

WHITE ROCK ELKS #431

1469 George Street, White Rock, BC
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Roll Call: Executives: 3 Members: 29+4=33 Guests: 1

AGENDA: *Change in order for Initiations and Installations*

Moved by: *Andrew Pothier* **Seconded** by: *Jaki Gray*
Carried: *Unanimous* **Opposed, if any:** *Nil*

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes for General Meeting, May 12th, 2022 as circulated:

Moved by: *Willie Tomnuk* **Seconded** by: *Ray Fynes*
Carried: *Unanimous* **Opposed, if any:** *Nil*

MEMBERSHIP INITIATIONS:

Ray Fracoeur: Opened the Bible
An initiation ceremony was performed by
Al Burns and Ray Francoeur, for:

Jim Westendorf
Gail McBride
Ken McBride
Stephen Crozier
Ken Reeves
Rene Ortel

They took their oaths and were welcomed to the lodge.
They were also offered a complimentary drink.

Willie Tomnuk: Closed the bible

SERVICE PINS: *Willie Tomnuk was presented with his 25 year Service Pin*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2022:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: PRESIDENT, Al Burns

Nominated by: Andrew Pothier **Seconded by:** Ray Francoeur
Any Nominations from the floor x 3? Hearing None. **Accepted.**

Nominations for 1st Vice: Ray Francoeur

Nominated by: Willie Tomnuk **Seconded by:** Raywyn Erickson
Ray declined saying he has served here before and new people are welcome!

Nomination for 1st Vice: Jaki Gray

Nominated by: John Keller **Seconded by:** Kathy Thornton
Any further nominations from the floor x 3 Hearing None. **Accepted.**

Nominations for 3rd Vice: Ray Francoeur

Nominated by: Sherry Baker **Seconded by:** John Keller
Any further nominations from the floor x 3. Hearing None. **Accepted.**

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVES: An installation of Officers was performed by Al Burns, President.

Sherry Baker, Treasurer

Raywyn Erickson, Secretary

Jaki Gray, 1st Vice President

Judy Bowers, 2nd Vice President

Ray Francoeur, 3rd Vice President

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Patrick Downey.

Patrick reported the matter is resolved completely.

Letter from Maggie Rogers: Al Burns read her letter.

Andrew Pothier shared his side of the experience.

After much discussion and hearing both sides of the story and consequences regarding the Elks Bar License,

All Visitors **must** sign in the guest book upon arrival.

Motion: Maggie Rogers suspension time be reduced to 3 months

from the date stated in the original letter to her.

Moved by: John Keller **Seconded by:** Susan Regan
For 20, Against 2, Abstained 8 **Motion Carried.**

Al Burns, President: We will notify her.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.
He didn't have anything to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sherry Baker reviewed the report attached. Total figures
for the Ukrainian Fundraiser are not complete as still monies coming in
but it is over \$26,500.00.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Elaine Reitmayer reported we have 108 members
(3 to be initiated + 2 more).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Maintenance:** Ray reported leak in Beer Keg drain to handicapped washroom overflow. Bucket placed there until it is fixed. New lighting on timer/Gary Reitmayer.
- 2. Bar:** Lynda asked for a mat for bar and a hand cart for moving Keg to Bar. She reported the figures for May.
- 3. Rentals:** John Keller reported Unity had rented for 4 weeks in June. AA Members are back. Tai Chi is back. Toastmasters once a month, Salsa twice a month and Dale monthly as needed. Wednesday 22nd a group of young Asian's are doing their annual fundraiser, (a project they carried on after leaving High School) from 5 – 9 all ... welcome. John requested a Bar Lock and needs Keys. Ray will take care of this. Attached are Rental incomes, including Kitchen.
- 4. Charity:** Bob O'Keefe reported on the Shredding Event, this Saturday and thanks to Shred-Wise and the Central Plaza for making this possible. Bob thanked Judy for her great job on posters and Ines (Realtor) for lending the Sandwich Boards for great visibility.

He read a Thank You Note from a Grade 12 student who received the Scholarship Award. Bob reported this was the 5th year of offering Scholarships and wants the program to continue and grow. Bob spoke of MP Finlay and MLA's combined project; the First Annual Senior Expo is being held at the Community Centre from 9-12 on Saturday June 25th 2022.

5. Publicity and Promotions: Judy reported we now have TAP available.

6. Chaplain: Cheryl asked for budget for flowers as more demand lately.

Motion: To provide a budget up to \$500.00.

Moved by: Sherry Baker **Seconded by:** John Keller **Carried.**

7. Entertainment: Jaki mentioned Rita Martin is giving up her Karaoke Machine etc., as she is moving on Friday and offered it to Elks. Al will talk to Bernie regarding this. Jaki reported the Entertainment bookings are done until mid August.

8. Ukrainian Fundraiser: Sherry reported this is an ongoing project, all the money is not going at once and they will be sending a wire transfer to each chosen organization in Ukraine.(?)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Security System Keys. John reported it is in progress. Floors not wood, sealed and treated. Next week quote plus Kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS: John Keller reported Leah, Past President (3 yrs.) who organizes Bunches of Lunches has requested to return to use the Elks Lodge Kitchen. (?)

Motion: Bunches of Lunches return to Elks.

Moved by: Judy Bowers **Seconded by:** Ray Francoeur **Carried.**

John Keller suggested pursuing new entertainment on Saturday Nights when Hall is not rented, different groups, younger members, that bring their own following and open to public and Elks Members with a \$75.00 charge for the Bar Staff. Discussion took place regarding issues that might arise and John reminded everyone of his commitment to Elks, values and property, etc.

Motion: To pursue new entertainment on Saturday nights when Hall is not rented.

Moved by: John Keller **Seconded by:** Ray Francoeur

Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons, experiences of the issues/incidents around the \$5.00 charges, plus paying entertainment, loss of revenue at the bar, etc. e.g. Unity Members, Salsa Members dropping in for a drink after their functions.

Motion: To eliminate \$5.00 charge

Moved by: John Keller **Seconded by:** Tony C.

Those in favour of Eliminating the \$5.00 Charge - 17

Those in favour of Maintaining the \$5.00 Charge - 7

Carried.

BC 93rd Annual Conference: Ray reported on the newly elected BC Officers and the Conference in general. Raywyn added comments regarding the Strategic Plan for Elks of Canada and how local lodges need to improve membership and revitalizing of Community awareness now that covid has left us to revitalize our members, activities and outreach within our communities and become more visible.

Motion: To send another delegate Raywyn Erickson to Nisku, Edmonton for National Convention held July 12th to 14th, 2022.
\$325.00 = \$200 towards travel expenses per person.

Moved by: Willie Tomnuk **Seconded by:** John Keller **Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday 19th, June ... Father's Day... there will be a dinner of Lasgna and Cake (after the Jam Session 3-5 pm) to celebrate Don's 88th Birthday. It is also Jaki's birthday. Please let Sherry know if you wish to attend for catering numbers.

GOOD OF ORDER: Senior Forum, W.R. Community Centre, Saturday June 25th
M P Finlay asked Bob for Elks Nominee for Queen's Jubilee, Platinum Award which Don Alton will receive on June 30th at Hazelmere Golf Course.

Meat Draws ... Tony Crowther advised that he and Al will no longer be available to do the Meat Draw after the end of June. They will train you ... not a big job. Pick up meat and do ticket sales and Stan does draws on Friday evening.

Al mentioned there are no meetings in July and August and it was suggested we plan a Hawaiian Night, late August. We have decorations and it was a huge success in the past.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING: Tuesday, 7 pm, September 13th, 2022