



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Al Burns, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Executives: 6 Members: 7 Guest: 2

PASSING OF A MEMBER: A ceremony was performed for Willie Tomnuk.

AGENDA: Motion to Accept Agenda

Moved: John Keller **Seconded:** Kelly McKay **Carried**

MINUTES: Reading previous Minutes for the General Meeting held on April 11, 2023.

Motion to Accept: **Moved:** Sherry Baker **Seconded:** Ingrid Keller **Carried**

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

An Initiation ceremony was performed for Maggie Chapman and Warrin Nunney and they were welcomed to the Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE: Acting Secretary, Barbara Andrews:

1. Letter from Kevan McBeth, National Executive Director, Elks of Canada dated March 20, 2023 regarding the National Convention. It is being held virtually this year on July 15 and 16, 2023, and any Lodges wishing to hold “Convention group gatherings” must notify him at kmcbeth@elksofcanada.ca or by phoning 306-529-1209.
2. Letter from Leonard Shain, Grand Exalted Ruler, advising that a new Elks of Canada logo has not yet been approved. The logo that has been presented is for consideration only and any proposed logo will be presented at the National Convention and voted on by the membership. Feedback is vital and he urged members to go to the website www.elksofcanada.ca, visit the Membership Portal (password is “elksproud”) and select New Logo Member Survey Tab.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sherry Baker presented the Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2023. She reported that for the period January 1 – April 30th, 2023 the net income is \$4,448.14. The Variance Report (last page of the financials) shows that the Actual amounts and the Budgeted amounts are very close on all the accounts. Any questions, please email treasurer@whiterockelks.ca

Motion to accept: **Moved** by John Keller **Seconded** by Bob O’Keefe **Carried**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: – In Jaki Gray’s absence, Kelly McKay reported that the Cinco de Mayo event on May 5th 2023 was very successful and Ines Quiroga gave an excellent performance with stunning costumes.

Motion to accept: **Moved** by Rae Williamson **Seconded** by Wes Williamson **Carried**

OFFICER REPORTS:

1. Maintenance Committee – Ray Francoeur reported as follows:

Generally, things are running well, with a few hiccups. Keys for dumpster, container, garbage container and toilet roll holders went missing. New padlock, and keys for the dumpster, padlock and container have been replaced. Still working on the toilet paper holder keys.

It is time for annual fire inspection. First estimate received is \$1000 and still awaiting word from other contractor. As well, the stove filter will need to be cleaned, which will cost another \$500 approx. If the fire inspection is done before my return in two weeks, make sure to coordinate the day with the elevator mechanic.

The toilets continue to give us trouble and it may be time to replace those in lower hall. As I will be away contact Jim Neilsen or Bill McKay if issues arise during this time.

Odd jobs to be tackled:

1. Washing the back porch, including washing out or vacuuming out the eavestrough.
2. Servicing the ice maker.
3. Getting the BBQ's in shape for July 1.
4. Taking the used freezers in container to Surrey recycle-or donating them to a family that can use them. **RAY WAS ADVISED THAT THESE FREEZERS ARE STILL NEEDED BY THE ELKS.**
5. The hedges along driveway need a trim – a small job but necessary.

A big thanks to President AL Burns who has done a lot of work around the hall, including getting rid of unwanted items. Also to Bill McKay for the front door adjustment, and Jim Neilsen for handling the elevator issues.

Ray gave special mention to Willie Tomnuk for all his help with the building, work at Camp Elkgrove and just being a really good Elk these past 10 years.

If someone is interested in doing odd jobs, or just helping out with the building, let Ray know.

Ingrid enquired about a wobbly toilet in the ladies bathroom. Ray explained the difficulties with the configuration of the toilets. Bill will endeavour to repair it and if this is not possible then consideration will be given to new toilets.

2. Charity and Fundraising Committee – Bob O Keefe provided an update from the Charity/Fundraising committee.

The two events that we would like to bring to your attention are the Awards Ceremony taking place this Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Three students successfully submitted their essays. Students and families will attend to receive their Scholarship checks. Also, we are now in the final planning stages for our community Shred event for May 20th, 2023 at Central Plaza. Please continue to get the word out and ensure you have posted this event on the community boards in your Strata, etc.

Also on Friday night we will have a number of the White Rock Youth Ambassadors in attendance, as well as their leader Iona Welder, and we will be presenting our Donation check to them at this time. This

is an excellent opportunity for members to witness the result of some of our activities. We would encourage as many members as possible to be present on Friday night to observe these presentations.

