

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

Kelowna – Unit 376

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 21, 2026

(Meeting Recorded)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the SYLIX Okanagan Nation. May we continue to foster relationships and deeper respect for our Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

President Stephen Walters apologize for an incident that happened at the last Geneal Meeting.

Singing of “O Canada”

SILENCE: Moment of silence in memory for our fallen Comrades
Act of Remembrance recited by Unit President - Stephen Walters

RE-AFFIRMATIONS: Unit President - Stephen Walters
1st Vice-President - Dave Pich

ROLL CALL: President: Stephen Walters, 1st VP-Dave Pich, 2nd VP-Karen Ziegler, Past President-Kathy Barber, Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau, Bill Edwards, Harry Karpenski
Sgt @ Arms – Burpee Atkins Brigid Cawthra- absent with reason and Ron Christy - Absent

PREVIOUS MINUTES: **Kathy Barber** moved that the minutes of February 21, 2026 General Meeting, be adopted as posted. **2nd - Mike Gagne - Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP INITIATION: Helene Fitzgerald

Helene Fitzgerald moved the following for membership: Michael Karran and Mitchell Zuchotzki
2nd - Carried

The following new applicants will be initiated: MP-Stephen Fuhr, Wendy Blair, Rick Galitzine and June McLennan. Sgt at Arms – Burpee Atkins marched these applicants to be initiated by President – Stephen Walters. Once initiated they were escorted to the sign-in-book and then were seated. **2nd – Calvin Fitzgerald- Carried**

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: **Helene Fitzgerald**

Total members to date - 104

4 - Life Members

22 - Active Members

16 - Affiliate Members

62 - Associate Members

2nd – Shirley Arrell - Carried

FINANCE:**Kathy Barber**

As of February 28, 2026

Operating & Shares - \$12661.42

Savings & Shares - \$3553.59

Total \$16215.01

Welfare & Charity – \$24637.15

Commercial Loan - \$30008.87

Revenue: \$11050.20

Expenses: \$ 9652.86

Surplus: \$ 1397.34

YTD Revenue: \$23,134.45**YTD Expense:** \$26230.02**YTD: Deficit** -\$3095.57**Kathy Barber moved the acceptance of the Finance report - 2nd - Mike Gagne - Carried****DONATIONS:****Kathy Barber**

Motion to donate \$2500.00 to SVIS – Southern Interior Veterans Society

2nd – Shirley Arrell - Carried**SGT AT ARMS:****Burpee Atkins**

Nothing to report

SPORTS:**Dave Pich**

All regular weekly events are continuing

Okanagan Valley League Dart host was held in Vernon on March 14

BC Prov Darts upcoming in Vernon- 4 players = 2 teams consisting of Kathy Barber, Shirley Arrel, Stacey Schmitke, Maynard Riley, Rita Koops, Laverna Wiseman, Bill Maguire and Darrell Unrau.

Sunday Pool at Rustys is ongoing. Monday night pool is finished for the season, Wednesday drop in pool is continuing on.

Friday Crib is on going and BC Prov Crib Tournament - May 23, 2026 will be held in Kamloops and we are sending 2 teams of two.

Curling has concluded for the season.

2nd – Calvin Fitzgerald- Carried**HOUSE/GROUNDS:****Henry Karpinsky**

2 quotes were received for doors - \$1086.00 and \$546. We were able to buy a door from Restore – Habitat for Humanity for \$55.00 plus tax and Larry Thompson painted it for \$35.00 for a total of \$104.55. Weatherstripping needs to be replaced on Kitchen backdoor and other areas- cost \$124.61. Kitchen has new LED pot lights \$149.34 total cost \$378.50 this money was used from the original allocation of \$1500.00 motioned last month for door replacement.

LED pot lights will be replaced in the Unit, but we might need to purchase new ceiling tiles.

Volunteers will be required to help with this, more info to follow. New dimmer switches will also be installed at a cost of approximately \$200.00. **2nd - Bill Edwards - Carried**

ENTERTAINMENT**Karen Ziegler**

Friday Karaoke going well; Sunday bingo is holding their own.

Thursday Jams, 7 - 8 players each week.

Saturday – Mar 28th- Dinner and Dance with Ian Stewart sold out in 5 days.

Saturday - Apr 18th next Dinner and Dance with Kelly Belange. We would like to get Kelly every 4 months next would-be August and then New Years Eve. More information to follow when available. **2nd - Darlene Karpinski - Carried**

WAYS AND MEANS:**Karen Ziegler**

Meat Draw is going well, I have talked to IGA, and they will remove bacon and only do once a month. IGA was having a hard time trying to keep to our budget, so I have told them to increase from \$550.00 to \$600.00, and we are having positive feedback already on meat packages. March 28th Meat Draw will consist of 3 draws – Turkeys & Hams and 2 draws regular meat packages. We are going to increase the cost of the this draw to exceed \$600.00.

2nd – Wendy Finlayson - Carried

DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards

Nothing to report

PUBLICITY:**Stephen Walters**

ANAF376.ca - website if full operational and up to date.

New pictures are being posted from various events. Comments and suggestions are welcomed in regard to the site.

BY LAWS:**Darrell Unrau**

Nothing to report

LADIES AUXILLIARY:**Wendy Finlayson**

Current membership 34 regular membership and 2 life members

LA Bake sales are the 2nd Saturday of the and month, donations are appreciated

Kitchen menu now includes porky bites and polish hotdogs again. Concerns, questions or requests should be directed to Marianne or Phyliss.

Easter Lillies will be delivered to various care homes in the community.

Mothers' day gift basket draw to take place in May and tickets will be on sale mid-April.

Appreciation awards were presented to Comrades: Gene Cadman, Joanne Fast and Rose McPherson. These ladies have donated a lot of time and effort in supporting the LA events.

No information available yet if we will be holding a Quad meeting at this time.

President Stephen Walters thank the LA for putting on menus on the table during Saturday Meat Draws.

OLD BUSINESS:**President Stephen Walters**

No updated information in regard to the lawsuit. Mission Statement was required by the Canadian government and President Stephen Walters created one and read it out. If you would like a copy of it, please talk to Stephen and he can provide you with it.

NEW BUSINESS: President Stephen Walters

Someone as about getting an AED. Stephen did ask if our MP – Stephen Fuhr could provide one. More information to follow.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None

Meeting adjourned: 1:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next General Meeting - Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm

THE KING – CHARLES III

Stephen Walters - President

Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary