



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431
EXECUTIVE MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 30th, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

President Leah McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Leah McGovern (President), Tom Corless, Senga Cowie, Tony Crowther (7:45 p.m.), David Deagnon, Ken Fraser, Marlene Friend (7:15 p.m.), Jaki Gray, John Hentschel, Emily McGovern, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Excused: Al Burns

Members: None

AGENDA – The Agenda was accepted as amended.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by David Deagnon that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of January 15th, 2019 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – Tom read the following Correspondence:

- Invitation to the 907 Black Knights Squadron Air Cadets Awards dinner on May 29th, 2019. David Deagnon will attend.
- Letter from the B.C. Hearing Resource Centre announcing the Walk for Bright Futures will be held at Campbell Valley Park on Sunday, May 26th. Pledge at www.bcfamilyhearing.com or join the “White Rock Elks” team led by Leah, with a goal of \$300.00.
- Other correspondence, including Quarterly newsletter from the National Elks will be posted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – John advised that the Financial Statements will be available at the General Meeting. He gave an overview of the current cash flow and the anticipated financial status of the Lodge after possible anticipated expenses. Following his report, a discussion took place. For ease of reporting the comments are included in brackets after the items.

- Currently there is \$89,384 in the Lounge Account.
- \$15,000 needs to be transferred to the Charity Account (Leah pointed out that several donations have not yet been voted on).
- Insurance for Executive and Liability is \$10,000.
- The lease on the building states that there is an obligation to keep the property in good order, and it is important that this is done. Work is required on the paving in the car park that could cost \$30,000-\$40,000. (David advised that bids are being sought, but if it was decided to only fill the potholes, the cost would be considerably less).
- There is a problem with water leaking in the elevator and according to the Metro technician it is becoming worse. This could cost \$5,00 to repair. (David believes that ice may have got under the flashing and the winter storms could have caused leakage. Ken will go on the roof in the week or so to look, and the only cost may be a tube of caulking.)
- The kitchen stove may need to be replaced.
- The building is quite old and it is not known what future repairs will cost.

- After the expenses listed above are paid, the Lounge Account could be as low as \$32,000, and John expressed concern with the cash flow as the bar takings are less. (Tom pointed out that the rental income is assisting cash flow and income was \$63,000 in 2018. John confirmed that \$21,000 has been earned so far in 2019.)
- Should a decision be made to purchase the building at a cost of \$1.00, the property transfer tax and legal fees could possibly be \$100,000, which John advised could be taken from the GIC of \$124,000. The Lodge would only have two parking spaces but there could be a financial gain from the remaining nine spaces.

Finance Committee Report: Leah advised that the Finance Committee, headed by Sherry Baker, with members Bob O’Keefe, Mike Boerner and John Hentschel as Advisor has met. In light of the Lodge being in the prime development area, the Committee reviewed the report presented in 2018 by James Wood and presented a report on the lease and the option to purchase.

MOVED by John Hentschel, **SECONDED** by David Deagnon that a written legal opinion be sought to confirm the terms of the lease agreement and that the White Rock Elks Lodge 431 has the first right of refusal to purchase the building. **CARRIED**

John emphasized that as Treasurer it is his responsibility to bring these financial matters to the attention of the Executive. Leah thanked him for his hard work.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jaki advised that there will several membership applications and initiations at the General Meeting on May 14th, 2019.

Pin Night: Following discussion, it was agreed that Pin Night will be at the May 14th General Meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – See above

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – David Deagnon presented his resignation from the Management Committee with regrets due to health issues. Leah thanked him for all his hard work.

