



**WHITE ROCK ELKS #431  
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, 7:00 pm February 21, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President, Al Burns called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**Roll call:** Executive   8   Members  24  Guests   4 

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**AGENDA:** Approval of Agenda:  
Any additional items?

**MINUTES:** Reading previous Minutes for the General Meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
**Motion to Accept: Moved** Drew Magnusson, **Seconded** Jaki Gray, **Carried**

**MEMBER INITIATIONS:** 6 New Members were initiated. PHOTO thanks to Jaki.  
Carol Stemler  
Lynda Moller  
Fiona MacDermid  
Susan Taylor  
Susan Frost  
Denis Biswanger  
\*\*\* (Bill Hennessy was not able to attend.)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Secretary, Raywyn Erickson Thank You letter from Canadian Red Cross for donation of \$500.  
Relief for Secretary, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> (5 meetings) while Raywyn is on a leave of absence for 9 weeks ... Thanks to Pat Anderson.  
Relief for Membership while Jaki and Elaine are away in May ...  
Thanks to David Dickinson.  
BC Elks Assn. letter re: BC Provincial Creating Momentum 2023 June 10 & 11 in Penticton, 50/50 tickets (Ray F) etc.  
Patrick Downey sent a letter of resignation as Chair for the Management Committee due to travel requirements of his work.  
We are looking for a new Management Committee Chairperson.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Sherry Baker \*Copy attached.  
Sherry reported that we are doing well but the figures overlap December due to circumstances and will be more accurate by the end of February.  
Questioned, she replied Hall Rental figures are high for January.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Membership Director, Jaki Gray  
Jaki reported as of February 21st, 120 members, 1 to be initiated.  
Thank you to Elaine Reitmayer for her help doing membership.

**PIN Night** will be Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 pm after Members Draw.

<b><u>5 Years</u></b>	<b><u>10 Years</u></b>	<b><u>15 Years</u></b>	<b><u>25 Years</u></b>
John Keller	Sonia Baron	Tony Crowther	Tom Farrell
Ingrid Keller	Jill Bilesky	Eileen Nehra	Gwenne Farrell

Leo Pederson

Heather Hebert

Bernadette Ohara

Drew Magnusson

John Hentschel

Sandy McKinnon

**Membership Applications:** Approval ¿??ASK AL/JAKI ... who does this?

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

- Maintenance Committee** – Ray Francoeur reported **New Locks**. Liquor Board requires a barrier. It is **keyed** to the master that opens the kitchen, bathrooms and electrical room. Minor Toilet repairs done. **Back Patio door** ... Committee is looking at replacing the metal screen door with something more substantial. **Lighting and Plugs** – The updated Hall is ready for use. New plug outlets were installed, etc. All members should take a look. The new lighting apparatus for the stage upstairs was installed, old light bars repurposed in a more useful position around the stage. Thank You to Gary Reitmayer.

**New Items** – We continue to update, repair and install new items to make the Lodge more presentable and rentable. Thanks to Jim Neilson and Bill McKay.

**Parking Lot** – we are going to start towing cars which do not appear to be members or those of guests. Judy will design Parking Cards to be placed face up on your dashboard if using the lot.

**Piping** – In 2020 the Hot Water piping under the floor in the lower hallway sprang a large leak. In order to get at the piping in the walls for connection, some walls had holes cut in them and are still there. Before we close them up, it might be worthwhile to investigate the cost of repiping the cold water through the crawl space as well. The Management Committee could look into this as a major expense.
- Charity and Fundraising Committee** – Bob O’Keefe (Absent) Judy Bowers read his report and circulated chart\*for 2023/4 Charities and Community.

**Highlights were:**

Following the pledge of donor funds from A Little Bud, I am now happy to report that we have a renewed commitment of donor funding from Westland Insurance and Prospera Credit Union. In addition, I have discussed with Mr. Kelly Breaks, the owner of Blue Frog for a few concert tickets, which when received, our plan will be to have those sold at a club or online function. Further details to be advised. Additional commitments for donor funding are now actively being pursued and we should have additional news to share in the coming weeks and months.

Make a Wish Foundation is a new Charity we would like to add this year. There are three children in White Rock with critical diseases that could benefit from our donation.

Tom Farrell requested if we could include Marine Rescue in Crescent Beach with a Charity Donation. (We used to support them in the past, e.g. \$200-500.00).

