

**Minutes of the June 4, 2026, General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion
Lacombe Branch No. 79**



Date: June 4, 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
- Shayla Radtke, Treasurer
- Cherry Baird, Secretary

Executive Members in Attendance:

- Lillian Gillis
- Arnie MacAskill
- Joann Swarbrick
- Janet Hall

- Tom Kentz
- Rick Grinham, Service Officer
- Gary McCaffrey, Sergeant at Arms

Absent:

- Susan Churchill
- Joe Whitbread
- Chris Contenti
- Calvin Bennefield

Service Officer, Rick Grinham, presented Legion Scholarship cheques of \$2,500.00 to the two recipients.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Call for errors or omissions: None.

Motion:

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

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Introduction of Gary McCaffrey Sergeant at Arms

Senior Week – Janet Hall

Tea and goodies were served at the Lacombe Legion from 1:30-3:30. There was also live entertainment by Gary and Cathy Geigle and friends from Rimbey. Approximately 80 attended. Thanks to those that helped: Sharon Pollard, Louise Dean, Shauna Abb, Barb Quiron and Doug Hall. Thanks to the Swarbrick family for donating a tray of goodies.

Total expense :\$406.89.

We will apply to Lacombe FCSS to have \$300.00 reimbursed through their grant. Which will give us a final cost of \$106.89.

\$156.89- coffee, tea, goodies, supplies

\$250.00 entertainment

Calvin also sold raffle tickets on the Canada Day basket at this event.

July 1 Canada Day-Kathy Hobbs

An organizational meeting will be held June 11 at 4 pm.

July 17th 100 Anniversary

A meeting will be held on June 11th following the Canada Day meeting.

6. Correspondence

- IODE -thank you for supporting their geranium sales.
- Resignation letter from Andy Gauthier

7. New Business

None

8. Treasurer's Report

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures -April

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES April 2026									
ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	CHEQUES	CLOSING BALANCE	O/S CHEQUES	SIMPLY BALANCE	SAVINGS	GIC	TOTAL FUNDS
General	\$20,353.54	\$60,202.53	\$34,149.11	\$46,406.96	\$ 9,375.05	\$37,031.91	\$50,046.21		\$87,078.12
Sunset	\$142,843.06	\$20,892.84	\$129,986.07	\$33,749.83	\$ 9,952.99	\$23,796.84	\$91,101.20	\$289,132.25	\$404,030.29
Bingo	\$4,008.96	\$2,331.00	\$331.90	\$6,008.06	\$ -	\$6,008.06	118.48		\$6,126.54
Pull Ticket	\$5,749.05	\$2,000.00	\$632.13	\$7,116.92	\$ 4,931.42	\$2,185.50			\$2,185.50
Casino	\$17,628.18	\$0.00	\$1,798.23	\$15,829.95	\$ -	\$15,829.95			\$15,829.95
Totals	\$190,582.79			\$109,111.72		\$84,852.26	\$141,147.41	\$289,132.25	\$515,131.92

Motion:

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

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

All in Favour: Carried

9. Committee Reports

Archives (Susan Churchill):

No report Absent.

Awards (Susan Churchill):

No report Absent.

Bingo (Judy Lemieux):

The deposit for Bingo in May was \$770.00.

One bingo has been held in June with 46 players present.

The last bingo will be June 29, 2026.

September 14, 2026, will be the start up date.

By-Laws:

No report

Campground (Tom Kentz)

Fire extinguishers require recertification at the campground. Thirteen extinguishers need to be recertified at a cost of \$117.00.

Motion:

Moved by Tom Kentz that we pay \$117.00 to have 13 fire extinguishers at Sunset Campground recertified, from the Legion Sunset Account.

Seconded by: Sandy Douglas

All in Favour: Carried

Two additional 20lb extinguisher are required to cover the campground.

Motion:

Moved by Tom Kentz that we purchase two additional 20lb additional extinguishers to cover the campground.

Seconded by: Rick Grinham

All in Favour: Carried

Casino (Calvin Swarbrick)

No report

Chase the Ace (Calvin Swarbrick)

Chase the Ace is at about \$3,200.00.

100 year celebration coin raffle

We are currently at about \$3,000.00 in sales. We need about another \$600.00 in sales to break even.

Coffee Time (Kathy Hobbs)

A new high of 20 people attended.

The last coffee time will be the end of June.

May coffee time brought in \$152.75

Finance/Ways & Means (Janet Hall)

Expenses are high this month due to the saving account payback. Insurance has been paid as well as the 35% to the Legion from lessee revenue.

Hall & Building (Chris Contenti -absent)

Tom Kentz report in Chris' absence.

The carpet in the lounge has been installed.

Changes were made to the cabinetry in the lounge.

The old cabinets from downstairs were installed in the lounge and new countertops will be installed.

The nosing will be finished on Monday on the stairs.

Hall Rentals (Joann Swarbrick):

April and May were very busy, with May being the busiest.

June rentals has slowed a bit.

June:

5- Bingo

General Meeting

Exec Meeting

Senior Tea

5 – Upper hall rental -birthday

GK Gold buyer (lower hall)

20-Kinsmen windup

July:

5- Grad Party

Bar (Dwight Baird)

The lounge had a good month.

Everything is going well.

Membership (Kathy Hobbs)

We have 311 paid members plus 76 Centenary members.

71 Affiliates, 199 Associated, 34 Ordinary and 7 Lifetime

Poppy Trust

The two recent requests (Dynamic Accounting and Veteran suppers) have been approved by Provincial Command.

Publicity - (Joe Whitbread) absent (report submitted)

Joe is ready to take over the publicity. Please email or text him all requests.

Pull Tickets (Calvin Bennefield) absent

Kathy Hobbs reported we will need a third person, on call, to open/close pull ticket boxes.

Sargeant At Arms – (Gary McCaffrey)

Please let Gary know if you can help with the Colour Party.

Service Officer (Rick Grinham)

Two scholarships were awarded.

We have three bursary applicants that have been submitted to the Provincial Command for approval from the poppy fund for approval.

Our regulations state that each high school can receive two scholarships. We now have 5 high schools, we need to redo our scholarship portfolio, so it is financially feasible.

Rick has been dealing with two veterans.

Sick & Visiting (Karen O'Hare)

Karen thanked everyone for keeping Karen informed.

Cards: Fred Primeau (sympathy), Jim Best (get well), Ed/Ann Rice (sympathy), Lynnette Ward (get well), Sandra Crooker, Calvin/Joann Swarbrick (sympathy), Brian Brant (get well).

Social (Lillian Gillis)

Lillian questioned whether the music on the last Saturday nights is something we should continue throughout the summer. Discussion, but no decision was made.

She also asked whether we should have music on Canada Day.

It was decided no music on Canada Day.

Sports (Arnie MacAskill)

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

There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Crib dates are available. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge soon.

There is some interest in Euchre – please let Arnie know if you are interested.

Arnie is looking at getting a float for the Lacombe Days parade and distributed a sketch. We will discuss this at the next executive.

Draw made and won by: Sharon Pollard

10. Adjournment**Motion:**

Moved by Ed Pangle the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Seconded by: Lillian Gillis

Prepared by:

Cherry Baird, Secretary

Approved by:

Kathy Hobbs, President