



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431  
GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Leah McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**In Attendance:** Leah McGovern (President), Al Burns, Tom Corless, Senga Cowie, Tony Crowther, David Deagnon, Marlene Friend, Ken Fraser, Emily McGovern, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

**Excused:** Jaki Gray and John Hentschel

**Members:** 9

**Visitors:** 2

**PASSING OF A MEMBER** A ceremony was performed for Ruth Allard, the first female Exalted Ruler of the White Rock Elks #431 Lodge.

**AGENDA**

**Moved** by Al Burns, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by David Deagnon that the Minutes of the General Meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Tom read out the following correspondence:

1. Registration Forms have been received for the B.C. Conference to be held in Prince George on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Two delegates will be given financial assistance with registration for two, mileage and hotel for three nights. The criteria for delegates is that they must have attended three meetings in 2018 and volunteered at the Lodge. Please let Tom know if you wish to attend.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Don Alton that a full page ad be taken out for the Conference Brochure at a cost of \$100.00. **Carried**

2. Conference Packages have been received for the National Convention to be held in Gander, Newfoundland on July 17th to 19th, 2019. The Executive will decide on the Budget to be allocated.

**Moved** by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that a full page ad be taken out for the Convention Brochure at a cost of \$300.00. **Carried**

3. Thank you letter from the B.C. Family Hearing Resource Society for our donation of \$2,000.
4. Thank you letter from the SOS Children's Village for our donation of \$1,500.
5. A new system has been implemented by the Elks of Canada for submitting Membership Dues. An invoice has been received for \$5,593.56 that is based on the membership numbers in December 2018 (85 regular, 18 family and 2 life members). The invoice does not need to be paid until April 31st, 2019 and in the meantime adjustments will be made as the actual membership numbers are determined by March 31st.
6. Sports Pins have been received from National Elks. Anyone wishing to buy one is entered into a draw (first prize, \$500, 2nd prize \$300 and 3rd prize \$200) which is done at the Convention. In any event, the Lodge has to pay \$50 for the pins. Please let Tom know if you would like any pins.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Membership Applications:**

**Moved** by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Al Burns that the membership applications be accepted by a show of hands. **Carried**

Applications were read out for Sherry Baker, Barbara Diett, Dixie Schultz and Bryan Tepper.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that the membership applications be approved. **Carried**

### **Membership Initiations:**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Senga Cowie that the initiations for Barbara Diett and Bryan Tepper be conducted this evening. **Carried**

An Initiation ceremony was performed for Barbara Diette, Donna Pye and Bryan Tepper and they were welcomed to the Lodge.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – No report

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – David Deagnon reported as follows:

- Ken is doing a wonderful job as Bar Manager and has produced a very useful Manual for bar tenders.
- Rentals continue to do well.
- The glass on the bottom shelf behind the bar is going to be replaced.
- New taps have been put in the Kitchen.
- The leaking faucet in the downstairs Handicapped bathroom will be repaired.
- David thanked the volunteers, particularly Ray Francoeur for his plumbing skills. Anyone wishing to volunteer a few hours periodically to please contact David at 604-900-1585 or [ddeagnon@outlook.com](mailto:ddeagnon@outlook.com).

**CHARITY COMMITTEE** – Al Burns reported that two Scholarship applications have been received and will be reviewed.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE** – Mary Fraser reported as follows:

- The Robbie Burns event was sold out and the profit was \$649.48.
- The Valentine's Dance resulted in a profit of \$601.00.
- St. Patrick's Day tickets are on sale, \$10 for members and \$20 for non members, with Irish Stew for dinner plus desert.
- Other events throughout the year are being planned.

**Moved** by Mary Fraser, **Seconded** by Senga Cowie that two new trolleys and a footstool for the kitchen be purchased. **Carried**

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Tony Crowther that a Social Committee be formed, with a Budget of \$2,000 for the year 2019. **Carried**

Marlene Friend, Chair of the Social Committee reported as follows:

- Members of the Committee will be Sandra Edwards, Laura Mackie, Donna Pye, Bernadette O’Hara, Maggie Rogers and Stephanie.
- Five events will be organized for members only during the year. Members’ spouses, who are non members, will be charged a fee depending on the expenses involved with the individual event.
- Saturday, March 30th, 7:00 – 10:00 - Cheese and Wine, with a sommeliere, and a travel presentation by Tony Crowther. Cost for non-member spouses is \$10.
- Tuesday, May 28th - Movie night
- Sunday, August 18th – BBQ
- Monday, October 21st – Possibly bingo?
- Saturday, December 14th – Masquerade Dance
- When invitations are sent out using the Newsletter an RSVP (yes or no) will be requested so that numbers are known.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** – Emily gave a presentation of the new website. The Minutes will be posted (the Password is Elks2019) as well as the Constitution. Members were asked to send Emily photos of events for Facebook and the web site. Emily was thanked for her hard work in creating this exciting new website.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS** – Senga requested that she please be advised if any members, or non members who are regular attendees, are sick or are having surgery, etc.

**Celebration of Life for Ruth Allard** – Tom advised that a Celebration of Life will be held for Ruth Allard on March 23rd from 1:00–4:00. The Celebration will be downstairs, followed by refreshments in the Lounge.

**HISTORIAN** – Tony reported that he will be working with Emily on posting historical photos on the web site, including the 60th Anniversary.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **B.C. New Societies Act** – Tom advised that the White Rock Elks 431 is now registered with the B.C. Societies Act for 2018 and 2019.
2. **B.C. Conference** – See Correspondence. Please let Tom know if you would like to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Newsletter** - Leah asked for feedback on the Newsletter and advised it is a powerful tool which gives information on how many people have viewed it, etc. Some members’ email addresses are no longer in service and members are asked to provide new contact information. She also asked members to let her know if they have anything they would like to share with others members in the newsletter. Leah was thanked for the excellent work she has done on the Newsletter.
2. **Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – Al Burns requested 10 volunteers (3 cooks, 3 servers, 1 cashier and 3 for clean up) and he will put a sign up sheet on the Notice Board. The Youth Ambassadors will also be asked to help.

3. **Volunteers for Partnership Roles** – Leah explained that the Committee Chairs do an extraordinary amount of work at the Elks and she is hoping that partnership roles can be formed for members to be trained and assist with the workload and responsibilities, e.g. Rentals, Treasurer, Membership, etc. She requested that consideration be given to this ideas and anyone wishing to volunteer to let her know.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Tom advised that Ruth Allard’s son, Tim and daughter in law Louise, are planning to provide a memorial for Ruth.
- Senga thanked those who looked after Ruth particularly Mary Fraser, Sydney Thomson and Jim Mackie.  
Ruth was the 1<sup>st</sup> female Exalted Ruler and there was an article in the Peace Arch News that Emily will try to obtain.
- The sweater donated by Al Purdine will be sold with the proceeds being used for Elks’ charities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

**General Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Executive Meeting:** Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.