



KINGSWAY LEGION 175
LADIES AUXILIARY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by President Kim Earles, by Ritual (Treaty Land Acknowledgement, O Canada and Prayer).

The Sgt.-at-Arms reported there were 16 members present.

Roll Call: Kim Earles, Blondie Charlet, Phyllis Moldowan, Charlotte Bueckert, Sharon Clemens, Zelda Doell, Eldean Baskerville, Reba Baskerville, Marilen Pytel, Estelle Comeau and Janice Langston were present.

Excused: Mary Good and Alice Graham

INITIATION AND GUESTS: One guest.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING: For May 21, 2024 were reviewed. No errors or omissions were found.

Motion to accept minutes was made by Jackie Hyshka, seconded by Charlotte Bueckert, and carried.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: For Sept. 10, 2024 were reviewed, one error was noted on page one (general meeting minutes of Nov. 21, 2024 should be May 21, 2024).

Motion to accept minutes with change was made by Janice Langston, seconded by Eldean Baskerville, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. E-mail from Loree Hurst updating the LA on her medical condition, and her granddaughter. Letter will be filed.
2. Kim Earles advised that Sharon Clemens and Jan Hazen (Legion Executive) have brought in apples if anyone is interested.

Phyllis Moldowan so moved her report, seconded by Blondie Charlet and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Clemens advised that Kim Earles and herself met with the bank and they advised them that the GIC is coming up for renewal. The deadline for our decision on what we do with the money needs to be made before Oct. 16, 2024. They advised that the interest rates are as follows;

- 4.6% for 1 yr,
- 4.2% for 2 yrs,

3.75% for 3 yrs.

MOTION: Jackie Hyshka made a motion that we roll it over into a 1 year term at 4.6%, seconded by Reba Baskerville and carried.

Sharon reviewed the financial statements for May, June, July and August and advised as of August 31, 2024 there is \$7,311.57 in the general account, \$14,280.68 in the meat draw account and the GIC \$9,766.01.

Sharon Clemens so moved her report, seconded by Jackie Hyshka, and carried.

Discussion: Kim Earles distributed the report for the 2024 Donations from AGLC and General Account. (Report Attached). Kim noted that we will look at the finances in Oct. and Nov. and see if we will be able to donate more to the Legion Branch.

MOTION: Janice Langston made a motion to accept the donation distribution report as presented, seconded by Blondie Charlet, and carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Charlotte Bueckert reported there are 60 members.

There are 3 members that haven't paid for 2024. Charlotte will call them again and remind them that their fees are due for 2024 and 2025.

Charlotte advised that she will be calling all the ladies to start paying their membership for 2025, she would like to have all dues paid prior to mid December.

Charlotte Bueckert so moved her report, seconded by Arlene Murray, and carried.

MEAT DRAW: Mary Good was excused, Blondie Charlet that the meat draws did very well over the summer with an average profit of approx. \$1,000.00 per month.

Kim Earles advised that the Thanksgiving ham and turkey meat draw will be held on Oct. 5th, and the Christmas ham and turkey, bake sale, raffle and white elephant table will be held on Dec. 14th.

Kim advised that Sept. 28th there will be a dart tournament. We may require 4 people on the floor selling tickets.

BINGO:

1. Next Free fun bingo was held on Sept. 14, everyone who stayed to played enjoyed themselves.
2. Dates for Legion bingo at Kensington are Oct. 4th and 22nd, Nov. 19th, Dec. 6 and 26th, for those who wish to volunteer.

WAYS AND MEANS: Blondie Charlet reported the Christmas Raffle tickets are ready for selling, tickets are \$2.00 each and are available through LA or front desk.

Prizes include;

1. food hamper valued at \$400.00 first prize,
2. two Mayfield Dinner Theatre Tickets valued at \$225, second prize,
3. Legion basket of items valued at \$100.00 third prize.

Blondie advised that items for the free fun bingo and white elephant table are needed.

Big shout out to Caroline Irvine for all the hard work she does selling items and books at the farmer's market. Thank-you it is greatly appreciated!

Blondie Charlet so moved her report, seconded by Charlotte Bueckert, and carried.

VETERANS CENTRE: Marilen Pytel's report in summary for the Kipnes Centre.

Next birthday party is Sept. 19th at 2:00 to 4:00 pm. All help is appreciated.

Report from Bev:

1. A mess dinner was held at recently and was a huge success. The military Padre was present as well as the Edmonton Pipe Band and eight ladies from the Base.
2. Staff are preparing for the upcoming Remembrance Day, and Christmas celebrations.
3. During summer special activities held were, BBQ, ice cream social, bus outings to St. Albert Legion, music socials, duck shoots with nerf guns, petting zoo and just relaxing on the patio enjoying summer.

