

Quilts of Valour-Canada Society
Minutes
Board & Executive – Sept 11, 2025

1. Welcome back to all, and attendance.

Board		
Lisa Compton	President	Present
Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi	Vice President	Present
Vicki Veilleux	Vice President	Present
Kelly Rogers	Treasurer	Present
Vicki Veilleux	Secretary (ACTING)	Present
Executive Members		
Denise Wenzel	Hug Block Coordinator	Present
Jason Graham	IT/Google Support	Regrets
Jacquie Fuller	Label Distributor	Present
Deborah Edwards	Marketing & Distribution	Regrets
Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi	Membership	Present
Lesley Poper	Online Store	Regrets
Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi	Quilt Request Coordinator	Present
Denise Wenzel	Regional Coordinator-Team 1-BC	Present
Elizabeth Andrews	Regional Coordinator-Team 2-Manitoba	Regrets
Elizabeth Seamans	Regional Coordinator-Team 3- ON North	Present
Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi	Regional Coordinator-Team 4- ON South	Present
Mary Ewing	Regional Coordinator-Team 5- NS	Present
Diana Cole	Regional Coordinator- Team 6-AB/NWT	Present
Nicole Young	Regional Coordinator-Team 7-Sask	Present
Marty Forsythe	Regional Coordinator- Team 8-NB	Regrets
Lisa Compton	Regional Coordinator-Team 9-NL	Present
Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi	Regional Coordinator-Team 10-QC	Present
Nancy Detweiler	Regional Coordinator-Team 11-PEI	Present
Lana Butcher	Regional Coordinator-Team 12-AB South	Present
Lynne Mersereau	National RC Coordinator	
Bev McLean	Training Coordinator	Present
Vacant	Translation Coordinator	Regrets
Vicki Veilleux	Webmaster	Present
Marty Forsythe	Fundraising Coordinator	Regrets
Lisa Solonynko	Newsletter	Present
Vacant	Special Projects	
Lisa Compton	Social Media	Present

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

Elizabeth Seamans:

- Mr Ploughman (will discuss during her report section)

Nicole Young:

- Mission Statement (#10)

Nancy Detweiler:

- RCMP (#11)

Mary Ewing:

- QOVC 20th Anniversary in 2026 (#12)

3. Motion to accept Amended Agenda

Moved by Diana Cole/seconded by Elizabeth Seamans, motion carried

4. Motion to approve Minutes 01 May, 2025

Moved by Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi /seconded by Nancy Detweiler, motion carried

5. Finance Report presented by Kelly Rogers

- Kelly thanked everyone for their support as her starting in the role was a rocky start
 - As of Labour Day everything is caught up
 - \$76,122.12 in the Bank
 - \$7,424.64 cheque from Northcott not yet deposited in the bank
 - all bills are paid, and all claims are paid out
 - Kelly said she did not realize she needed to keep a list of names for the larger donations, but she will moving forward.
 - Lisa asked if anyone else was having issues with depositing reimbursement cheques as the new green colour seems to cause issues.
 - Vicki and Debra-Anne also had this issue
- Lisa will talk to the printer and Kelly and Lisa will get that sorted out.

Motion to Accept Financial Report for this year- moved by Kelly Rogers/seconded by Diana Cole, motion carried

6. Reports

a) President-Lisa Compton

- Lisa got to go on an all female veteran trip down the Nahinni River (canoe trip) through True Patriot Love. Lots of chats with one lady who is the co-chair of the Captain Nicola Goddard foundation there may be ways for us to support women veterans with our volunteer program.
- Many great chats and some potential partnerships to come of this trip.

