory of Corporal Ainsworth Dyer, a Canadian soldier who served with distinction in the Canadian Armed Forces and made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Ainsworth Dyer was a dedicated and courageous member of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). He was part of Canada's early contributions to the war in Afghanistan, where our soldiers worked alongside international allies to combat terrorism and support stability in the region.

Tragically, on April 18, 2002, Corporal Dyer was one of four Canadian soldiers killed in the Tarnak Farm incident, a friendly fire tragedy where an American F-16 dropped a bomb on their position during a night training exercise even after having received instructions to the contrary. His death deeply impacted both the military community and the broader Canadian public, highlighting the risks our soldiers take while serving abroad.

In his honour, Ainsworth Dyer Bridge was named in Toronto, serving as a lasting tribute to his service and sacrifice. His family and friends continue to keep his memory alive, ensuring that his courage and dedication to his country are never forgotten.

Corporal Ainsworth Dyer embodied the values of duty, sacrifice, and resilience—values that define Canada's military tradition. His legacy reminds us of the cost of service and the importance of remembering those who gave their lives for a greater cause.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade K. Earles

Discussion:

- Comrade R. Nelson – correct me if I am wrong but I do believe that Rundle Park there is a bridge that crosses the river that is named after him.
- Comrade S. Danyi – you are correct

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade Luce

The Committee has had two meetings, and we have been working hard to encourage all members involvement.

CANTEEN:

JAN 24 -25

BAND -TRAVELLING PILLBURYS

ATTENDANCE: 88 Cover Charge - \$971.00

BAR & FOOD: \$2065.65

JAN 31 – FEB 1

BAND – TWO BAD APPLES

ATTENDANCE: 68 Cover Charge - \$680.00

BAR & FOOD: \$839.75 (one day) total

FEB 7 - 8

BAND – ALI BRIGHT & THE BRIGHT BOYS

ATTENDANCE: 205 Cover Charge - \$2050

BAR & FOOD: \$1448.24 (ONE DAY TOTAL

FEB 9TH SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY

ATTENDANCE: 42 - Cover Charge -NA

BAR & FOOD: \$983.18

50/50 & Secret square: \$335.00

FEB 14 - 15

BAND – A.J LIVE

ATTENDANCE: 58 Cover Charge - \$580

BAR & FOOD: No report on

TOTAL: Amount known \$9,952.82

Music Bingo – March 15, 2025

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – March 14 and 15, 2025

Family Movie Night – March 28, 2025

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wills

Discussion:

Comrade R. Nelson - On these reports, about the different functions there are no wages marked there. How can that be the total revenue – there had to be wages there.

Comrade R. Charlet – there are no expenses of any sort shown

Comrade R. Nelson – why not

Comrade Hazen – Those reports Roger, show just what we bring in as a profit

Comrade R. Nelson – that does not make sense. We as members of this place have a right to know how much that function costs.

Comrade N. Danyi – I don't know about those reports but I have the numbers. In January we brought in \$5,161.00 for our regular events those are our weekly dances and jams, and we brought in \$6,362.00 for special events. Those are the events you buy tickets for and we spent \$4,000.00 even on events. That does not do the bar sales, it doesn't do the wages, it is just on the tickets sales

and the direct cost to the bands we made \$6,000 and change.

Comrade Chair – Roger, what we just found out up here is that the reports in the Executive Minutes have a printing error in them and we now have the corrected reports.

Comrade Criss – corrected reports are attached

Comrade R. Charlet – the Eventbrite sales that we show on the reports – that's the money we receive after their cut.

Comrade Criss – Yes

Comrade R. Charlet – the other question that I have is with respect to the monthly email that comes out with the newsletter, it came out under Janet's name but it had a message from Joe signed by Joe but there was a big blurb after Joe's name about his personal businesses – I didn't think it had anything to do with the Legion I kind of wondered why it was there. Since he is not here to answer, please have it looked into.

CARRIED

Master Function Budget Checklist

Date: 08-Feb-25

Event Name: CCR Tribute Show

Event Date(s) 08-Feb-25

Organizers/Committee: Entertainment

Eventbrite Sales	\$ 2,565.00
Ticket Sales	\$ 3,500.00
50/50 Sales	\$ 405.00
Liquor Sales	\$ 1,654.62
Total Sources of Revenue	\$ 8,124.62

Expenses (both cash and cash equivalent values)

Food	\$ 456.41
Liquor Cost	\$ 551.54
Staff	\$ 350.00
CCR Tribute Band	\$ 2,200.00
Printing	\$ 54.00
Total Direct Costs	\$ 3,611.95

Indirect Costs

Enter Last Month's Utility & Building Costs	\$ -
Enter total number of hours of event	\$ -
Total Indirect Costs	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$3,611.95
Total Profit/Loss	\$4,512.67

Date: 15-Feb-25

Event Name: Murder Mystery

Event Date(s) 15-Feb-25

Organizers/Committee: Entertainment

Eventbrite Sales	\$ 2,346.94
Ticket Sales	\$ 3,045.00
50/50 Sales	\$ 300.00
Liquor Sales	\$ 1,034.39
Total Sources of Revenue	\$ 6,726.33

