

**Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada**  
**Kelowna – Unit 376**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
**(Meeting Recorded)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:13 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  
2nd Vice-President - Karen Ziegler

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

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Brigid Cawthra moved that the minutes of April 18, 2026 General Meeting, be adopted as posted. 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Kelvin Fitzgerald - Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MEMBERSHIP INITIATION:** Helene Fitzgerald moved the following for membership:  
Elaine Gillis, Joseph Decaro, Catherine Jackson

The following new members were initiated: Dave Schroeder & Tara Schroeder  
by President – Stephen Walters

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT:** **Helene Fitzgerald**  
Total members to date - 130  
4 - Life Members                      23 - Active Members  
17 - Affiliate Members                      86 - Associate Members

Provincial Command states that a membership card must be given to the member, even though they have not been initiated, its just not be stamped until the member is initiated. This way they can use it at other units.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Shirley Arrell - Carried - Carried**

**FINANCE:**

**Kathy Barber**

As of April 30, 2026

Operating & Shares - \$7,236.85

Savings & Shares - \$4,222.78

Total \$11,459.63

Welfare & Charity – \$27,482.79

Commercial Loan - \$29,232.83

Revenue: \$ 8,333.20

Expenses: \$13,429.02

**Deficit: \$ 5,095.82**

**YTD Revenue:** \$45,555.10

**YTD Expense:** \$54,075.24

**YTD: Deficit -\$8,520.14**

**Kathy Barber moved the acceptance of the Finance report - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy Finlayson - Carried**

**DONATIONS:**

None at this time – next month will be giving our Donation list

**SGT AT ARMS:**

**Burpee Atkins**

Nothing to report

**SPORTS:**

**Dave Pich**

Unit Darts ending May 11<sup>th</sup>

Bingo ending on May 31<sup>st</sup> until September

BC Prov Crib upcoming in May in Kamloops – 2 teams will attend

Fishing Derby - Fathers Day is a no go as we do not have enough volunteers

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Cherie Jackson - Carried**

**HOUSE/GROUNDS: Henry Karpinsky**

**A big thank you to** Tammy who has painted the hallway and backdoor. We now have wire shelves in storage room and Stephen is working on replacing rubber moulding in the Unit.

Projector and screen to be installed in then next couple of weeks.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Shirley - Carried**

**ENTERTAINMENT Karen Ziegler**

May 23 – Dinner and Dance - Vic Ukranitz. BBQ chicken, beans, coleslaw and bake potato.

June 27 - Dinner and Dance – Rhinedress Duo Tickets are \$20.00 and available at the bar.

Bingo is going pretty good and will end on May 31 until September. No bingo May 17 due to the long weekend. Thursday Jams are going really well, with a great turnout of musicians. Friday night Karaoke continue to be a fun night by everyone.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Marianne Belland - Carried**

**WAYS AND MEANS: Karen Ziegler**

Meat Draws are going well. Meat Draw limit raised from \$550.00 to \$600.00 as it was difficult to stay within the budget as meat prices have increased drastically. Lots of compliments since raising it. Kelvin Fitzgerald will be helping Karen with Ways and Means as part of her committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Kelvin Fitzgerald - Carried**

**DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards as read by Stephen Walters**

Nothing to report

**PUBLICITY: Stephen Walters**

All is good, if you require help finding information on the ANAF 376 website, please stop by the office and Stephen can help you

**Dave Pich moved - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cherie Jackson - Carried**

**BY LAWS: Darrell Unrau**

I am working on reviewing our bylaws since the 2020 ones are not valid as they were never approved. The most current version is June 2012. The changes must be sent to Provincial Command for approval and then sent onto Dominion Command for final approval.

**LADIES AUXILLIARY: Wendy Finlayson**

We have not had our meeting for May yet but there are a few notes of interest. BC Provincial Convention held in Sydney, BC was a great success and gift baskets draws were very successful. At the Convention, President Stephen Walters praised and commended the Kelowna Ladies Auxiliary for the work they do. They are the biggest and best LA in BC !

BC Command is looking for info on the Ladies Auxiliary and how they help the Units. Information is requested by end of May.

Mothers Day Bake sales and LA gift basket draws will be held later today - May 9 after the Meat draw. June 21 is the Wrinkle Olympics Fundraiser Day in Vernon. It was attended last year by some of the LA members, and it was a funday. Open to both men and women.

**OLD BUSINESS: Stephen Walters**

EnTandem is a music licensing business that has been charging us monthly since we had closed our previous Unit on McDougall. We have an outstanding balance of \$1895.88, and we will need to then pay from opening in 2025 to current date. Its approx. \$200-300 per year. More information on exact costs will be provided at next meeting.

Lawsuit –Defendant was served, he did not reply, and he did not reply to courts. Lawyer did the paperwork, now that they can find him in Sicamous. More information will be available next month. The credit union will not release Stephen and Phyliss Walters name from the current loan agreement as they require a guarantor regardless. One idea is to contact Provincial Command for interim financing. Pat McMillan moved that you approach Provincial Command on behalf of the Executive, to see if they can help us refinance the current loan in order to pay it off and remove your names. 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Shirley Arrell - carried**

**NEW BUSINESS: Stephen Walters**

Air Conditioning is not working in kitchen. Stephen and Harry will look at it and get Chad to look at he vents and furnace.

WS Accounting will now be responsible for providing the monthly financial statement for the Unit. A big thank you to Kathy Barber for providing this information to us for many years.

Dominion Convention will be in Vernon in September, and our delegates will be Stephen Walters and Karen Ziegler. Kathy Barber will also attend as she is an Award of Merit member.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** Flag day – May 8<sup>th</sup> held each year at the Lakeview Cemetery. Grade 5 students place Canadian Flags on the tombstones of the Veterans. It's a wonderful event and members should plan to attend. More communication on events like these need to be sent out to members.

Meeting adjourned: 2:20 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Next General Meeting - Saturday, **June 20, 2026** at 1:00 pm  
**This will be the last meeting** - until September - more information on date will be sent out to members.

**THE KING – CHARLES III**

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Stephen Walters - President

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Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary

## **Addendum**

**Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada**

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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - Election - Vacancy for Director on Executive**



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**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:00 pm

There is a vacancy on the Executive for a Director since the resignation of Ron Christy. According to the Unit bylaws an Election needs to be held to fill this position.

Tammy nominated Kelvin Fitzgerald

Colleen nominated Pat Calado

Phyliss Walters - Returning Officer

Wendy Findlayson - Scrutineer

Shirley - Scrutineer

22 members were able to vote. A vote was taken by ballots and it a tie: 11 for Kelvin Fitzgerald - 11 for Pat Calado

Revote was done and again it was a tie. This election will be tabled until the next General Meeting in June.

General Meeting then was started at 1:13 pm