- True Patriot Love has a grant to do with the arts – they can facilitate in the making of the quilts. There are so many veterans already helping.
- Legion donations – talked on this in the spring. National Command – we are now a Poppy Fund charity. All of our letters have been sent out. Reminder to keep bringing in the letters to local places.
- Legion donations should go to National QOVC fund for purchasing batting and backing for all since our money goes further this way.
- Diana said there is \$400.00 coming from her local Legion.
- email issues – people are reporting that the positional names seem to be reverting back to names of people who held these positions in the past, but they are in fact going to the current person in the position.

b) Procurement-Lisa Compton

- everything as of today sent out – some got held back but it is fixed now.
- Canadian Classics 3 coming in now and being prepared.
- Lynne said Maureen spent sponsor a quilt money on the new collection.
- Lisa secured some as they do not stockpile the new lines.
- Canadian line will kick-back \$0.25/meter even though it isn't Oh Canada
- Cador textiles was used in the past – shipping has made this not-feasible.
- Good for us – someone made a shipping error made and we benefited. ½ price at cost is very good for us. It is with Denise Wenzel currently.

c) VP/Database-Debra-Ann Lalond-Gyorfi

- membership is steady all good there. Requests with notes from Debra-Anne are not being read. Also – notes are not being made on the requests – all items need to be tracked as notes. This needs to be pushed to all.
- Lisa reiterated this is accountability for all. Debra-Anne is asking that Regional Coordinators reply to applications quickly.
- Lisa is adding homework – reply back to Lisa and Debra-Anne with what you need in your area? Presenters / Reps / Quilters, etc... asked for this by next week.
- Debra-Anne stated not everyone posts to Facebook – it is not mandatory. If a guild is asking – we can send photos and info back to the guild.
- Lisa added that recipients can do it themselves.
- Be cognisant – in the moment after a presentation people will say yes to everything – they may not actually be comfortable.
- Facebook posts – people are still including too much info. We do not need a full biography, and in this forum there is no way to verify the info.

d) Newsletter-Lisa Solonyanko

- The fall issue of the newsletter is almost complete. Lisa S asked if we want to pare that down also? Answer was yes – pare down with an exception of some WWII vets.
- Lynne to send the template of the “new script” to Lisa S. also include the maker info.
- Lisa S. asked if the directory on the website is up-to-date. Answer is yes.
- If anyone has special things to add – send them ASAP to Lisa S.

- Members directory – Debra-Anne handles it – this is a new layout now.
Lisa S. will send Debra-Anne the unsubscribe items.

e) Webmaster-Vicki Veilleux

- not a lot new – just working on keeping things updated.
- reminder to send any updates you have

f) Hug Blocks-Denise Wenzel

- Hug block contest was amazing – big success.
- Denise and her hubby took on sending postage for anyone who asked. They just wanted to personally give a little more.

g) Training-Bev McLean

- Looking for areas that really need training. Working on a plan of how to best get that to our members.
- Currently going through the manual to help people with questions.
Diana suggested that since the google drive has a training folder that is empty – items can be added in there.
- Liz stated that a training video would be helpful. A new way to deliver the training will help change it up a bit.
- Beverly stated she is looking for ideas.

h) Labels-Jacquie Fuller

- June/July/August – sent out 600 labels.
- still have a huge roll of labels so good for now.

i) Team 1-BC- Denise Wenzel

- BC is in good shape – there is a new gentleman in Kelowna – he is just getting his feet under him.
- Backlogged in Victoria – need more presenters.
- some remote ones that are like 8 hours away – figuring out the best approach. Working with Lana also.

j) Team 2-SK- Elizabeth Andrews -absent

k) Team 3-ON North- Elizabeth Seamans

- some presentations through summer still. Now have a presenter in Cornwall and 3 new presenters in Ottawa.
- 3 new quilters in Ottawa – still need a rep in Ottawa though.
- Mr Ploughman – made arrangements for the Mayor to present the quilt and wanted Jackie to walk them through it. This is a no – should be done by our presenters only. Some background on this is that Lisa was being harassed – this is now scheduled for 27 September.
- Jackie had one Saturday that she will post on Facebook as it was a good one.

l) Team 4-ON South- Debra-Ann Lalonde-Gyorfi

- doing amazing – busy bees out there, lots of quilts and new members.
- new reps – including a Legion President, as well as Brenda Oliphant.
- London – Parkwood institute – vets and there are 80 plus members in need of quilts.

m) Team 5-NS- Mary Ewing

- it has been slow – Mary has been away and just got back in her house from the evacuations.
- sew day yesterday and had 15 ladies. Received in 6 quilts and there are 7 to be bound.
- 22 pers – some will be done on Saturday.

Mary asked if requests for NB can be under them? Answer was No – if it is a team member it stays on that team.

