

**Minutes of the September 3, 2026, General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion
Lacombe Branch No. 79**



Date: September 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Lacombe Legion

1. Call to Order

The regular General Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hobbs at 7:00 p.m.

2. Attendance

Executive Officers in Attendance:

- Kathy Hobbs, President
- Susan Churchill, Past President
- Chris Contenti, First Vice President
- Joe Whitbread, Second Vice President
- Shayla Radtke, Treasurer
- Cherry Baird, Secretary

Executive Members in Attendance:

- Lillian Gillis
- Joann Swarbrick
- Janet Hall
- Tom Kentz
- Rick Grinham, Service Officer
- Gary McCaffrey, Sergeant at Arms

Absent:

- Calvin Bennefield
- Arnie MacAskill

3. Additions to the Agenda

Notice of proposed settlement class action Aviva Insurance – Calvin Swarbrick

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Call for errors or omissions: None.

Motion:

Moved by Cherry Baird that the minutes of the June 4, 2026, General Meeting be approved as printed.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

All in Favour: Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Coin Raffle Report- Calvin Swarbrick

\$1,342.12 was the total profit, this amount was deposited to the Casino Account.

Revenue:	\$5,300.00
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Expenses:	
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Coin Sets	\$3,239.85
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License	\$262.50
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Raffle Box Fees	\$395.43
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Stripe Fees	\$60.10
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6. Correspondence

- Active Living Fair Table – Wednesday, September 9th at the LMC
Lillian will be representing the Lacombe Legion at a table at the Active Living Fair. She will also bring a door prize. Cost of the table is \$20.00.
- Mech Mavericks request for financial support – will be presented at the next Executive Meeting as the email attachment was not printable.
- Thank you from the Family of Bernice Daze for the use of the Legion for her Celebration of Life and a \$200.00 donation.

7. New Business

Poppy Campaign – Susan Churchill

Our order of Remembrance supplies has been placed. An organizational meeting date will be announced later. We have 4 tip-tap machines ordered.

The Poppy Campaign will begin October 24th and run until - November 11, 2026

Red Deer Veteran's Food Bank- Rick Grinham

We have received an invitation to tour but were unable.

Class Action Aviva Insurance – Calvin Swarbrick

A Notice of Proposed Settlement was released in September 2026 announcing that a \$5,512,275.50 settlement has been reached between Aviva and The Royal Canadian Legion (Victory Branch #317).

The court motion to approve the settlement is scheduled for October 14, 2026

Lerners LLP will request legal fees not exceeding C\$1,225,000 plus up to C\$300,000 in expenses at the October hearing.

If approved, valid claims filed by class members will be processed and distributed through a court-approved distribution protocol.

8. Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures -July 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
July 2026

ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	CHEQUES	CLOSING BALANCE	O/S CHEQUES	SIMPLY BALANCE	SAVINGS	GIC	TOTAL FUNDS
General	\$28,982.28	\$19,437.10	\$27,692.51	\$20,726.87	\$ 786.55	\$19,940.32	\$55,176.53		\$75,116.85
Sunset	\$11,242.20	\$45,869.08	\$12,490.95	\$44,620.33	\$ 3,653.70	\$40,966.63	\$78,103.40	\$293,360.51	\$412,430.54
Bingo	\$7,714.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,714.56	\$ -	\$7,714.56			\$7,714.56
Pull Ticket	\$9,067.65	\$3,404.00	\$3,342.51	\$9,129.14	\$ 2,664.26	\$6,464.88			\$6,464.88
Casino	\$12,994.57	\$0.00	\$2,411.87	\$10,582.70	\$ -	\$10,582.70			\$10,582.70
Totals	\$70,001.26			\$92,773.60		\$85,669.09	\$133,279.93	\$293,360.51	\$512,309.53

Reports distributed for information only, no motion to approve as there are some areas that the treasurer is still looking into.
AGLC reports were filed.

9. Committee Reports

Archives (Susan Churchill):

Susan reported that she has contacted the City of Lacombe and is awaiting a response regarding the Veteran banners.

