

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71

Annual General Meeting March 31, 2025

1. Call to Order. By Comrade Marius Hoofd at 7:03 pm in the Veterans Hall.
2. Roll: 7 executives and 7 members.
3. Opening Ceremony. Conducted with recognition of the passing of Comrade Kelly Williams.
4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting: Comrade Elizabeth Carlow moved the adoption of the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes as circulated, seconded by Comrade Mary-Lou Flegel. **Motion Carried**
5. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. None
6. New Business
 - a. President's Annual Report – Comrade Marius Hoofd reported that 2024 went well. In 2025 we are planning more Signature Events. Membership is up and the dues are still only \$50 of which the Branch only keeps about \$3. The 10% discount for members seems to be going well. Thanks to the Secretary and Financial Officer for all the work getting done behind the scenes.
 - b. Audit – Comrade Ken Carlow reported that on February 25th, 2025, Comrades Bev Dearin, Audrey Mantyka and Mary-Lou Flegel met to do the Internal Audit. We wish to thank them for their time and efforts. The report is 16 pages long, so Ken won't be going through the document page by page. Suffice it to say that the audit was successful and recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. Comrade Ken Carlow stated that he is available on request for anyone who wishes to review the Audit in detail. The most significant issue from the Committee's report was the recognition of our effort to continue to review and update Branch By-Laws, Policies and Procedures.

Comrade Ken Carlow moved to accept the Internal Audit as presented, seconded by Comrade Chris Farthing. **Motion Carried**

- c. 2024 Year-end Financial Statement – Comrade Ken Carlow reported that the Year-end Statement and documents have been reviewed by the Executive and the Audit Committee. Ken encouraged members to review them as well and if there were any questions just to ask at any time. Comrade Ken Carlow moved to accept the Year End Financial Statement seconded by Comrade Howie Williams. **Motion Carried**
 - d. 2025 Budgets - Comrade Ken Carlow mentioned that the Budgets for 2025 were approved at our January General meeting. The Market Budget is no longer by itself, the General Budget considers the revenue and any expenses for the Market.
7. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn is postponed until the end of the General Meeting.

The numbers are rounded and will be checked throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

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Elizabeth Carlow
Branch Secretary

Marius Hoofd
Branch President