



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **- Thursday June 20, 2024**

Present at the meeting	Number Present for Quorum: 49 + 1 Guest	
Absent with regrets:	Comrade Moores; Comrade Griffiths; Comrade Campbell	
Opening ceremony – Acting Chair McCann	Acting Chair McCann opened the meeting at 1900 hours with the singing of O Canada and a moment of Silence	
Welcome New Members and Guests	New Member Initiation: 8 New members were welcomed and initiated into branch 285 by Comrade Bergen, and said yes, to the code of conduct and being a loyal Legion Member.	"J"
Additions to the Agenda Approval of the Agenda	NONE Motion: Comrade Lessor moved the approval of the Agenda Seconded by: Comrade McKay Carried	
Approval of the Executive Minutes of June 13, 2024 Presentation of General meeting Minutes May 16, 2024	Motion: Moved by Comrade Fenton that the Executive Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024 be approved. Seconded by: Comrade Lomenda Carried Motion: Moved by Comrade Fenton that the General Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024 be approved. Seconded by: Comrade Laposa Carried	
President Report Comrade Kent Griffiths	Absent - See Report	B
Correspondence Comrade Fiona Swanson	Correspondence Executive 1. Resignation of Derek Seath as Events 2. Resignation of Duncan Ripley as Housing 3. Duncan MacKenzie as Chair <i>ACTION:</i> That their Resignations not be received and Comrade Lessor and Comrade Campbell meet with them individually to see what can be done for them to rescind their resignations. Approved	

Past President Report Comrade Rob Danberger	No Report	NR
1st Vice President's Report <i>Sick and Visiting</i> Comrade Stu McCann	NWR Arie Vink was in hospital	NR
2nd Vice President Report <i>Overall Cadet Liaison</i> Comrade Kelvin Lessor	Written Report from Comrade Linda Wright regarding activities of the Air Cadets. Comrade Tom Alexander to Liaise with Navy Cadets Comrade Neil Grey with the Army Cadets Approved	D
Treasurer's Report Comrade Bill McClintock	See financial report Motion: Moved by Comrade Lomenda that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Seconded by Comrade Fenton Carried	E
Secretary Report <i>Outreach</i> Comrade Fiona Swanson	See attached Be careful what you say on Social Media and in public about the Legion and those who are volunteering here.	F
Membership Report Comrade Denise Gruchy Bergen	HONOURS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION Comrade Bergen presented Comrade McCann a certificate of thanks to the TVS52 Group for their donation to Branch #285 Comrade Bergen presented Comrade President Bellfountaine a Certificate of thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their donation and work they do for the Legion and Branch #285	I
Poppy Report Comrade Pat Lomenda	SouthCenter Mall has requested the names of 50 Veterans for part of their display for the 50th anniversary of the mall. <i>ACTION: See poster on bulletin board about who to contact</i>	K
Ways and Means Report Comrade Anne Lynch	NWR	NR
Housing Report Comrade	Vacant	NR
Special Events Report Comrade Denise Gruchy Bergen	See Attached Thank you to volunteers for all the hard work	N
Sports & Recreation Report Comrade Wade Bergen	NWR	NR

HR Liaison - Disputes Comrade Norman Campbell	NWR	P
Constitution and By-Laws Report Comrade Jim Gilmour	See Separate Attachments 9 Notices of Motion re: By-Laws were presented with a few changes from the floor. Please look at the proposed changes on the bulletin board and contact Comrade Gilmour to comment: constitution-bylaws@rcl285.ca	Q
Sergeant-at-Arms Report Comrade Gerard Moores	NWR - Absent	NR
Service Officer Report Comrade Dave McKay	See Attached June 26, 2024 - Cassandra Murray from Col. Belcher to share information - see poster for more details.	S
Chaplain Report Comrade Bart Dailley	NWR	
Ladies Auxiliary Madame President Wanda Bellfountaine	See Attached July 25 - Birthday Party - Christmas in July - All are Welcome to Come and bring a gift for a child you might have wanted for your birthday when you were little	V
Old Business	none	
New Business	<p>Jim Perry, Pipe Major presented a letter saying the Calgary and District Pipe Band is no longer associated with Branch #285.</p> <p>He is requesting for his pipe band to keep practicing at Branch #285 on Wednesday Evenings for free in exchange for them being the Legion 285 'Duty Pipe Band'</p> <p>They would Like to be named the 'Centennial Branch Pipe Band'</p> <p>Moved by Jim Perry that the 'Centennial Branch Pipe Band be recognized as such and be the duty band as requested by the Branch' Seconded by Comrade Bleviss Carried</p> <p>ACTION: Request 20 Cap Badges from #285</p> <p>Comrade Karen Bruens from District of ABNWT to request volunteers and the colour party/honor guard for the Track and Field Event at the University of Calgary – August 9-10-11, 2024 Please contact her directly at District if you can help.</p> <p>ACTION: Please register to help if possible</p>	W

<p>General Welfare of the Branch</p>	<p>Comrade Bergen presented a certificate of Appreciation to Comrade Sandra Hunter for all of the hard work and dedication to Branch #285</p> <p>Comrade Bleviss presented a certificate of Appreciation and thank you to Comrade Wanda Bellfountaine for her many years of dedication to the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary.</p>	
<p>Adjournment Closing Ceremony</p>	<p>Comrade O'Neill moved we adjourn Seconded by Comrade Bleviss Carried Comrade McCann, Acting Chair closed the meeting at 2030 With the singing of the Royal Anthem and</p>	
	<p>Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2024 19:00 Next Executive Meeting: September 12, 2024 19:00</p>	