



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 10th, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

President, Leah McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Leah McGovern (President), Tom Corless, Senga Cowie, Tony Crowther, Ken Fraser, Jaki Gray, Emily McGovern, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Excused: Al Burns, David Deagnon

Absent: Marlene Friend, John Hentschel

Members: 10

AGENDA

Moved by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that the Agenda be approved after Correspondence. **Carried**

READING OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Don Alton that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on November 12th, 2019 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – Tom reported:

A Thank you card and letter from Alexandra House for the \$1,000 donation will be posted.

A visit from the Liquor Board Inspector on November 12th, 2019 resulted in a few changes, which he was pleased to see had been enacted when he attended the Bar Meeting on November 28th. These include:

- Drinks listed in ounces.
- Floor plan posted of where liquor can be consumed on the premises.
- Liquor licence posted by TV instead of behind bar.
- New bar menu will show that prices include all applicable taxes.
- Non members must be signed in at the time by a member, who must print their name and sign the book. It is essential that this is done to comply with the Private Club Liquor Licence and the inspector will be dropping in at odd times to check.
- Under the Private Club licence, children are allowed in the lounge until 10:00 p.m. as long as they are accompanied by their guardian and food (not chips) is being served. The cost of this licence is \$850.00 per year. A Liquor Primary Licence would significantly increase the cost and the rules would change.

AGENDA

Don Alton requested that the National Lodge be added under New Business.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Application: Jaki presented an application for membership from Tami Hanson.

Moved by Jaki Gray, **Seconded** by Lynda Judson that the membership application Tami Hanson be accepted by a show of hands and approved. **Carried**

Jaki explained that Ray Fynes has been giving Mandolin classes free of charge to Elks Members and charging \$10 per class to Non Members. The resulting funds of \$217.00 are being donated to the Elks Charities. Ray was thanked for this contributions.

OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – On behalf of Sherry, Bob reported that the Finance Committee is looking forward to the year end report so a more up to date and accurate Budget can be prepared. There will probably be changes as the report

was based on information provided prior to the increase in bar prices and on year-to-date rental income which included a rental that we no longer have. We will need to work with the Treasurer closely as there may be increases in costs that we are not aware of. We are awaiting a report from the Treasurer regarding the consolidation of some bank accounts as recommended by the Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – In Jim’s absence, Ray Francoeur reported on a leak in the bar sink, which should be fixed now. Once this is confirmed, the ceiling in the downstairs Handicapped bathroom will be repaired. The Fire Marshall has visited and a fire escape plan must be made, and a fire suppression inspection done. There is a problem with the Emergency sign light and, as the new battery did not fix the problem, a new emergency light panel will need to be installed.

BAR COMMITTEE – Leah has calculated that bar tenders volunteer 1352 hours per year and with 9 bar tenders this averages 150.22 hours per year per bar tender. She emphasized the importance of recruiting more bar tenders. The cost of taking the Serving It Right course on line is \$35 but starting in September, 2020 the Certificate will need to be renewed every five years.

CHARITY COMMITTEE – Leah reported that \$25,000 was donated in 2018 and in 2019 \$17,250 has been donated to Charities.

PUBLICITY – Emily encouraged members to wear an Elks themed Ugly Christmas Sweater on Friday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. Appies, prepared by Leah’s mother, will be served.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Tony advised that he has not received any response from his request for volunteers so he will need to approach members personally.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS – Senga reported on Joyce Hunt.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elk of the Year – Leah announced that Mary Fraser has been awarded the Elk of the Year for 2019 and will be presented with the plaque at the AGM.
2. AGM – January 14th, 2020 – Officer reports will be needed for the AGM.
3. Visit by President, B.C. Elks - Brenda Kay Heuer will be visiting on the General Meeting on February 11th, 2019 and Leah encouraged members to attend.
4. B.C. Region 3 Meeting – April 2020 – White Rock Elks will be hosting this meeting and the Executive and members of the Cloverdale, Aldergrove, Chilliwack and Langley Lodges will be invited to exchange their ideas concerning the issues facing Lodges today.
5. National Convention – July 15th – 17th, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan – The Convention has been announced on their web site and Leah is planning to attend.
6. National Lodge – Don expressed concern that the Minutes of the National Convention have not yet been published. Leah has emailed the Exalted Ruler and the Executive Director with no acknowledgement. In the National President’s message he expressed grave concern about the declining membership and tough decisions having to be made. Tom advised that the National Lodge has increased their fees for 2020 which means that only \$12.00 of membership fees will be retained by White Rock Elks. In response to a suggestion from Don, Tom advised that Membership Dues are continuing to be submitted quarterly to the National Elks.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Leah advised that the Elgin Park Secondary students will be playing tomorrow from 5:00 – 6:00.

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther, that \$100.0 be donated to provide pizzas. **Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

AGM and General Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (subsequently changed to **6:45 p.m.**)
Executive Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.