Christmas gift bags provided by the LA:

1. Kim has prepared letters to be distributed to merchants for items for the Christmas gift bags.
2. Dentist letters are ready see Marilen for those who think their dentist office would be willing to provide any items for the gift bags.
3. Janice Langston donated her 50/50 winning to contribute for the buying of the gift bags. Thank you, Janice!
4. The proposed date to assemble gift bags at Kipnes is Friday December 20th AM, six helpers are needed. We can sign up now or wait until later to confirm.

Marilen Pytel so moved her report, seconded by Eldean Baskerville, and carried.

SICK AND VISITING: Sharon Clemens report in summary, Sharon advised that she received a call from Eldean Baskerville on July 23rd regarding Rosemary Erickson, Eldean said that Rosemary had been in hospital but is back home and suggested we send a get-well card. Sharon sent one out from all the ladies but had the wrong address on and it was returned. Eldean suggested she might like a plant instead of flowers, Sharon called Rosemary after the meeting and had a good chat with her, Rosemary advised that she would prefer a card instead of a plant. Sharon told Rosemary of her mistake in the address she laughed and said she would try and attend a meeting in the near future.

Sharon called Loree Hurst and Chris Payea, Loree said she was fine and to say hi to all the ladies. Chris said she will be teaching a greeting card making class today. Called Zelda there was no answer.

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

PHONING: Reba and Elean Baskerville phoned everyone on nominal list, filling in for Zelda Doell and Lillian Skears.

COMMUNICATION: Reba Baskerville will have a report completed for the upcoming Legion Newsletter.

SOCIAL: Blondie and Phyllis will provide snack for next general meeting in October.

CHAPLAIN: No report.

HONOURS AND AWARDS: President Kim Earles presented Zelda Doell with her Life Membership and flowers. Zelda was unable to attend the celebration in May.

Congratulations Zelda!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I hope everyone had a great summer! I found some time to relax and read a few good books. The summer months were still active to an extent for me. Here is a rundown on what I was up to.

- June 15th Eldean Baskerville and I attended the 75th Annual Ceremonial Review for 504 Blatchford Cadets.

- I reviewed all the minutes we have from November 1994 until May 2024, I began the process after finding the Kingsway 175 LA Bylaws. Along the years there was a motion to do away with the LA Bylaws as we are overseen by the Branch Bylaws. There was no mention of Branch approval of this action. A current executive member of the Branch Executive mentioned we need some of our own bylaws as we do not follow all the Branch Bylaws. In reviewing all the minutes, I have made a document for the computer to continue to add new motions of relevance to our future.

- The new cadet unit we support the 570 Sir Winston Churchill Air Cadet Squadron contacted me regarding our donation. They are looking at turning our future donations into an award for a cadet. They will include us in a parade where presented.

- Attended the AB-NWT Ladies Auxiliary Convention as the District 2 Commander.

- Produced the LA bi-annual newsletter in June.

- Produced the July/August Legion newsletter submission as well as the September submission.

- Updated our "Book of Remembrance"

- Attended the LA summer drop in shuffleboard and Saturday meat raffles as often as I could.

- Heading into fall I have been called to assist in dealing with an issue with an LA member vs Legion member. I have said it before and will say it again. We have a great group of ladies who truly are enjoying their time volunteering and being together. If you have an issue with an individual that cannot be resolved quickly between you, please talk to an executive member. Let's continue doing what we do best support our Branch, veterans, and community and enjoy ourselves doing it!

- This past weekend I attended the District 2 Rally along with thirteen of our LA members. It was great to have so many of our LA members present.

Kim Earles so moved her report, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Friday shuffleboard is going on and doing well, ladies are enjoying themselves. It has been opened up for all Legion members who wish to participate cost is \$1.25. Come out and have fun!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Policy & Guidelines and Constitution are being reviewed and updated.
2. The AB-NWT LA website is currently being updated.
3. It was mentioned of a wine and cheese night, further discussion took place; Jackie Hyshka, Caroline Irvine and Sharon Clemens have volunteered to look into cost etc.
4. There are District Commander notes on the convention (copy attached).
5. Prior to next convention a look at costs paid for the two voting delegates needs to be reviewed. Currently only the hotel is covered not any transportation or meal expenses.
6. LA Poppy Days Nov 1st or 8th at The Royal Alex, and Canada Place and both dates at the Glenrose if we can.
 - a) Alice Graham and Eldean Baskerville have volunteered for the Glenrose on Nov. 1st
 - b) Sharon Clemens and Janice Langston have volunteered for the Glenrose on Nov. 8th
 - c) Lorrian Knudson and Zelda Doell have volunteered for the Royal Alex Nov. 1st
 - d) Kim Earles and Estelle Comeau have volunteered for Canada Place Nov. 1st
7. **MOTION:** Phyllis Moldowan made a motion to apply to AGLC to continue Saturday meat draws through to December 2026, seconded by Sharon Clemens and carried.