Expenses (both cash and cash equivalent values)

Food	\$ 812.82
Liquor Cost	\$ 344.80
Staff	\$ 350.00
Clown Cartel	\$ 2,730.00
Printing	\$ 54.00
Total Direct Costs	\$ 4,291.62

Indirect Costs

Enter last month's utility & building costs	\$ -
Enter total number of hours of event	\$ -
Total Indirect Costs	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 4,291.62
Total Sources of Revenue	\$ 2,434.71

I so move my report.
 Seconded by Comrade _____

CARRIED

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

We have a Jam every Thursday. Our profit has been over \$300 pushing \$350.00 every week. We are breaking in a new band. The weather the past few weeks has been horrible.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade P. Earles

Discussion:

Comrade R. Wills – I would to know why the Jams are not submitting financial reports so we can see how much they are actually making every Thursday night and how much it is costing us and why are they exempt from providing the financial when every other event does.

Comrade O'Brien – it can be done

Comrade N. Danyi – they are not exempt – it falls under Joe's budget

Comrade R. Wills – they are exempt as there has never been a form completed. Sorry Natalie I have to disagree with you

CARRIED

POPPY: Comrade D. MacIntosh

I brought up a lot of things at the Poppy meeting. I brought up 13 different items and did not get a response to a lot of them. I do not know exacting what is happening in the end and what Command is doing. It was in the Directors Meeting that Command spoke and I was excused. We are waiting to hear from Command.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

I have completed 5 requests for Poppy Fund Assistance.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade N. Danyi

CARRIED

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

I guess is going to be just routine. I am going to be looking at possible awards to people. I am going to ask the Sgt At Arms to give me some assistance and at the General Meeting there will be some special presentations at the start of the General Meeting.

If you think someone is deserving of an award, bring it forward and we will have a good look at it.

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka

No report

CADET LIAISON OFFICER: Comrade Criss

504 Squadron Cadet Report

Happy to report 504 is now parading 152 cadets. They will be having a joint parade with 435 Squadron on MARCH 19th. They have their monthly CO's parade on February 19th. They are also gearing up for their ACR set for June 11.

570 RCAC Sir Winston Churchill

Now parading with 108 cadets with 8 new ones as of January 9th. Squadron had CO's parade tonight Very well turned out and great time with lots of promotions being given out.

Hosted a survival camp in November, great turn out with lots of activities and fun. Other than that, the training year for 2025 is off to a good start.

We are starting to receive applications for flying scholarships where the cadets are looking forward to.

180 20th Field Artillery Regiment – Comrade Jocelyn Guillemette

On February 18 parade – 25 cadets were parading – less than normal due to the cold weather. They the normal drill practice and practiced compass and mapping upstairs.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade L. Foote

We will be having a Celebration for Life and providing an Honour Guard on 07 Mar 2025 for Major (Ret'd) Alexander H. Tsang CD.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Lawrence

CARRIED

LADIES AUXILIARY: Madam B. Charlet

No report

LEST WE FORGET: Comrade R. Torrie

There are no meetings so far this year but the scuttlebutt is that they are hoping to book this place again in November for a similar function we had here last year - small and likely at the Kipness Centre

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Simon

CARRIED

KIPNESS CENTRE: Comrade P. Earles

Comrade C. Deugau appointed Executive lead

No report

VETERAN'S VILLA: Comrade P. Earles

I attended to Vets Villa quarterly meeting on 06 Feb. Currently the occupancy is 18 veterans, 13 Seniors and 7 veteran family members. The past year has seen a number of costly repairs resulting in a deficit of almost 20K. There is a plan for a golf tournament fundraiser in April, details will be available soon.

I so move my report
Seconded by Comrade Fecteau

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Comrade R. Etmanski

1. District 2 Spring Rally
 - April 27 in Gibbons
 - Registration is from 10:00 am to 10:45 am
 - Opening Ceremonies is at 11:00 am

- RSVP no later than March 18
 - The sign-up sheet will be put up at the front desk shortly
 - Lunch is \$15.00 per person
2. Dedication of the Vimy Ridge Memorial Monument Replica at 2:00 pm on April 12 at Vimy, Alberta. Notice to be put up on the board.
 3. Alberta/NWT Provincial Command 53rd Convention in Stony Plain from May 2 – 4, 2025 at Heritage Park. We can send 12 Delegates to this Convention – that is Voting Delegates. Each member that signs up as a Voting Delegate is to pay \$60.00 registration fee and because of our financial situation at the Legion right now I am requesting that anyone that volunteers to go is going to be paying the \$60.00 out of their own pocket. Normally the President is paid for by the Legion, I am declining that. If I am asking everyone else to pay, I am going to pay too. So, if you want to be a delegate for that Convention, keep in mind when you sign up, once we get the list made up, we will let you know, you will pay the money here and we will pay it from the Legion. Anyone that wishes to go and not be a delegate, there is no registration fee. So, in the next couple of weeks, we will put out the list for Convention, people can sign up and if we have more than 12 people, obviously we will need to figure out who the 12 people are going to be that is going to go.

