

## WHITE ROCK ELKS 431

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**PRESENTATION:** Emily McGovern presented a cheque for \$1,000.00 to Beth Kish, Executive Director, Peace Arch Hospice Society. Beth outlined the programs and services offered and described the new Supportive Care Centre that is being built. The Hospice is appreciative of the support given by the Elks.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** Lois introduced Kari Senko, Representative of Region 3 (Fraser Valley) and Secretary and Lounge Manager of Mission Lodge #30.

#### CALL TO ORDER

President, Lois Duke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and a business format was used.

#### ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Lois Duke (President), Geoffrey Chang, Tom Corless, Ray Fynes, John Hentschel, Andrew Pothier, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Excused: Tony Crowther, Ray Hunt, Frank Walsh

Absent: Stan Engstrom

Members: 16

Guests: 1

**PASSING OF A MEMBER:** A ceremony was performed for John Munro and an obituary was read by his son, .

#### READING OF THE MINUTES

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Geoffrey Chang that the Minutes of the General Meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Tom read the following correspondence:

- Letter of thanks for the donation of \$5,000.00 to the Royal Purple Fund for Children.
- Thank You Card from the White Rock South Surrey Stroke Recovery for the donation of \$
- Other notices, Thank You cards and Christmas Cards will be posted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - John Hentschel presented the Financial Statements dated November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Moved** by Ray Francoeur, **Seconded** by Graham Wilson that the Treasurer's report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Tom presented a membership application from Greg Wilson

**Moved** by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Geoffrey Chang that the membership application from Greg Wilson be voted on by a show of hands and be accepted. **Carried**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Committee Chairs were asked to present their proposals for 2018 and budgets before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - In Frank's absence Ray Francoeur advised that the cover for the bar, the flags and signage are all in progress.

**BAR COMMITTEE** - Jim Mackie reported on a meeting held with Coca Cola. He will arrange for them to supply standard soft drinks. There is no contract or commitment required by the Elks.

**RENTALS COMMITTEE** - Tom reported rental income has increased significantly. Rentals are now so busy in the hall, the multi purpose room, and the lounge that a spreadsheet has been developed which helps to keep the rentals organized. This will be posted behind the bar so that the bar tenders know what has been booked. Leah McGovern was thanked for developing the spreadsheet. The kitchen is also booked Monday to Friday each week.

**CHARITY COMMITTEE** - No report

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE** - Andrew Pothier presented his report - see attached.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** - Nothing to report. Ray Fynes thanked Emily for her work on publicity and congratulated her on her first poster, the New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance.

**HISTORIAN** - In Tony's absence, Barbara read his report concerning the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

"Due to budget restraints the original plans for a Gala have been shelved but the event is still expected to go ahead on a smaller scale, pending the decision of the incoming Executive next month and the Entertainment Committee." He thanked those who had agreed to volunteer for the event and asked any member needing more information to contact him.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS** - Lois reported on Ray Hunt, the death of member John Munro and the death of Heather Hebert's step son.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - November 18<sup>th</sup> 2017** - Lois reported that 48 people will be attending and dress will be business/casual.

**Moved** by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Graham Wilson that the fee of \$400 charged to the Peace Arch Hospital Aquarius Group for their linen sale on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs hall be donated back to them. **Carried**

Lois expressed appreciation to Sylvia from the Aquarius group who volunteered to decorate the hall for the volunteer dinner, which proved unnecessary, and lent some decorations.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther that \$1,000 to be donated to the White Rock Alexandra House on Vine Avenue. **Carried**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Ken Thibault that a donation of \$1,000 be made to the Peace Arch Hospice Society which will enable White Rock Elks information to be displayed on a 50" screen in the Hospice foyer. **Carried**

Leah advised that Emily would probably be able to produce a video which could be used for the Hospice and other events.

It was noted that a request from ALS was denied as they have access to grants from BC Gaming.

2. **B.C's New Societies Act - update** - Lois advised that a Quotation was received from De Jager Volkenant from Surrey for \$270, including taxes and disbursements. He has prepared the necessary documents for the BC Elks and Camps. Lois also left a message with Ken Westward (1480 Foster Street) and is expecting a call from Ross Fominoff (1548 Johnston Road).
3. **Cover for bar** - Ray Hunt has found a heavy plastic sheeting that would be suitable and as the cost is less than \$500, the Management Committee can purchase it.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Report on GER AND Dignitaries Visit - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017** - Lois reported that the visit by the GER and Dignitaries was very successful and Deb Sallenback complimented the White Rock Elks on their excellent ritual. Lois thanked all those involved and remarked that she was very proud to have been involved with such a dignified and respectful event.
2. **Grey Cup - November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017** - Al advised that doors will open at 2:00. He requested that people sign up so that John and Ingrid Keller can plan how much chili to make.
3. **Children's Christmas Party** - It was agreed that it is too late to hold a Children's Christmas Party in 2017. Consideration will be given to one in 2018 and either new props will be needed or a different format will be followed.
4. **Annual General Meeting - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - A reminder that Committee reports must please be submitted in writing prior to the AGM.
5. **Future Direction of White Rock Elks 431 Lodge** - Lois reported that Ray Hunt is compiling questions that will be sent to the membership seeking input about the future direction of the

White Rock Elks, e.g. What role does the membership want the Lodge to play in the community; should there be a focus on dances and entertainment; or should the focus be a small quiet Lodge?

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- The Entertainment Committee will be responsible for putting away event decorations.
- Lois thanked the volunteers who helped last month.
- In particular, Lois thanked those who assisted at Remembrance Day, in the parade, with laying the wreath, making and serving soup and chilli, the bar tenders, Marlene for her karaoke services, and the clean up crew.
- Lois thanked all involved with the GER meeting, including Tom and Ray Fynes for correspondence and publicity, Tony and Emily for taking photos, Emily for handing out the donation cheques, Ray Francoeur for filling in as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Stan, Andrew, Frank and Ray for the excellent ritual, Graham and Al for bartending, Leah for cleaning up, and Karen, the Kitchen Manager of Save On Foods for arranging the refreshments and attending the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

### **MEETINGS**

Executive Meeting - TBA

General Meeting - Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.