DOOR PRIZES: Attendo: Kim Earles - \$5.00 Next: \$5.00
 Door Prizes: Janice Langston, Arlene Murray, Carol Wills
 50/50: Sharon Clemens - \$32.00

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: October 15, 2024 at 12:30 pm

DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING: October 22 2024 at 12:30 pm

Motion for adjournment at 2:12 pm was made by Jackie Hyshka.

Meeting was closed by ritual - God Save the King.

Kim Earles
LA President
Kingsway Branch 175

Phyllis Moldowan
LA Secretary
Kingsway Branch 175

General
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2024 Donations From AGLC General Accounts				
ESTIMATED Meat & 50/50 Funds	TOTAL	18,957		
actual July 31/24 + est. Intake				
Aug- Dec 31 \$2970				
	2023		2024	
Kingsway Legion Br #175	10,000		10,000	already
AB-NWT LA Command	3000		3000	
Kipnes	1000		1000	
Last Post				
Valour Place				
HiMarc				
Edmonton Veteran's Food Bank				
Homes for Heroes				
AB-NWT LA Command - Bursary Fund	500		500	
Military Family Resource Centre				
Edmonton Poppy Office	500		500	
504 Blatchford Cadets	400		400	
NLCC Hill	400		400	
1809 CER Cadets	400		400	
180 20th Fld Cadets	400		400	
Kipnes Birthdays	1800		1800	
Kipnes Bingos	360	GENERAL	360	GENERAL
Lest We Forget	200	GENERAL	200	GENERAL
Legion Gala	250	GENERAL	250	GENERAL
Financial review	350		350	General
Canada Day				
Remembrance Day	1000	GENERAL	1000	GENERAL
570 Sir Winston Churchill Cadets	400	GENERAL	400	GENERAL
Installations	200	GENERAL	200	GENERAL
Kipnes Christmas	900	GENERAL	900	GENERAL
Per Diem (meat to general account transfer)	903		903	
TOTAL	22,963		22,963	
meat account estimate	19253			
general account estimate	4210			

Meat Draw
13,036.94
2000

15,036
minimum

15,036
- 9303

+ 5733

General
7311.57
- 3660

+ 3651.57
+ 903
padding

+ 4554

General
3310.
350

3660

9303
meat exp
excluding
10,000

per diem
20 x 53 = 1060

District 2 Commander Notes from Ladies Auxilliary Convention 2024 in Calgary

1) Command has held three raffles to help with operational costs in the last couple of years. Raffle 1 raised \$2199, raffle 2 raised \$1900 and raffle 3 raised \$1400 (approximately) for a total of \$5599.52. More raffles will be held in the future. It was noted more time was needed between getting the tickets out and deadline to return the stubs and monies.

2) Command is looking at some advertising ideas in Command's long term plan.

3) Charters lost since 2022 convention:

May 2023 Lac La Biche #28

July 2023 Peace River #62

Aug 2023 Two Hills #237

Feb 2024 Carstairs #53

Feb 2024 Strathmore

May 2024 Drayton Valley #269

In the process of surrendering their charters are Brooks #63 and Delburn #142.

On a positive note: There are 49 LA's left in Alberta -N.W.T. (of which 46 are active) and one Ladies Auxilliary started up again after closing. Congratulations to Lacombe.

4) Since 2022 with the free 1st year membership program there are 183 new members under AB-NWT Command.

5) Bobbi McCoy has resigned as AB-NWT Legion Magazine submissions contact. Presently AB-NWT submissions can be sent to abnwtsubmissions@abnwtlegion.com

- 6) Per capita is remaining at \$20 and will be reviewed at the 2026 convention.
- 7) 2025 membership cards will be available August 1st, 2024 due to sports beginning in September. Orange will be the 2025 membership card colour.
- 8) LA sports registrations can be paid by LA Command with a receipt.

When going to a Command level sport for a two day event - registration fee, 2 nights accommodation at a recommended by command hotel/motel and gas with the receipt will be paid with all receipts submitted.

For Dominion level sports – Dominion pays LA participants to attend.

***District #8 Commander Noreen Farren went to Shediac New Brunswick for cribbage this year.

9) Updated "Policy and Guidelines" will be available for \$10. If you ordered them last year and received the misprinted version you can request a copy to replace it at no cost.

10) Bursary amount remain the same at \$500.

11) The Constitution, the website and the LA forms are all being reviewed.

12) If your branch requests funds and you have the means it is our responsibility as an LA to that Branch to assist them financially.

13) The 2024-2026 executive are: President Barb Burnet (Lacombe #79)

1st Vice -Jackie Hyshka (Kingsway #175)

2nd Vice – Janice Drader (Wetaskiwin #86)

14) LA Command will present LA's a certificate of congratulations on their anniversary in 5 year increments.

15) 2026 LA Convention will be in Wetaskiwin – District #4