

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, November 15, 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 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 Walter, 1st VP-Dave Pich, 2nd VP-Pat Calado, Past President-Kathy Barber, Directors: Karen Ziegler, Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau and Bill Edwards, Brigid Cawthra- Recording Secretary Guest: Jonathon Tremblay - Vice President – BC Command

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Stephen Walters - moved that the minutes of General Meeting October 18, 2025, be adopted as posted. 2nd – **Mike Gagne - Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP INITIATION: Helene Fitzgerald moved to accept the following for Membership: Chad Hill
Sophy Lavoie was initiated 2nd - **Ron Christy – Carried**

New comrade takes the Initiation pledge of ANAF and Unit 376 Kelowna as presented by President – Stephen Walters. She was then welcomed and presented with the official badge of the Unit along with the By-Laws.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: **Helene Fitzgerald**
Total members to date - 185
6 - Life Members
32 - Active Members
22 - Affiliate Members
17 - Associate Members

108 - Initiates (Associate Members)

2nd – **Mike Gagne – Carried**

2026 Membership costs to remain at \$50.00. The term “Initiates” will change to “Associate”, this will be starting with 2026 Membership. 2nd – **Ron Christy - Carried**

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FINANCE:

Kathy Barber – Financial report up to October 31, 2025

Operating & Shares - \$12590.87

Welfare & Charity – \$22076.36

Savings & Shares - \$2585.85

Total \$ 15176.72

Commercial Loan - \$32376.00

Revenue: \$10922.20

Expenses: \$11847.56

Deficit -\$925.36

YTD Revenue: \$158821.16

YTD Expense: \$163313.51

YTD Deficit: -\$4492.35

Question: Ron Christy asked why we pay so much for Shaw Cable, he has suggestion and how we could pay \$12.00. Item is tabled until discussion could be held at Executive Meeting. 2nd - **Ken Kiengersky – Carried**

DONATIONS:

Kathy Barber

None at this time

SGT AT ARMS:

Darrell Unrau

A big round of applause and appreciation to Mike Gagne for his leadership and Bill Edwards for the power, microphone and music for Remembrance Day celebrations. There were some electrical issues but a couple of members of the public stepped up to help us out. A big kudos to them.

SPORTS:

Dave Pich

Sundays we have curling and pool at Rusty, Mondays is darts, Wednesdays is drop in pool on and Fridays we have crib. All are being well attended and will be breaking for Christmas in mid December. Dart shoot in Vernon – December 29. Discussions are being held at the Executive level to have a FUN NIGHT – possibly 4 events such as darts, crib plus two more. More information will be available shortly.

2nd – **Shirley Arrell - Carried**

HOUSE/GROUNDS: Stephen Walters

Unit touch ups are being completed as necessary.

A big thank you to Phyliss Walters for coming in 3 times a week to clean. Karen Ziegler has also been a big help with cleaning the Unit and stripping floors, even on her hands and knees.

Louis Muscat (janitor) has offered to help seal floors.

Motion - Dave Pich 2nd - Ron Christy - Carried

ENTERTAINMENT Karen Ziegler

Karaoke going well good turn out, Bingo has the regulars, Octoberfest big success, Halloween – Scaroke on Friday – October 31 lots of good costumes. Grey Cup – Nov 19 free chilli and buns. November 22 - Dance with Kelly Belanger tickets \$10.00 at the door. Dec 20 - Christmas Dance with Pam Ferens. Possibly doing a Potluck, there is an issue with Food safe so we cannot have a Potluck, other options will be looked at. **2nd - Burbee Atkinson - Carried**

WAYS AND MEANS: Pat Calado

Christmas Turkeys and Hams will be on Saturday – December 13 with 5 draws consisting of 2 turkeys, 1 ham, 1 roast and 1 steak package. Meat draws are going well thank you to the volunteers. **2nd - Cheri Jackson - Carried**

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DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards

Comrade Bernie Turner long time member of BC Command has passed

PUBLICITY: Stephen Walters

Facebook is now being updated; emails are going out to members with weekly events and any other information. Web page still needs work; I have been talking to Myles about coming back to work on the website. This will be discussed at the next Executive meeting. More information to follow at next General Meeting.