- Lisa stated 1 nominee coming in for Yellowknife.

n) Team 6-AB/NWT - Diana Cole

- Sew days have started up again.
- They have an aboriginal vet coming to teach the star quilt.
- Lots of events upcoming.
- In need of some longarmers.

o) Team 7-MB-Nicole Young

- 5 new presenters including herself.
- They are conducting training and getting them familiar with the manual, website, etc...
- New members are getting up to speed in MB
- Believes mission statement does not depict actual eligibility.

p) Team 8-NB/PEI- Marty Forsythe – Absent

- Lynne provided some info: it has been a busy summer and sew days are back up.
- 11 presentations today
- Will be doing a display at a shop that will be participating in a shop-hop.
- Presentations are happening within a month of the nomination.

q) Team 9-NL-Lisa Compton

- Summer is busier with members who come home and have their quilts presented there with family.
- CBS Legion – having a Quilts of Valour retreat 3 day paid attendance and there will be QOVC sewing happening.
- Quilt show @ the legion the week before Remembrance Day.
- All is going well – very proud of the team!

r) Team 10-Quebec- Debra-Anne Lalonde-Gyorfi

- Need more people in Quebec – especially in certain areas. 1 close to Hamilton NB – may engage Lynne for that one.
- Husband and wife veteran duo on Magdalen Island – trying to find out more on where they could cover.

s) Team 11-PEI - Nancy Detweiler

- Interesting summer. PEI in May – met with some folks & did some presentations. Planned vacation in NFLD which was cancelled – did 5 days in PEI & presented on 4 of the 5 days.
- Presented lots with the presenter in Charlottetown & Summerside.
- Very productive trip – 22 quilts presented that week. Summerside caught up this week – the Legions and MFRC were very helpful.

t) Team 12-AB South – Lana Butcher

- the sew day prizes were much appreciated.
- Opportunity 2x per year to attend respect forums – lots of supports to come. Lana has attended 3 years now and knows a lot about the groups.
- 103 year old on the beaches @ Vimy – he speaks at events and they show quilts there.
- Lana stated that their take on the presentation pictures without faces (bum pictures) are being well received!
- 11 for 11 will come out tomorrow.
- Lana's challenge coins are coming – Lisa to send them out.

7. Quilt Canada update:

- It was a great turn out and our volunteer representation was wonderful.
- Sold \$24,126.91 during the week.
- Quilt Canada will be in Winnipeg next year – it may be a bit slower but we made enough this year to balance it out if that is the case.
- we will still be able to increase the presence there.

8. Legion Donations:

- Legion fund – no National money since COVID. Can local Legions donate? In May we became a Poppy fund charity (they can give up to 20%).
- Lynne will send the Legion letter to all again.

9. AGM – will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Date will be October 19th @ 1130 Ottawa time.

Old Business: none

New Business:

10. Mission Statement this topic was brought up for discussion and Lisa clarified that the Mission Statement is not the quilt criteria – it is in our constitution. It is what our charity status is based on.

- Vet feedback – yes for mental health which is hard to report.
- unsure – go to the FAQs – our Mission Statement isn't going to change.

11. RCMP – Kingston area – lots of members that served side by side with our military and they aren't eligible?

- There are other organizations that may be able to help with this with a 2000 pers wait list we cannot go outside our mandate.
- with the new contact Nancy made through this – may be able to find another avenue.
- Lisa to look through for the Mountie panel.
- Denise mentioned there is another group called the Valliant Heart in BC if another contact is needed.
- Lisa C. shared with the group that the information is out there for the Tour of Remembrance and that she will send the poster to Lisa S.

12. 20th Anniversary – Mary mentioned that our 10th Anniversary was big with the centennial also

- Mary asked if there are already some ideas: Quilt Panel / Pattern, etc...
- A video storybook? Some of the life members of the organization who can speak. Can we also get it to a news outlet?

Quilt Canada – we still need to try hard to grow the organization.

- we need to ensure we can cover the costs. Liz spoke about the recruiting aspect – this event helps us draw more people in.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Elizabeth Seamans, seconded by Debra-Ann Lalonde-Gyorfi. Motion carried.

Next B&E Meeting will be 13 November @ 1800 Ottawa time.