

**Minutes of the February 5, 2026 General Meeting  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Lacombe Branch No. 79**



**Date:** February 5, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lacombe Legion

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**1. Call to Order**

The regular General Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hobbs at 7:09 p.m. A quorum was present.

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**2. Attendance**

**Executive Officers in Attendance:**

- Kathy Hobbs, President
- Andy Gauthier, Past President
- Lorna Langman, First Vice President
- Chris Contenti, Second Vice President
- Shayla Radtke, Treasurer
- Cherry Baird, Secretary

**Executive Members in Attendance:**

- Lillian Gillis
- Arnie MacAskill
- Joann Swarbrick
- Janet Hall
- Clay Hand
- Brian Brant

**Absent:**

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**3. Additions to the Agenda**

None

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**4. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Call for errors or omissions:** None.

**Motion:**

Moved by Cherry Baird that the minutes of the December 2025, General Meeting be approved as printed.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

**All in Favour:** Carried

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**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Anniversary Bench-**

Calvin Swarbrick is working on some new ideas for the memoria commemorative bench.

## Rimbey 100 Year Gala-

Chris Contenti, Rick Grinham and Lillian Gillis attended this event on behalf of the Lacombe Legion. Rick reported it was an excellent event.

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### 6. Correspondence

None

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### 7. New Business

None

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### 8. Treasurer's Report

#### Statement of Receipts and Expenditures -December

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
December 2025

ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	CHEQUES	CLOSING BALANCE	O/S CHEQUES	SIMPLY BALANCE	SAVINGS	GIC	TOTAL FUNDS
General	\$38,362.67	\$14,409.67	\$12,932.95	\$39,839.39	\$ 5,353.87	\$34,485.52	\$64,897.20		\$99,382.72
Sunset	\$18,489.03	\$3,381.80	\$9,864.24	\$12,006.59	\$ 969.35	\$11,037.24	\$45,344.55	\$287,222.65	\$343,604.44
Bingo	\$5,031.80	\$624.00	\$986.48	\$4,669.32	\$ 210.85	\$4,458.47			\$4,458.47
Pull Ticket	\$7,990.76	\$1,200.00	\$2,686.07	\$6,504.69	\$ 2,260.58	\$4,244.11			\$4,244.11
Casino	\$18,936.30	\$604.88	\$300.00	\$19,241.18	\$ 500.00	\$18,741.18			\$18,741.18
Totals	\$88,810.56			\$82,261.17		\$72,966.52	\$110,241.75	\$287,222.65	\$470,430.92
Poppy Trust Fund	\$103,705.78	\$66.35	\$3,989.98	\$99,782.15	\$ 1,528.12	\$98,254.03		\$0.00	\$98,254.03

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for December was presented.  
All cheques had been distributed and the Poppy Trust report was submitted.  
The renovation grant was nearing completion.  
A \$1,419.00 expense for coffee and popcorn will be reviewed.  
The kitchen flooring grant funds were received January 20, 2026.

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Shayla Radtke that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as distributed.

Seconded by: Sharron Pollard

**All in Favour:** Carried

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### 9. Committee Reports

#### **Archives (Susan Churchill): absent**

No report

#### **Awards (Andy Gauthier):**

April 9<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Honour and Award Banquet.

Plans are underway.

#### **Bingo (Judy Lemieux):**

4 weeks revenue was \$864.00

\$100 dabber sales revenue.  
Attendance was improving.  
We have a new caller and checker.

**By-Laws (Lorna Langman):**

No report

**Campground (Tom Kentz)**

Discussion:

Included in the contract should be a statement noting that no power loading boats are allowed at the boat launch.

The old boat compound, the 3 sites that are within this area will be converted to overflow camping instead of being leased. Lot 116 has already been replaced by lot 41.

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the campground chairperson will visit the campground leased sites and ensure that all rules as in the contract are being followed. Failure to comply with any changes that are necessary will result in nonrenewal of the 2027 contract.

Seconded by: Brian Brant

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the cost of a half load of Tamarack wood be \$50.00.

Seconded by: Andy Gauthier

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that lessees will be able to construct one three sided 8'x5' shed for cooking and BBQ storage with a roof.

Seconded by: Brian Brant

**After discussion, it was decided to table the motion.**

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the branch will charge all lessees \$25.00 (non-refundable) for a gate FOB.

Seconded by: Chris Contenti

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that no outside aggregates or ground leveling materials be brought into the campground by lessees or other campers.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the branch change the generator running times to 9 am- 9 pm daily, the running generator must be attended.

