

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting
Lacombe Legion Branch No. 79
Of the Royal Canadian Legion**



Date: June 18, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lacombe Legion

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hobbs at 6:30 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:

- Joann Swarbrick
- Janet Hall
- Arnie MacAskill
- Tom Kentz

- Lillian Gillis
- Calvin Bennefield

Appointed Executive in Attendance:

- Dwight Baird
- Calvin Swarbrick
- Rick Grinham

Absent:

- Gary McCaffrey

Guests:

- Lestor Nickel, Provincial Command

Installation of officers by Lestor Nickel.

Cheque presentations were made to the three bursary recipients.

3. Additions to the Agenda

- Pool punch pass

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Call for errors or omissions: None.

Motion:

Moved by Cherry Baird that the minutes of the May 21, 2026, Executive Meeting be approved as printed.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

July 1 – Canada Day

11:30 am line up at the LMC

A Canada day work schedule was distributed.

Rick Grinham will replace our Sergeant at Arms (Gary McCaffrey) if he is not able to attend.

All alcohol drinks will be \$5.00. Drink tickets will be sold to eliminate line ups at the bar.

Lacombe Days Float July 11

The executive decided to put a float in the Lacombe Days Parade. Tom Kentz (Element) will donate the use of his truck and trailer.

There will be a float decoration work party on Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 pm at Element Precast. Everyone is welcome to come help.

Motion:

Moved by Arnie MacAskill that we spend up to \$500.00 for float decorations.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

We may have a piper on the float and the Legion tent.

Those interested in riding on the float should contact President, Kathy Hobbs.

July 17th 100 Anniversary Celebration

The banner for the fence has arrived at a discounted price of approximately \$357.00.

Susan Churchill has prepared a history presentation.

Our Legion Chaplain will do the bench dedication.

Happy hour prices on all drinks.

Pool Punch Cards

Shayla Radtke has created punch cards for the pool players to purchase. She would like to print them on card stock paper and laminate them.

Motion:

Moved by Shayla Radtke that we purchase card stock at a cost of no higher than \$50.00 for punch cards.

Seconded by Chris Contenti

All in favour: Carried

6. Correspondence

- **Passing of Phil McAuley**

Phil was 20 years as Legion #1 Branch President and served as Deputy District Commander for District 9 Alberta-NWT Command. A Memorial Service for Phil will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion Calgary No.1 Branch (116 7 Ave SE, Calgary) on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 1:00pm

On behalf of our Command President, Comrade Velichko asks that all Branches full mast their flag.

- **Make Space Storage Blackfalds**

A letter was received advising that Military and first responders receive a 10 discount on storage.

- **Lacombe Ringette**

A letter was received advising that the Lacombe Ringette Club is looking for sponsors for the 2026-2027 upcoming season.

Motion:

Moved by Rick Grinham that we donate \$500.00 to Lacombe Ringette from the Casino Account

Seconded by Tom Kentz

All in favour: Carried

- **Lacombe Pride**

An email was received advising that Lacombe Pride Association is finalizing plans for the 4th annual "Lacombe Pride Weekend" happening August 14th to the 16th!! This year they have put together a Sponsorship Package that encompasses what direction organizations can take in regard to a monetary or physical donation and what you get in return.

1. Direct donations.
2. By helping run a fundraiser at your business with a certain amount of proceeds directed from sales going to Lacombe Pride and depending on how much is raised you'll be put under one of the sponsorship categories and get the listed benefits of said category.
3. One final way to take part and support Pride, is to help host or put on an event as part of the event roster during the Pride Weekend in August.

No Action taken.

7. New Business

Executive Manual revisions were scheduled for the next Executive Meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report- Shayla Radtke

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures – May 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES									
May 2026									
ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	CHEQUES	CLOSING BALANCE	O/S CHEQUES	SIMPLY BALANCE	SAVINGS	GIC	TOTAL FUNDS
General	\$46,406.96	\$9,056.64	\$17,036.99	\$38,426.61	\$ 17,285.85	\$21,140.76	\$54,343.22		\$75,483.98
Sunset	\$33,749.83	\$10,977.30	\$24,453.67	\$20,273.46	\$ 2,475.63	\$17,797.83	\$91,151.49	\$289,132.25	\$398,081.57
Bingo	\$6,008.06	\$870.00	\$452.13	\$6,425.93	\$ 120.59	\$6,305.34			\$6,305.34
Pull Ticket	\$7,116.92	\$2,598.00	\$2,515.84	\$7,199.08	\$ 2,501.68	\$4,697.40			\$4,697.40
Casino	\$15,829.95	\$0.00	\$1,728.98	\$14,100.97	\$ -	\$14,100.97			\$14,100.97
Totals	\$109,111.72			\$86,426.05		\$64,042.30	\$145,494.71	\$289,132.25	\$498,669.26

Flags of Remembrance - \$7,080.00 is still outstanding from Veteran's Voices of Canada - Flags of Remembrance fundraiser.

Invoices will be sent monthly- indicating overdue.

- We will be moving to an EFT payment system for our payroll. Servus is implementing a new banking platform, and we will be able to use two factor authentication to pay electronically.
- Audited statements of financial position of Sunset Camp were distributed.
- The Legion accounts will be available for the next meeting and emailed to the executive.
- A new category for the coin raffle will be created.
- We paid the scholarships this month.
- We paid Onside the gst amount of approximately \$10,000.00 for the renovations.