Awards (Susan Churchill):

No report

Bingo (Judy Lemieux): absent.

No report

By-Laws:

No report

Campground (Tom Kentz)

Tom reported that it was a busy season, with no further report.

Casino (Calvin Swarbrick)

No report

Chase the Ace (Calvin Swarbrick)

Calvin reported that he estimates that if Chase the Ace is not won on Saturday, we will have two weeks left before it must be finished, due to our license limit being \$20,000.00.

Once the pot reaches \$6,300.00 it must be awarded to a winner, according to our license. We will restrict the tickets to one set per day per person when we are close to the limit. When the limit has been reached, the first card drawn gets the consolation prize and if it is not the Ace of Hearts then the draw continues until the Ace is drawn. Whoever has the envelope with the Ace of Hearts then wins the pot prize.

Motion

Moved by Calvin Swarbrick that during last two week of Chase the Ace, ticket sales will be limited to \$10.00 per person per day and a maximum of 85 sets of tickets sold, based on our lottery license.

Seconded by: Dwight Baird

All in Favour: Carried

Coffee Time (Joann Swarbrick)

Coffee Time will restart September 9th at 9:30 am on Wednesdays in the lower hall. \$3.00 per person.

Finance/Ways & Means (Janet Hall)

Report as of July 31, 2026, distributed.

Gary McCaffrey will join the finance committee.

Hall & Building (Chris Contenti)

Chris reported that we are in the process of closing the insurance claim. There are a few outstanding project details to finalize with the contractor.

Hall Rentals (Joann Swarbrick)

Joann reported a very quiet summer for rentals.

The Kinsmen will resume meeting on September 11th.

Joann also reminded us that the Cow Patti benefit is April 10th – Legion benefit brunch. Bedtime Stories is the play. Please start promoting ticket sales.

Bar (Dwight Baird)

Everything is going well in the lounge.

No issues.

Membership – Kathy Hobbs

314 members to date.

Kathy is looking for a volunteer to take over Membership duties.

Kathy also reported that Fall Rally is September 13th in Eckville

Poppy Trust -Susan Churchill

No report

Publicity - (Joe Whitbread)

We are restarting programs. Please let Joe know restart dates and please take pictures of your events.

We will follow Provincial Command's lead on any referendum items.

Pull Tickets (Calvin Bennefield) absent.

Cherry Baird will take a key and reorder tickets to offer support.

Sargeant At Arms – (Gary McCaffrey)

Robert Pack celebration of life is Saturday, September 5th in the Byron Greff Memorial Hall. Training sessions will start in September for Colour Party. There will be two or three a month before Remembrance Day.

We have a third-year cadet that will be joining us for our Colour Parties.

Service Officer (Rick Grinham)

Rick reported that he is currently dealing with one veteran.

Last weekend there was a veteran service. It was a modified, brief ceremony. There were two Legion members – Tom and Shayla showed in uniform to support. Thank you to them both.

There is a service this Saturday, full Legion Service, no padre – Rick Grinham is conducting the service for Robert Pack

Sick & Visiting (Karen O'Hare)

Thinking of you card to Maureen Reid

Sympathy card to Lynnette Ward (mother passed away)

Sympathy card to Gary McCaffrey (wife passed away)

Get well card to Ethel Nichols

Get well card to Wes Hobbs

Get well card to Charlene Weltz

Get well card to Arnie MacAskill

Social (Lillian Gillis)

Lillian is creating a fall raffle basket. Purchase your ticket in the lounge.

Music in the lounge will resume September 26th – Lillian will advise Joe the name of the performers for advertisement.

Sports (Arnie MacAskill)

Lee Smith Memorial Golf date is September 13th – Sunday.

Crib district playoff on Saturday at 10 am and 1 pm

The Loonie draw was made, winner was Dwight Baird

10. Adjournment**Motion:**

Moved by Calvin Swarbrick that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Cherry Baird, Secretary

Approved by:

Kathy Hobbs, President