Seconded by: Brian Brant

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that we change the reservation opening date from March 1 to January 1st.

Seconded by: Janet Hall

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the branch purchase 100 tree seedlings at a cost of \$4.19 per seedling to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Legion.

Seconded by: Dwight Baird

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Tom Kentz that the branch add a 5% fee on late lease payments (after April 1). The contract, stating eviction, will be enforced if payment is not made within 30 days.

Seconded by: Chris Contenti

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Casino (Calvin Swarbrick)**

No report

**Chase the Ace (Calvin Swarbrick)**

No report

**Coffee Time (Kathy Hobbs)**

\$67.00 was brought in during January

Attendance was down.

**Finance/Ways & Means (Janet Hall)**

The campground report was circulated

**Motion:**

Moved by Janet Hall that \$15,000.00 be transferred from Sunset Savings to Sunset General.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Janet Hall that we hire Dynamic Accounting to audit our accounts at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00 for each account. There are three accounts.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

**All in Favour:** Carried

**Motion:**

Moved by Janet Hall that we purchase a new computer for the office at a cost of \$3,500.00.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

**All in Favour:** Carried

### **Hall & Building (Chris Contenti)**

Building maintenance – no issues.

The old hot water tank from the lounge was taken out and hooked up to the new water heater downstairs.

#### **Basement**

Framing, drywall installation, priming, and ceiling painting had been completed. On Side will be painting trim and hang doors.

Cabinets will come in for the kitchen.

Flooring will be installed.

The plan is to have this complete by the end of March.

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Chris Contenti that we pay \$4,326.00 for ceiling painting in the downstairs hall.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

**All in Favour:** Carried

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Chris Contenti that we pay \$7,042.12 for necessary electrical work.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

**All in Favour:** Carried

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Chris Contenti that we pay \$11,450.00 for kitchen cabinets.

Seconded by: Tom Kentz

**All in Favour:** Carried

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Chris Contenti that we replace the carpet in the lounge and stairwells at a cost of \$11,000.00.

Seconded by: Tom Kentz

**All in Favour:** Carried

### **Hall Rentals (Joann Swarbrick):**

#### **January**

8<sup>th</sup> – Kinsmen

14<sup>th</sup>- Sobey's Christmas Party

23<sup>rd</sup>- Kinsmen

24<sup>th</sup>- birthday party

#### **February**

5<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> - Kinsmen

17<sup>th</sup>- Trappers

27<sup>th</sup>- Kinsmen

#### **March**

5<sup>th</sup>-General Meeting

11- AUPE

12<sup>th</sup> Brent Tarasoff

13<sup>th</sup>- Kinsmen

14<sup>th</sup>- Mother Goose Comedy Night

17<sup>th</sup>- Trappers

27<sup>th</sup>- Kinsmen

### **Bar (Dwight Baird)**

Recently restocked all confectionery items.

No issues.

### **Membership (Kathy Hobbs)**

New centenary members will not receive plastic membership cards until 2027 dues are paid; digital cards must be downloaded in the interim.

### **Poppy Trust Fund**

All submitted request have been approved.

### **Pull Tickets (Cherry Baird)**

Our Pull ticket Licenses (Bingo and Hall) expire on April 30, 2025. We will start the renewal process.

### **Sgt-at-Arms (Clay Hand – Absent)**

No report

### **Service Officer (Rick Grinham)**

Rick is dealing with one veteran.

### **Sick & Visiting (Karen O’Hare)**

Chris Contenti - sympathy

Jim Brimacombe- get well

Al Katona – get well

Andy Gauthier – get well

Jim Brimacombe- speedy recovery

Larry Lemieux – thinking of you

### **Social (Lillian Gillis)**

The December 20 Christmas Party served 107 attendees and resulted in a \$492.00 loss.

St Patty’s Day – March 13, 2026

Terry Dortman and the Educators band is booked at \$1,200.00

The cost is \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members

Times: Cocktails 5:30 pm

Supper at 6:00 pm

Music 7:00 pm -1:00 am

**Sports (Arnie MacAskill)**

Jakes Gift will be in Rimbey on March 31/26. Contract Rimbey branch for tickets.  
There is a team going to Vegreville tomorrow to play crib.

Draw won by: Sharron Pollard

**10. Adjournment****Motion:**

Moved by Ed Pangle the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

**All in Favour:** Carried

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**Prepared by:**

*Cherry Baird, Secretary*

**Approved by:**

*Kathy Hobbs, President*