The Annual White Rock Elks Scholarship Program has been launched with three \$1000 this year. We encourage Elk Members' children or grand-children to apply. We will accept essay submissions from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our intention is to award the Scholarships early in May. Thank You to Stephen Crozier, Kathy Thornton and Stan Engstrom for joining our committee this year.

As of yesterday, our CNOY (Coldest Night of the Year) Team is currently ranked third in fundraising in the Surrey/White Rock area. Thanks to all team members, and Captain Stephen Crozier for organizing and committing efforts to this very worthwhile event. All funds raised are directed to Sources, our food bank. White Rock Elks have committed \$500 to the team as a measure of support. On a final note, members will be interested to know that as of now we have commitments and funds in hand totaling \$16,250.00 which will be used to support designated charities throughout the year ... THANK YOU!

Stephen Crozier reported on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) Walk, the Team, adding WR/SS was running 2<sup>nd</sup> across Canada, having raised \$2.5 million. Also, White Rock Elks has raised over \$7000.00 at present. His goal is \$8000.00. Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Walk.

3. **Entertainment Committee** – Jaki Gray:  
 YES, Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> there will be free entertainment.  
 Jaki reported Entertainers \$825.00, Tickets for 13<sup>th</sup> Party \$575.00, Bar \$2229.60,  
 Christmas tree Donations Dec./Jan. \$605.00, Bar \$1064.92;  
 Line Dancing started Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, averaging \$50.00 p.w.  
 Wed. Bar Lynne \$278.70, Leo \$318.77, Rob Canceled, Rough & Rocky \$162.05  
 Question arose regarding a TIP BOX (Donations) being put out for Wed. free Entertainers.
4. **Publicity** – Judy Bowers reported the Newsletter had 341 contacts, most engaged 169  
 116 members. Last email 81 opened. 71.7% Open rate which is above average.  
 Facebook had 82 followers. Website 79%. Google 4,160 Lots of people searching.  
 Emails to Members will go out on Tuesdays only, if there is news for members only.  
 If you want anything posted, let her know by Monday.  
 General Newsletter will be sent on Thursdays to all contacts in the Newsletter list, including  
 members. Let her know by Wednesday if you have an announcement.
5. **Sickness and Distress** – Cheryl Jorgensen (absent) Judy read Cheryl's report ...  
 a busy month, 14 visits, 25 hours visiting, flowers, lunches and baked goods.
6. **Hall Rentals** – John Keller reported we are doing well with regular rentals committing to more  
 dates. January was \$3399, February \$3543 with bookings for April, June and October \$3420.  
 Returning bookings Hilary April 1<sup>st</sup>, which was very successful last year. Seniors Expo will be  
 here on June 17<sup>th</sup> all day. June 10<sup>th</sup> all day rental, June 25 all day rental and October 28<sup>th</sup> all day  
 rental. Total for 2023 \$10,362 gives us a good start to the year. Our Goal is \$100,000.00!  
 He mentioned people had become members to use hall for regular business. This is not the case, it  
 is for personal celebrations, events, special occasions.  
**Motion:** Elk Members be allowed 2 Hall Rentals Downstairs  
 @ 50% discount, per year for personal, special events.  
**Moved:** John Keller, **Seconded:** Tom Farrell, 2 against... **Carried.**
7. **Bar Committee:** Debbie Deighton ... nothing to report.
8. Management Committee – Patrick Downey – resigned. No reports.
9. Historian ? We don't have one. (Ray F. was 2022)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hall Refurbishing. Al reported this has been done, repainted, updated electricals, etc.,  
 and invited everyone to take a look.  
 Volunteer hours 2022. Secretary will require a summary of all committee  
 team members volunteer hours for last year, 2022 to send to National Office.  
 Also, please keep track of your hours for 2023 as this is an annual report, we  
 need to take care of each year.  
 District 3 AGM will be held in Cloverdale at 11 am on Sunday, April 2 TBC, 2023.

**St. Patrick's Day:** Dinner and Dance, Door and Spot Prizes, etc. \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members,  
 Volunteers No Charge. Drink Ticket Sales. 4:30 Irish Music and Songs, Dinner,  
 Irish Stew, etc. Cut'n Dry band 7:30 to 10:30.

**Ukrainian D & D** on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with Ukrainian Community  
**Hawaiian Night** in August.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00 pm

**NEXT MEETINGS:** **General Members Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

**Executive Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**