We are anticipating that our annual Grant from the City of White Rock will be awarded shortly. No other corporate fundraising has taken place during this time. We have however been successful in selling two Corporate tables at the Ukranian Dinner/Dance on May 27th, 2023. We have been given a few attractive gifts for the silent auction which will be held during this event..

We are on target to have donation funds of \$25,000 to be awarded by the end of the year to our designated charities and this has been impressively supported by the continual flow of funds being raised through the Friday night meat draws.

Please continue to shop at Nature's Fare. The donation box to receive receipts is at the entrance to the lounge. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to hand their receipts to you.

Bob also gave appreciation for all the work Willie Tomnuk did for the White Rock Elks.

3. Entertainment Committee – No report

4. Publicity and Promotions – Judy Bowers reported as follows:

Everyone born between 1946 and 1964 is considered a Baby Boomer. Economists have called the Baby Boomer generation, a pig in a python, meaning that they created a huge bulge in the economic timeline from birth to death. Every generation after Baby Boomers was born into technology. They don't know a time when there was no technology.

Some years ago, I saw a movie of a woman who worked many years for the same company. She was telling her adult daughter that the company was insisting that she convert from a manual typewriter to an electronic typewriter and she was proud to say she flat out refused. The next day she was home and when her daughter asked her why she was not at work the mother explained, tearfully, that she was fired from her long time job and the reason given, she was "resistant to change".

For some reason that phrase impacted me and I never forgot it.

RESISTANT TO CHANGE

I realized that it's futile to resist change. Change is the only constant we have in life. No one is trying to force change on anyone. It's just a fact of evolving life.

My mission here at the Elks is to be of value and to add to the quality of life for children through the Elks Charities.

And that's why I do what I do!

Cheryl suggested that the Elks take advantage of the ongoing community date book listing in the PAN which is free advertising.

Bob is taking posters around to community notice boards for the Shred It event and will also put up the Ukraine Dinner and Dance posters.

5. Sickness and Distress – Cheryl Jorgensen reported as follows for the month of April:

Cards were sent to: Ken McBride
The Tomnuk family

Visits were made to: Don Alton in Emergency at Peace Arch Hospital
Joyce Hunt at Melville House Extended Care
Willie Tomnuk at home
Senga Cowie at home 4 times (April 3, 9, 10 and 24)
and 4 times at Peace Arch Hospital

Phone calls were made to: Willie Tomnuk (2)
Don Alton

6. Hall Rental Committee – John Keller advised that he anticipates that next month will be much busier than this month for hall rentals as he has been receiving many enquiries. A ticketed concert is being held in the upstairs lounge on May 27th, the same night as the Ukraine Dinner.

7. Bar Committee – no report

8. Management Committee – no report

9. Historian – Markus Harrison was absent.

Bob O’Keefe praised Judy for the large amount of photos on the web site that shows all the work that the Elks have done in the community in the past and that we should be proud of the Elks’ heritage. Judy advised that Tony Crowther had given her a great many of the photos.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. As requested, a letter has been sent to John Hentschel addressing his concerns.
2. As reported in the Maintenance Committee Report, the washrooms downstairs are being repaired.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - Awards Night: Scholarship recipients and White Rock Youth Ambassadors will attend on Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge.
 - Mother’s Day Breakfast: Sunday May 14th, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Downstairs Hall.
 - Shredding Fundraiser: May 20th, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Central Plaza

Al asked if anyone had a truck that could be used from 9:00 to 2:30 to deliver the canopy, tables and chairs, cash register, etc. to the Central Plaza and Warrin Nunney offered his truck, which was gratefully accepted.

- Ukrainian Dinner and Dance: Children of Ukraine singing and dancing, and Silent Auction, May 27th, 2023, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., Downstairs Hall

40 tickets have been sold so far at \$50 each. Discussion took place on putting an additional advertisement in the PAN but the cost is approx. \$250.

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- Canada Day celebration: July 1, 2023, Downstairs Hall. Approx. 3:00 – 9:00 BBQ, potato salad, deserts. Entrance will be free but there will be a charge for food. Entertainment by Brandall, Downstairs Hall.

4. B.C. Conference: Penticton, June 10-11, 2023

Three delegates have signed up: Ray Francoeur, Kelly and Bill McKay. It was subsequently confirmed that Raywyn has another commitment.

NEW BUSINESS: – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER: – None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: General Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023
 Executive Meeting: 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023