Comrade R. Charlet – we may be able to speak to the District Commander as there maybe more than 12 can go as there our Legions who won't go

District 2 Commander Dave Basham – it actually goes through Command. You can let them know in Calgary

Comrade L. MacIntosh – we need to ensure that the Delegates qualify to be able to go. First eligible should be able to go.

Once we have the list of names, we will review those names and determine who is qualified to go. If you don't qualify you can still go but not as a Voting Delegate.

I would like to thank all the Executive and staff members for their hard work and getting some cost cutting events in the way and to help lighten the financial burden on the Legion. They are doing a great job and everyone is trying their hardest to cut costs as much as possible. So have a little patience with the Committees and that hopefully we will do a lot better in the next few months

I so move my report

Seconded by Comrade Torrie

CARRIED

Comrade Chair – I would like this special moment to recognize our District Commander Dave Basham is here. Comrade Basham if you would like to say a few words.

DC Basham – Thank you to the Branch for the pool tournament. It went very well. It started out a little rough with some of the players. It was very well done. Lots of compliments from the players.

One of the things you may or may not be aware of is the Alberta/NWT Command website is now password protected. You will fill out your membership number and a password will be sent to you from Command. The website is open to all members in good standing.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution for Convention – Comrade Ron Charlet

Resolution 1

WHEREAS The AB/NWT Command has established within its borders groups of geographically located branches. These groups are known as Districts for administrative purposes, and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all members, branches and districts to promote, recruit and help grow the Legion, and

WHEREAS sports is a major part of the social and recreational side of the Legion which draws in membership, and

WHEREAS the AB/NWT Command does not cover expenses for a variety of things including prizes, pins, plaques, trophies and trying new sports that members wish to play, support for things within the districts that are for the Good of and the promotion of the Legion and the aims and objectives thereof, and

WHEREAS the AB/NWT Command does not have the funds to cover these expenses and nor should they as they are expenses that are created by the individual districts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that branches within a District may establish a fund to cover expenses that are not covered by the AB/NWT Command. These funds are under the control of the District Branches not the District Commander.

Motion by Comrade Ron Charlet – For Kingsway Branch #175 submit the above Resolution to AB/NWT Command for consideration at the AB/NWT Provincial Convention scheduled for May 2 – 4, 2025.

Seconded by: Comrade J. Hyshka

CARRIED

Hi my name is Julie and I am a new member. I submitted my membership in October. You have a beautiful building but what I do notice is that you are not getting new members. I work with a lot of military people and I have asked them why and they say that they really wouldn't feel welcome and I don't know why but that is what they tell me. The other thing I would ask you is that this is not just happening here but it is happening in the Legions all across the country. I would like to see whether it is possible a team could be put together – why can't the team visit the other Legions throughout Alberta to at least help Alberta get new members. Whether they are veterans or whether they are not but if we don't get them it is not going to be here and we need everyone's help, not just politically, I don't want to do that, I don't want to change those rules, what ever needs to be done, needs to be looked at the meeting reasons why.

Comrade C. Wills – Julie, I am Membership Chair. We get new applications in every day. We get transfers every day. I process them as quickly as I can. Dominion does not. It isn't a problem getting people to sign up for memberships, it is getting people to come in and enjoy the building and enjoy the activities. That is our biggest problem. We have over 1200 members – look around. This is what we get, they pay for their membership for the year and we don't see them again. So I don't know, if you've got some suggestions, I'm all for it.

Julie – Yes, I probably have a lot of suggestions. It's going to require allegiance of all Legions. It's going to change some of the rules that you have as a tradition for many years.

Comrade Chair – Julie, I have a question for you. As a new member, I'm going to throw you under the bus a little bit, here are some of my apologies, but welcome to the Legion, this is generally how things work. I agree with your idea. I think it is a fantastic idea. Would you be willing to head a subcommittee to work on this.

Julie – I would like to visit other Legions. I would enjoy it. I have 30 years in Saskatchewan Legions. I can transfer over.

Comrade Chair – If you and I could talk offline about this, I would love to get further details and let's try and start something up. As a currently serving member trying to get more members from the Base here at the Legion, actively participating, I agree with everything that you said. There is a constant struggle so by all means, after this meeting if we can exchange contact details and we can look and see get together.

Comrade R. Wills – not sure if everyone read the Executive Minutes but I am no longer looking after the kitchen. The new kitchen manager is a gentleman by the name of Doug. He is taking over the kitchen.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE OF KINGSWAYS BRANCH # 175

We are looking to do photos of the Senior Executive Officers.

DRAWS

50/50 # 0007041 Winner: Lionel Foote
Amount: \$65.00

The next General Meeting will be on March 25, 2025

Motion: To adjourn was made by Comrade J. Hyshka

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M

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