

WHITE ROCK ELKS 431

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

President, Geoffrey Chang called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and a business format was used.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Geoffrey Chang, (President), Tom Corless, Tony Crowther, Lois Duke, Jaki Gray, Leah McGovern, Andrew Pothier, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Ken Thibeault, Frank Walsh

Excused: Mary Harrington, John Hentschel, Emily McGovern

Members: 8

Guests: None

AGENDA - The Agenda was approved with the addition of two items under Good of the Order.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Lois Duke that the Minutes of the General Meeting of September 11th, 2018 be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - Tom read the following:

- Letter from the Elks Recreational Children's Camp Society of B.C. advising that Harris Wallis has resigned as Camp Coordinator for Camp Elkgrove. The Terms of Reference and duties were attached and anyone interested in this position should see Tom for information, and contact the B.C. Elks.

TREASURER'S REPORT - On behalf of John Hentschel, Ray Hunt presented the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30th, 2018.

Moved by Ray Hunt, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther that the Treasurer's report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Jaki read a notice from the National Elks entitled "Grow The Order in Elktober" (attached) and will circulate copies to members. This membership campaign is for the month of October and anyone signing up a new member will have their name entered for a draw for one of a number or regional and national prizes and the Grand Prize will be a round trip for two to the Grey Cup in Edmonton.

OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Ray Hunt advised that he has just noted that in the Rental Report in the Minutes of the General Meeting held on September 11th, 2018 it was reported that "... rentals are up 440% over last year". This figure should be 44%.

Ray Hunt advised that he has obtained three quotations for the fire alarm replacement. He has contacted the lowest bidder, Fraser Valley Fire Protection, and is requesting that the fire extinguishers be done at the same time.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - No report.

BAR COMMITTEE - There is a shortage of bar tenders and more volunteers are required. Anyone wishing to take on the role of Bar Manager, who is responsible for stocking the bar, and holding a bar meeting once a month, should contact Tom or Geoffrey. An email will be circulated to members.

Lois enquired if consideration is being given to hiring a contract bar tender and this matter will be put on the Agenda for the next Executive Meeting.

RENTALS COMMITTEE - Tom reported that there is no change in the rentals.

CHARITY COMMITTEE - Leah presented the Charity Committee Report (attached) and the Scholarship Guidelines dated October 9th, 2018 (attached). It was agreed that the donations made at the 60th Anniversary by lifetime member, Al Pradine, Florence Wall and LaVerne Hogg, as well as the Youth Group that used the multi purpose room, be earmarked for Scholarships.

Moved by Leah McGovern, **Seconded** by Graham Wilson that the Al Pradine Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 be awarded to a local student as defined in the Scholarship Guidelines. **Carried**

Moved by Ray Hunt, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther that the external donations be added to any donations from the Charity Account and used for Scholarships to be awarded to local students as defined in the Scholarship Guidelines and the students receiving the award be informed of the name(s) of the donors. **Carried**

Barbara volunteered to assist with reading the essays that applicants will submit. It was suggested that the current President and Chairperson of the Charity Committee present the scholarships in May 2019.

Moved by Leah McGovern, **Seconded** by Ray Hunt that donations of \$500 be made to the Union Gospel Mission, \$500 to the Air Cadets Squadron, \$1,500 to the White Rock/South Surrey Stroke Fund, \$1,000 to Alexandra House, \$1,500 to the White Rock Hospice, and \$50 for the Remembrance Day Wreath. **Carried**

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - Andrew Pothier presented his report (attached).

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - On behalf of Emily McGovern, Leah presented her report. Emily will be making a presentation at the next meeting about the Elks Facebook and Instagram accounts. Emily suggested that she feature an Elks member each month on Facebook by randomly picking a member and asking them basic questions about when they joined the Elks, what they like most, etc.

Moved by Leah McGovern, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther that Emily McGovern feature a member on Facebook each month. **Carried**

HISTORIAN - No report.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS - Lois reported on Al Edwards and Tom reported on Drew Magnassen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **B.C's New Societies Act**

Leah advised that she met with Geoffrey and reviewed the Constitution and there are a few minor grammatical amendments. She has emailed the lawyer and also spoken to him on the phone. Once the Constitution is submitted by the deadline of November 18th, 2018, apparently it is immediately accepted by the B.C. Government.

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Andrew Pothier, that the minor changes to the Constitution, as recommended by the Constitution Committee, be accepted and it be submitted to the B.C. Government by the deadline. **Carried**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. **Lodge** - Ray Hunt expressed how disturbed he is about what is currently happening in the lounge. Another lengthy discussion took place, with many suggestions being made, including forming an In House Committee to deal with issues in depth, only allowing non members to enter the lounge when they are signed in by a member and making the member responsible for non members, and establishing rules similar to the Legion where attendees are given one or two chances and then they are "out". Geoffrey advised that a meeting of Executives has been called on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 to discuss how to apply the silver rule and to formulate suspensions for violations.

Moved by Ray Hunt, **Seconded** by Lois Duke that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

2. **Thanks to R. J. Blackburn** - Geoffrey thanked R. J. Blackburn for his time and expertise in installing a DJ software Program on the Office laptop. A letter of thanks will be sent to him.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

MEETINGS

Executive Meeting - TBA

General Meeting - Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.