

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, September 20, 2025
(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.

Singing of "O Canada"

SILENCE: Moment of silence in memory for our fallen Comrade - Ken Scott
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 – Pat Calado, Past President – Kathy Barber, Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Karen Zielger, Darrell Unrau and Bill Edwards
Introduction of Brigid Cawthra – Recording Secretary appointed until the next Elections

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Stephen Walters - moved that the minutes of General Meeting June 21, 2025, be adopted as posted. 2nd – **Shirley Arrell**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP INITIATION: Helene Fitzgerald moved to accept the following for Membership:
John Arsenault, Trish Caspers, John Caspers, Gerald Chmilar, Marilyn Collier, Natausha Couture, Diane Dunbar, Selina Farrell, Larry Hess, Richard Julei, Deborah James, Trish Matte, Heather Mccellogh, Mike Stewart, Sam Swarchuk, Darren Fulcher, James Greg Taylor, Karen D'Aoust, Butch Lenarduzzi, Richard Matte, Garth Hanna, April Williams and Lewis Muscat
Those present would be initiated 2nd **Ken Kiengersky – Carried**

New comrades take the Initiation pledge of ANAF and Unit 376 Kelowna as presented by President – Stephen Walters. They are then welcomed and presented with the official badge of the Unit along with the By-Laws.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: **Helene Fitzgerald**
Total members to date - 178
6 Life Members
30 Active Members
22 Affiliate Members
32 Associate Members
88 Initiates (Associate Members)
2nd - **Wendy Finlayson - Carried**



FINANCE:

Kathy Barber – Financial report up to August 31, 2025

Operating - \$13427.99	Welfare & Charity – \$26434.42
Savings – \$1911.15	Savings - \$122.96
Shares – \$8.93	Shares – \$62.73
Rewards - \$0	Rewards - \$60.23
Commercial Loan	
\$33372.15	

2nd – Burpee Aitkens - Carried

DONATIONS:

Kathy Barber

Salvation Army - \$2000.00
Kelowna Food Bank - \$2000.00
Canadian Veterans Food Bank - \$2500.00
Citadel Canine Society - \$2000.00
Honour House - Ashcroft - \$2000.00

2nd - Mike Gagne - Carried

Sgt. At Arms

Nothing to report

SPORTS:

Dave Pich

Darts – Monday Night drop in 7:30 pm started Sept 15
Pool – Wednesday – 1:00 pm Monday night Pub League 7:00 pm started Sept 15
Sunday Fun Pool at Rusty’s – Sept 28 at noon

- Provincial Pool Tournament held at the Vernon Unit – Sept 13 11:00 am the following represented the Unit: Steve Walters, Gary Blidook, Mel MacIntyre and Gord McInnis. Gord and Mel won the Tournament so next year it will be held in Unit 5 Vernon.

Our pool table was not feasible to repair; thus, we purchased a new table which included snooker balls, 8 ball sets, cue stands. New table cost \$2200.00, with \$1200 previously approved by the Executive which was allocated for the repairs of the old table. This amount was put forward and for the additional \$1000 some of the pool players contributed including Gary Blidook \$100.00 and Stephen Walters \$200. There was much discussion by the Executive as to why the old table was not repairable and why it was not brought up to the Executive before the decision to purchase the new table was discussed.

Darrell Unrau to remove the old pool table from the Unit ASAP

Crib – Fridays 10:00 am Drop in Cards – Tuesday

Curling – start up Oct 19 at the Winfield Curling Club, deadline to register – Oct 7. Please see Phyllis Walters to register or more information.

Sports Day – August 24 which was open to ANAF and Legion Units. Steve Walters and Karen Ziegler organized the event, which included Bocce Ball, Ring Toss, Cornhole, Crib, Darts and Beanbag. Cost to participate was \$5.00 and food was available. 30 people attended and it overall was a great day!

2nd – Burpee Aitkens - Carried

KITCHEN:

We need to look at better airflow in the summer, as it gets warm. Stephen has talked to Okanagan Heating. The way the building was built, had a heating Unit to the roof. The Heating unit was removed when the new roof was completed. Okanagan Heating will be able to fix this problem as the airflow is functioning properly in one area and not in the other area. It is fighting itself and could cost approximately \$2000.00 to have it fixed properly. **Pat Calado moves that we move to get 2 estimates for "C" – 150 Gray Road for HVAC issues so that we can bring it to the Executive and then the General Membership on the expenditure of the money. 2nd - Gary Angus - Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Presentation of plaque to the Ladies Auxiliary – President Wendy Finlayson accepted. This was a plaque in honour of Jean Bigler for 50 years of Service to ANAF Kelowna. Burpee Atkins paid for the plaque and a big round of applause was given. It will be hung by the fireplace.

Paperwork in final stages for the title of the Unit. Hopefully by end of September.

BC Lottery has finally accepted our application. 4 TVs, one Pull tab machine and Self-Service Terminal this is one complete package. We now need an Electrician to come in add some plugs for the TV and machines. **Wendy Finlayson - Motion to get an Electrician for up to \$1500.00 for electrical installation of additional plugs. 2nd – Ken Kiengersky – Carried**

Roof – just waiting for the title to transfer to Unit 376 and then we can go ahead with suing Gary.

Appointment made as the Election coming up that we need a Returning Officer – Mike Gagne has volunteered and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Unrau

BC Command has suggested that the spending limit be increased from \$300 to \$1000. Resolution and Amendments to the Bylaws – Section 19 still need to be completed and approved by Executive before it is brought to General Membership for this to happen. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Stephen Walters

Draft Beer – too expensive to build a cooler, the alternative will be a cooler box. It can have 5 taps on it 3 for beer and white wine as it regulates the temperature. It can also regulate the temperature of the red wine. We are looking more into it and the costs, but we need to look at long term future financial goals.

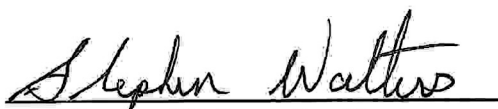
Elections are coming up, and you don't need to be on the Executive, but the Unit is run on Volunteers and there are always jobs to do to keep it going! So, please consider helping.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Applications/Permits for November 11

NEXT MEETING: Next General Meeting – Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 pm

THE KING


Stephen Walters - President


Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary

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