CHARITY COMMITTEE – A donation of \$4,000 p.a. has been given to the B.C. Elks Children’s Camps. However, in light of the motion being presented at the B.C. Conference to disband the camps, and depending on the decision made, the Charity Committee will review this donation in 2020. When the camps were first established they were intended for children who would otherwise be unable to go to camps, so the Mandate of the Children’s Camps Society is that they are free of charge to campers using the facilities and the cost is subsidized by the B.C. Elks Lodges. Over time this has changed and it now appears that some groups are using the Camps for free and charging individual campers.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE – Tickets are on sale for Elvis impersonator, Steve Elliot on May 25th at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30) Tickets are \$20.00 with \$3.00 per ticket to the Elks.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Movie Night will be on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 6:30 (not May 28th as previously announced). “Grease” will be played and popcorn served. Wear comfy attire. On October 22nd, masks for the Masquerade Dance being held on December 14th will be decorated. Decorations will be provided but please bring any feathers, sparkles and glue.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE – Emily explained how Facebook ads work and the “pay per day package” fees, but feels that for the time being there is no need to use them.

Marlene asked if the PAN ad could include a Thank You to donors of the donations given at the Wine and Cheese party, including their company logos. Leah agreed and it will also be put on Social Media the website and Newsletter.

Leah advised that Dave Chesney has changed the website link on the White Rock Sun and is not charging the Elks for this ad.

It was mentioned that in the past a team of volunteers put posters of events up in stores, public places, condo buildings etc., which was very successful. Emily would need to know how many posters to print.

HISTORIAN – No report

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS – Senga reported on Mary Harrington and Joyce Hunt. The celebration of life for Adel Schimmele will be held on May 11th, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the downstairs hall and refreshments served upstairs afterwards. RIP Adel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Delegates for B.C. Conference** – No-one has applied to go to the B.C. Conference.
2. **Delegates for National Convention** – It was agreed that any qualified member wishing to attend would have their registration and three night's accommodation paid for (\$800).
3. **Customer Display Screen on Bar Cash Register** – Leah advised she has contact Acupause and there are two possible ways, one wireless using an android tablet and one using a plug in POS system.

MOVED by Jaki Gray, **SECONDED** by Senga Cowie that a Customer Display Screen be put on the bar cash register at a cost of approximately \$350. **Defeated.**

The motion will be brought to the membership at the General Meeting on May 14th, 2019 and it will be noted the majority of the Executive did not support the motion.

4. **Scholarships** – Scholarships will be presented to Paulina Flores and Abhishek Chopra at the General Meeting on May 14th, 2019. Al Pradine and Florence Wall, who donated the scholarships, will be invited as well as the recipients' families. Emily will be the photographer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Wednesday Entertainment** - Leah requested a volunteer to be the Coordinator for the Wednesday Entertainment. The Entertainment could take the form of Music Trivia, Musical Bingo, or an Open Mike. Dennis Peterson is leading a successful Open Mike at the Pelican rouge on Saturdays and charges \$100. Marlene is unable to commit permanently as she has a gig on Wednesday evenings but she kindly offered to do music trivia on Wednesdays until a more permanent solution is found.
2. **Cover Charge for Non Members** – A discussion took place on the need to charge non members on days where there is entertainment, jams or karaoke. The problem is having someone collect the money and knowing who are members and non members. It was pointed out that originally it was designed that the Lodge and its facilities was for the use of members plus one guest. Gradually over time the Lodge has become open to the public. Having a cover charge may mean that more people will become members but there is little financial gain as the majority of the fees go to National Elks, so it important that people who join are willing to volunteer.

MOVED by David Deagon, **SECONDED** by Jaki Gray that a cover charge of a minimum of \$2.00 be implemented to non members when there are events, such as Wednesday entertainment, Jams and Karaoke. **Carried**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Senga thanked Mary Fraser for the flowers on the lounge tables.
- David thanked Ray Francoeur who is at the Lodge every day doing maintenance and other work.

- Leah thanked Ray Hunt for arranging to have someone do the kitchen countertops and assisting.
- Tom thanked Ken Fraser for picking up the meat and also for helping with maintenance.
- David advised that a work crew is needed to clean the downstairs tables that have been left dirty in time for Mother's Day breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting: TBA