



**WHITE ROCK ELKS #431  
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 pm**

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm by Al Burns, President**

**Roll call: Executive: 5      Members: 20      Guests: 0**

**AGENDA:**            Approval of Agenda: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Carried: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Any additional items?**

**MINUTES:**            Previous Minutes for General Members Meeting held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_ Motion to Accept: Moved by Don Alton Seconded: Lynda Judson Carried:

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Al Burns read his report Welcoming everyone back from our Summer Recess. He outlined the Executives have been very busy during the Summer and Line Dancing is back due to Jaki's hard work, starting Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:15 pm. John Keller has been working hard and some of our long-term rentals are returning in September. We have updated our Shaw Internet Services thanks to Ray Francoeur. We renewed our Fire Insurance and paid our Taxes, thanks to Bob O'Keefe. We had plumbing problems which were resolved thanks to Gary Reitmeyer who also installed new lights at the front door. The Lodge is hoping to extend the bar hours starting later this month. A successful Hawaiian Night was held in downstairs Hall on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This required a lot of volunteers to decorate, manage, set up, take down and clean up. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible. Thanks to Shirley, Barbara and their team for organizing and decorating. Al mentioned the lodge and the lounge are two separate entities. The lodge does the business of the Elks. The lounge is where we gather as brothers and sisters to celebrate our good work and meet in fellowship. That is why members volunteer for the bar, meat draws and memberships draws. If we want to continue to have a lounge, we need proper decorum and manners at all times. No one is interested in volunteering to be bullied or harassed. Let's remember our motto: ELKS – Equality, Love, Kindness, Service! That is what we should be showing to one another. There was an incident in the bar that had to be dealt with during the Summer. This is very concerning to the executives. Our Volunteers must be treated with respect at all times.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**    **House Committee Report** – Al Burns reported on the Graham Wilson Incident, Reading necessary correspondence from meetings and both sides of the Incident and the Executive agreed on the House Committee recommendation of 90 days suspension from August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A Motion was put forth by Tom Corless to reduce the suspension from 90 days to 30 days. Seconded by Senga Cowie. Discussion took place with both parties sharing their stories. A Ballot was taken thanks to Willie, Jaki and Scrutineer's, Shirly and Kelley with 13 for 90 days and 9 for 30 days. Leo Moved the Ballots be destroyed. Don Seconded.

**Secretary**, Raywyn Erickson read a thank you letter from Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, thanking White Rock Elks #431 for their generous donation of \$1000.00 presented at the National Convention.

Also, Fraser Health worker, Jennifer sent a thank you email to Elks for the \$300.00 given for child's assessment recently and a big write up, which Judy posted to the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Sherry Baker prepared a report which Al Burns read.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Membership Director, Jaki Gray reported we now have 118 members (including ones still to be initiated.)

**Membership Applications:** 8 new members

**Member Initiations:** 5 new members to be initiated tonight.

Alice Berry

Barbara DeJong

Dale Harding - no show

Debbie Deighton

Mark Harrison – no show

Initiations were taken care of and 3 new members were installed by Al Burns.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

- 1. Building Maintenance Committee – Ray Francoeur** prepared a report which Al read.  
6 new tables were purchased bringing our complement up to 20.  
We are looking for ways for renters to leave keys on premises after their functions  
So rental person doesn't have to come to hall to collect them.  
Leak in keg cooler which was going into handicapped washroom on lower floor,  
was repaired, thanks to Gary Reitmeyer.  
Floor under glass washer remains in need of attention.\*\*\*  
Shaw ran a new wire for WIFI as signal was weak. Ram for office laptop approved,  
on hold to bring system up to standard if required.\*\*\*  
Issue of complying with building permits remains in limbo for now.  
Thanks to Bob O'Keefe for cleaning parkade and removing weeds from north side of building.  
Willie Tomnuk is looking into having new parking lot signs. He will bring estimates. \*\*\*
- 2. Hall Rentals – John Keller** – absent, no report. Al mentioned the Farmers Market are planning to come back in Winter on Sundays. John is negotiating with them. Question arose re weather (wet) damage to floors? Al commented on weighing the pros and cons knowing it has been questioned and considered.
- 3. Bar Report – Lynda Judson** – More Bartenders needed as we are opening more hours.  
Next Bar Committee Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- 4. Charity Committee – Bob O'Keefe** reported Recognition and thanks to Patrick Downey for his assistance in obtaining a \$1500.00 donation from Arbor Memorial.  
Application has been submitted for grant funding to Vancouver Foundation as part of the covid relief/resiliency fund program. Details to be advised when appropriate.  
Bob submitted a summary of donations/grants and expenses as at August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 advising a balance of \$4431.00 is available (\*attached). Not including gaming account or residual from entertainment or profits from Hawaiian Night.
- 5. Publicity – Judy Bowers** reported Newsletter and Website doing well and getting good reports.

6. **Entertainment Committee – Jaki Gray** reported ... Line Dancing starting Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Next Entertainment Committee Meeting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.  
August Bar take \$3,471.47.  
October Fest is planned for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> upstairs.  
Halloween is planned for Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> upstairs. Brandall Band is playing.  
She asked for a bigger Entertainment budget as they are playing longer and want more money now that things are picking up, we can get new Entertainers. Al will discuss this later with her.
7. **Chaplain – Cheryl Jorgensen** – absent – no report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Hawaiian Nite Success – Al reported Sherry will finish compiling all the figures, income and expenses upon her return for an accurate result.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Extended Bar Hours – Al mentioned opening hours at Elks Lounge.  
Wednesday and Thursday Bar opens 4:30-7:30pm.  
Don Mentioned Sunday's are under negotiation regarding times with Farmers Market downstairs 10-2 pm and Jam Sessions 3-5 pm. Upstairs, regarding Bar hours. He suggested a class prior to, or extending times for Jam Session and Bar Opening times ... to be confirmed  
Lynda suggested increasing the price of Clamato Juice.  
Al mentioned we still have Tuesday's and Saturday's available for events, and rentals.

**Kelly, the cleaning lady** requested she be informed in advance of bookings and times coming up so she can plan her cleaning, prior to and after events and not come in, as scheduled, to find functions going on and she cannot do the cleaning.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Tom Corless extended a Thank You to Executives and Members for showing democracy during the incident/meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 pm**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**                   **General Members Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Executive Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday September 27, 2022**