Motion:

Moved by Shayla Radtke that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures be accepted as printed.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

Sunset Financial – Janet Hall

Sunset has not had a lot of bookings, quite a few cancellations.

Tom Kentz reported that bookings are increasing.

Motion:

Moved by Janet Hall to transfer \$15,000.00 from Sunset Savings to Sunset Chequing account.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

9. Committee Reports

Archives (Susan Churchill):

No report

Awards (Susan Churchill):

No report

Bingo – (Judy Lemieux absent):

No report

Bylaw -

No report

Campground (Tom Kentz):

No report

Noted that the caretakers will be taking some pictures and videos of the campground to submit to Joe Whitbread for our social media accounts.

Casino (Calvin Swarbrick):

No report

Chase the Ace (Calvin Swarbrick):

Calvin noted not wait to purchase raffle tickets as it cuts off on July 16th.

Coffee Time (Kathy Hobbs):

Wednesday, June 24th is the last coffee time for the summer.

Finance/Ways & Means (Janet Hall):

Question: Calvin asked where the rent revenue (collected for the residence at Sunset) is reported. Janet will bring an answer to the next meeting.

Hall & Building (Chris Contenti):

There are a few more items to complete with On- Side.

We have a balance owing with On-Side, we will pay when all items are complete.

The lock for the office door has been installed, as well as the counter tops in the lounge.

We will start looking for a new vacuum for our caretaker.

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

Rentals have slowed down.

4th – Senior Tea Upper

5th - Bingo

6th – 80th Birthday (lower)

6th-Gold Buyers (lower)

27th Kinsmen windup

July

5th – grad party (lower)

Discussion regarding how our rentals affect our bartender occurred. There are times when rentals create an extra load on our bartender, as they use our bar.

It is preferred if rentals purchase their own liquor and license for their event.

The rentals that require the use of our bar will be shared with the bar manager, who will discuss with the bartender and decide if extra help is needed and be prepared to support the bartender.

Bar & Lounge (Dwight Baird)

Purchase of supplies have increased – good news as this means we are busy.
We will only support local breweries and not bring in craft beer from breweries in other communities.

Membership (Kathy Hobbs)

We currently have: 313 paid members, 83 Centenary members, 72 affiliates.
198 Associates, 35 Affiliates and 7 Lifetime members.
The plaques for Lifetime members have been ordered, but not received.

Motion:

Moved by Kathy Hobbs to approve new Centenary Members: Nancy Lohr, Laura Schafer, Rick Schafer, Mike Stewart, Carol Stein, Veronica Whitbread, Jody Willington, Ross Willington.

Seconded by: Joe Whitbread

All in Favour: Carried

Poppy Trust Fund (Susan Churchill)

The current balance is \$72,980.90

Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted:

Moved by Rick Grinham that the executive amends the motion made and adopted on May 21, 2026, which read:

"Moved by Rick Grinham that we pay three bursaries in the amount of \$2,500.00 each from the Poppy Trust Account to Molly Whitbread, Aurora Ringguth and Pyper Davis as per 402 via Education Bursaries". The amendment will create three separate motions.

Seconded by Tom Kentz

All in Favour: Carried

New motions**Motion:**

Moved by Rick Grinham that we approve a bursary in the amount of \$2,500.00, for Molly Whitbread, the great grandchild of a veteran in need from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by Tom Kentz

All in Favour: Carried

Motion:

Moved by Rick Grinham that we approve a bursary in the amount of \$2,500.00, for Aurora Ringguth, the great grandchild of a veteran in need from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by Tom Kentz

All in Favour: Carried

Motion:

Moved by Rick Grinham that we approve a bursary in the amount of \$2,500.00, for Pyper Davis, the grandchild of a veteran in need from the Poppy Trust Fund.

Seconded by Tom Kentz

All in Favour: Carried

Publicity – Joe Whitbread

He is ready to take over all the social media needs.

Please talk to him if you have concerns.

Please take photos and send to Joe – our goal is publicity.

Pull Tickets (Calvin Bennefield)

No report

Sgt-at-Arms (Greg McCaffrey)

No report

Service Officer (Rick Grinham)

The Sgt of Arms attended the Navel Cadet ceremony. We received a certificate of appreciation.

Rick attended the Red Deer cadet year end ceremony and graduation, and we received a plaque as appreciation.

Rick has concerns with the means test for bursaries and the new bursary application. He will write down remarks and pass to President Hobbs.

Rick is currently working with one veteran.

Sick & Visiting:

No report

Social (Lillian Gillis):

Music in the lounge on June 27th – Saturday.

Sports (Arnie MacAskill)

The golf tournament sign up sheet will be posted in the lounge.

Dwight and Arnie will attend businesses to ask for sponsorships and donations for the golf tournament.

We will have a maximum of 52 golfers. Roast beef is on the menu for supper.

Branch play off for crib will be soon and sign up sheets posted.

We are hosting Legion team crib this year.

There is interest in Euchre – this will start in the fall and happen on the same evening as crib.

10. Adjournment

Motion:

Rick Grinham, called for adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

All in Favour: Carried

Prepared by:

Cherry Baird, Secretary

Approved by:

Kathy Hobbs, President