

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION KINGSWAY BRANCH #175
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

The meeting was chaired by Comrade Torrie

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Etmanski, C. Wills, J. Hyshka, W. Hyshka, Deugau, Werner, Foote, Torrie, Leben, Wiebe, Walsh, Criss

Excused: O'Brien, Matheson

Absent:

LAST POST

None

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as made by Comrade Torrie

Seconded by Comrade Deugau

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTING TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

No report

WAYS & MEANS: Comrade Matheson

No report

MEMBERSHIP: Comrade C. Wills

No report

NEW MEMBERS: Comrade C. Wills

No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Comrade Matheson

No report

SPORTS: Comrade W. Hyshka

I have attended the Fall Rally and confirmed sports dates with no changes to dates or locations.

Have replaced one backing on dart board with carpet as this is one of the cheapest and it lasts longer.

Have provided an updated meat draw list for the year and created a master list which I have loaded to the Sports USB for future reference.

We have 2 entries for Euchre and 2 entries for Legion darts. Just a reminder that if we wish to host a sport, we must have an entry in that sport.

I repaired 2 sink taps behind the bar as requested by Flo.

I assisted where I was able.

Jackie and I attended the annual ANAVETS veterans' dinner on September 22, 2025.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Criss

CARRIED

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Comrade Torrie

Routine maintenance and watering plants

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Wiebe

CARRIED

Comrade Etmanski – we had to replace the locks on the Sea-Can because somebody tried to cut it off and because of the way it was constructed with ball bearings they could not turn it to open it. So, if anyone is around the building, if you can just take a look to ensure everything is okay.

HISTORIAN: Comrade Etmanski

The new display for Remembrance Day is mostly up in the main display case. I will have a few things to add to the display case on the left-hand side by the men's washroom. I got contacted by a family member for a deceased airman who has a bunch of memorabilia and wants to know if we want it. So, I am going to call them and tell them yes, we will take a look at it and maybe there might be something in there that we can add to the Remembrance Day display.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

SICK & VISTING: Comrade Wiebe

No report

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS: Comrade J Hyshka

I have filled the calendar until the end of the year. I only have one date that I cannot fill – October 17 and 18.

Upcoming dates and bands are as follows:

September 26/27 – CC & High Ryder
October 3/4 - Norman and the Country Jammers
October 10/11 – New Lumberjacks
October 17/18 – TBD
October 24/25 – CC & High Ryder
October 31/November 1 – Trick Ryder

UPCOMING EVENTS - **all prices are GST applicable

Saturday, October 18, 2025
The Bratwurst Betrayal
Oktoberfest at the Legion

This event has no tickets sold on Eventbrite and only 9 tickets at the front desk. My question is whether to cancel the event. The Executive has decided to cancel this event.

I have booked a band, Blackboard Jungle, for our New Year's Eve dinner and more information will be forthcoming.

I so move my report.
Seconded by Comrade Wills

CARRIED

Comrade Etmanski – a cheque was given to Steve today to give to Joe to pay for the stand that was broken.

WEEKLY DANCES: Comrade O'Brien

No report

POPPY:

No report

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT: Comrade Walsh

No report

HONOURS & AWARDS: Comrade Torrie

No report

CORRESPONDENCE: Comrade J. Hyshka –

Received an email from Wayne Telcs with respect to a survey for Monday Night Darts. Rick will speak to Pam about his concerns.

CADET LIAISON REPORTS: Comrade Criss

Don Claggett was at C.B. Hill for their parade on Friday 19th Sept. They presently have 32 Cadets enrolled but expect to reach their quota of 50 Cadets soon.

Sat in on the meeting with the parents as they were advised of the program and activities Cadets would receive over the year.

The one highlight was a planned fundraiser. It is to be a "Pub Night" with a silent auction and 50/50 draw to be held at the Crown & Anchor 15277 Castledowns Rd. NW. Tickets are \$10, some great items for the silent auction, 4 tickets to an Oilers game in the executive lounge, is one. All Legion members are welcome to attend.

I left a poster at the front desk, Donna said they would put it on the bulletin board.

I so move my report.

Seconded by Comrade Leben

CARRIED

KIPNES: Comrade Deugau

No report

SGT-AT-ARMS: Comrade Foote

No report

MANAGER'S REPORT: Flo Werner

We have been in touch with this company that is going to help us try and save us some money in our energy. They need a whole lot of things and they are going to do an energy audit. She said it is looking to cost \$12,000.00 but funding would cover as much as \$9,000.00. We would still need to come up with \$3,000.00. We are talking January. This is not going to happen overnight. They need all kinds of stuff.

I cancelled the St. John's for the staff because Janet told me that they have to be able to do 4 minutes of CPR. I think it is more than we need, I think we need just Standard First Aid.

I have asked St. John's Ambulance to come for November 11.

The snow removal has been cancelled.

Comrade Wills so moves the Manager's report.
Seconded by Comrade W Hyshka

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ladies Auxiliary AB/NWT Command – Jackie Hyshka

The AB/NWT Command voted at their PEC meeting on September 20, 2025 to dissolve the Ladies' Auxiliary Provincial Executive Council. All Ladies' Auxiliary's will remain under the direction of the Legion Branch it is founded through.

- b. No new bursaries
- c. Telus update – Steve Criss

We are now fibre ready so we can finally get some better internet. Right now, we are at 150megs of speed which is why we have poor WIFI because the WIFI is overloaded. I managed to work out a deal, once we get the fibre installed, at no cost, we will get 3 gigs of speed for the same price we are paying right now. That should be coming in during the next few weeks.

The other one is for TVs. As everyone knows we are on satellite through Rogers. As of a year ago, Rogers is phasing out satellite side of business. So, at some point our TVs will stop working without notice. We can get 3 boxes for the TVs at a lower price than what we are paying right now through TELUS.

We will deal with phones at a later date but I have locked in the price they quoted.

- d. Elections – Rick Etmanski

I will be bringing up at the General Meeting all the executive positions that will be available.

e. Open House – Carol Wills

October 4, 2025 from 11 to 3 – we would like Executive members in full uniform to answer questions in the different areas.

Rick, Wes and Jackie are playing in District 2 Legion Darts this day, so will not be available.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF KINGSWAY LEGION BRANCH NO. 175

None

The President closed the meeting by ritual.

Motion for adjournment made by Comrade J Hyshka

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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