Motion - Dave Pich 2nd - Ron Christy - Carried

LADIES AUXILLIARY: Wendy Finlayson

Meeting was held on Nov 12,2025 current membership stands at 32
Thank you to all the people who donated food and money for the Remembrance Day. Thank you to Pat Calado for the beef barley soup. Tickets on sale for basket draw to be held after Bake Sale and Meat Draw – November 15. Kids Christmas Party to be held on Sunday December 7, sign up sheet on wall. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren age 12 and under. Boxes will be set up for the Food Bank (nonperishable) and a box for the Salvation Army Toy Run; it's a great way to support them. Poinsettia will be taken to 5 care homes in the area. Thank you again for the plaque for Jean Bigler. Last minute baked goods - Bake Sale will be held on December 20 during Meat Draw.

OLD BUSINESS: Bylaw to increase the spending limit from \$300 to \$1000 has been sent to BC Command, if they approved it will go to Dominion Command, it is a very long timely process.

NEW BUSINESS: Jonathon Tremblay, Vice President - BC Command then presented the Land Title paperwork for the Unit 376 – Kelowna to Stephen Walters, Unit President and congratulations to everyone on all the hard work to make this Unit complete. A big thank you to everyone!!
Joan Dillion suggested a \$500.00 donation be made to: Homes for Heros.
Suggestion of a microphone and speakers, should be provided for General Meetings

GOOD AND WELFARE: Anyone with Veterans Plates can register the plates with Kelowna City Hall to receive free parking. More information is posted on bulletin board.

Mike Gagne made a motion that Unit 376 – Kelowna invite Pastor Rob Henson and his wife, Captain Jen Henson of the Salvation Army, to be honorary members of the Unit. Rob Henson would be installed as the Unit Pastor. **2nd - Ken Kiengersky - Carried**

Mike Gagne made a motion that Kathy Gunnerson be awarded Honorary Life Membership in to be presented March 2026 on the Anniversary of the Unit **2nd – Ron Christy - Carried**

Stephen Furr – a new member was recruited from the Remembrance Day ceremonies, and he has now signed up a member.

Bill Edwards read a letter out: Kudos to the Air Cadets for marching and attending the Remembrance Day 1st time in the history of the ANAF 376 – Kelowna. Just before the day was to begin, we had no power for any of the equipment. A bystander who happened to be an Electrician, check the city provided outlet and it was not working. City Hall was called and they said they could send someone out, but it would be to late. Another gentleman named Brad provided a solar power pack, (the size of a car battery) and the event went on without a hitch. The only reason he was there was because his son was an Air Cadet. KUDOS to Brad and I have also been able to provide him with the membership application our unit and now have him signed up. Rick Webber deputy Mayor for Kelowna was in attendance and had seen and heard

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GOOD AND WELFARE what had happened. I have provided this letter to Rick who is going to take it to his next City **Con't** Hall Meeting. Thank you again to all the volunteers including the ones that make our Unit succeed.

Stephen Walters then introduced Jonathon Tremblay - Vice President - BC Command

There is a problem with our Bylaws, as there are different dates. We need to get a copy of the stamped and Dominion Command approved copy. Stephen will follow up with BC Command to get the most updated copy. Darrell Unrau will take the lead and get a committee to start working on updating them once we have received the copy.

Jonathon then read a letter from BC Command in regard to the reinstatement of Pat Calado effective immediately.

Jonathon then called about the helpers for the Election of the Executive of ANAF 376. Voting will be done by ballots.

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator/2nd</u>
Nomination for President Atkins	Stephen Walters – Winner Pat Calado	Ron Christy, Burpee Doug Dawson, Richard
Nomination for 1 st Vice President Simister	Dave Pich - Acclamation Pat Calado	Phyliss Walters/Doug Mike Gagne/ Pat Calado declines
Nomination for 2 nd Vice President Simister	Karen Ziegler - Acclamation	Ron Christy/Doug
Nomination for Directors A	Harry Karpinski - Winner	Stephen Walters/Burpee
Vote for 7 directors Only Christy Dillion McInnis Pich Simister	Helene Fitzgerald - Winner	Phyliss Walters/Ron
	Brigid Cawthra - Winner	Dave Pich/Ron Christy
	Bill Edwards - Winner	Kathy Barber/Sue
	Burbee Atkinson - Winner	Phyliss Walters/Joan
	Darrell Unrau - Winner	Kathy Barber/Gord
	Mike Newland	Stephen Walters/Dave
	Ron Christy - Winner	Karen Ziegler/Doug
Pat Calado	Declined	

Jonathon Tremblay asked if anyone wanted to appeal the ballots, no one spoke up. He then asked someone to make a motion to destroy the ballots. **Motion by Doug Simister 2nd- Ken Kiengersky - Carried**

NEXT MEETING: Next General Meeting - Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 1:00 pm
Meeting adjourned: 3:09 pm

THE KING



Stephen Walters - President

Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary