

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Kelowna – Unit 376
Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
(Meeting Recorded)

- LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the SYILX Okanagan Nation. May we continue to foster relationships and deeper respect for our Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.
- CALL TO ORDER:** 6:02 pm
- SILENCE:** Moment of silence in memory for our fallen Comrades.
Act of Remembrance recited by Unit President - Stephen Walters
- ROLL CALL:** Unit President: Stephen Walter, 1st VP - Dave Pich, 2nd VP - Karen Zielger, Past President – Kathy Barber, Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau, Bill Edwards, Harry Karpinski, Burpee Atkins
Absent with Reason: Ron Christy & Brigid Cawthra
- PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Reading of Executive Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2026 with correction – missing Burpee Atkins – Roll Call
M/S/C – Kathy Barber/Bill Edwards
- CORRESPONDENCE:** Reminder for submission of paperwork for upcoming Provincial Dart Tournament. Dave will have it mailed tomorrow – Mar 12, 2026
SIVS – Southern Interior Veterans Society looking for a donation to help build 2 towers in Sicamous. More information to following under Finance – Donations. Since acquiring Unit 376 – a GST44 Election (which allows a tax-free sale of a business) requires a mission statement which Stephen Walters came up with and has sent to the necessary government department. If anyone would like to see it, please talk to Stephen.
- MEMBERSHIP:** **Helene Fitzgerald**
2026 - Total members to date - 104
4 - Life Member
22 - Active Members
16 - Affiliate Members
62 - Associate Members
7 - New Members - not initiated yet
2nd Harry Karpinski - Carried
- FINANCE:** **Kathy Barber**
As of February 28, 2026
Operating & Shares - \$12661.42
Savings & Shares - \$3553.59
Welfare & Charity – \$24637.15

Total \$16215.01

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

2nd - Karen Ziegler - Carried

DONATIONS: **Kathy Barber** – Motion to donate \$2500.00 to SVIS – Southern Interior Veterans Society

2nd – Burpee Atkins - Carried

SGT. at ARMS **Burpee Atkins**

Nothing to report

Members are bringing comments and issues to him.

SPORTS: **Dave Pich**

All regular weekly events are continuing

Curling finished on March 1

Okanagan Valley League Dart host by us but held in Vernon in March

BC Prov Crib upcoming in May will be held in Kamloops

Fishing Derby - Fathers Day at Woods Lake – Oyama side

HOUSE/GROUNDS: **Harry Karpinsky**

2 quotes were received for doors - \$1086.00 and \$546 instead we were able to by door from Restore – Habitat for Humanity for \$55.00 plus \$35.00 to have it painted.

Weather stripping needs to be replaced on Kitchen backdoor and other areas, will be done in the coming months.

ENTERTAINMENT **Karen Ziegler**

Friday Karaoke going well; Sunday bingo is holding their own

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

Apr 3 – Good Friday we will have Jam, Apr 4 – Saturday Meat Draw and Apr 5 no bingo as we will be closed for Easter Sunday.

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.

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 to \$600.00, and we are having positive feedback already on meat packages.

PUBLICITY:

Stephen Walters

Emails are being sent out to members with upcoming information. Myles is starting to post pictures of events to website. Domain server to be updated. Email addresses are being removed and updated for Executive members only and Directors will be notified by their personal email address.

DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards

Nothing to report

BY LAWS:

Darrell Unrau

BC Command sent us our most recent bylaws which are dated from 2012. Copy is available in office binder - BYLAWS

OLD BUSINESS:

“Code of Conduct” tabled to next meeting as Brigid is absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of a Big Screen so that a projector could be used for Karaoke, Sports events or Movie night. Stephen has asked Bill Edwards to draw up plans for this request. Darrell will donate a projector.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

ANAF Kamloops 50th birthday to be held on Saturday, March 14 and Stephen and Dave to attend.

NEXT MEETING:

Next General Meeting - Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm
Next Executive Meeting - Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at **6:00 pm**
Next General Meeting - Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:53 pm

THE KING

Stephen Walters
President

Brigid Cawthra
Recording Secretary