

# WHITE ROCK ELKS 431

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER

President, Geoffrey Chang called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and a business format was used.

### ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Geoffrey Chang, (President), Tom Corless, Tony Crowther, Lois Duke, Mary Harrington, Andrew Pothier, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Ken Thibeault

Excused: Jaki Gray, John Hentschel, Emily McGovern, Leah McGovern, Mary Harrington, Frank Walsh

Members: 10

Guests: None

AGENDA - The Agenda was approved with the addition of:

1. New Business - New Societies Act
2. Good of the Order - Marlet Magnusson

### READING OF THE MINUTES

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Lois Duke that the Minutes of the General Meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - Tom reported that a written complaint has been received today which will be referred to the Executive.

TREASURER'S REPORT - On behalf of John Hentschel, Ray Hunt presented the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Andrew Pothier that the Treasurer's report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - None

### OFFICER REPORTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Ray Francoeur advised that he had requested the Executive to update the signing authorities at the Bank but a decision has been made to wait until the new Executive is installed after the AGM in January 2019.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - Ray Francoeur presented his report (attached). He advised that quotations are being sought for the fire alarm panel which must be replaced. The volunteers that assisted in today's clean-up were thanked and included Lois, Tony, Tom, Ray Francoeur, Al Burns, Walter Ramsey, Marty Ahad, and Jim Neilson. The hall and the outside of the building are clean. Other items that need to be done are replacing washers, perhaps replacing the kitchen floor and the ice room floor, and giving consideration to replacing one gas stove with electric. The new chairs are now in the lounge and all the old chairs have gone.

**BAR COMMITTEE** – In Jim Mackie's absence, Tom reported that the large cans of Budweiser have finally arrived after being on order for six weeks. The deliveries by Sleeman's have been sorted out by Tom. The deliveries on Friday are not a problem and the driver on Wednesdays now has the contact list.

**RENTALS COMMITTEE** – Tom reported that rentals are up 440% over last year.

**CHARITY COMMITTEE** – In Leah's absence, Al Burns presented the report (attached). The Scholarship Guidelines will be prepared when Leah returns from vacation and the focus will be on students from the three South Surrey secondary schools and graduates of the Hearing Resource Centre. Consideration will also be given to the donations from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE** – Andrew Pothier presented his report (attached). A discussion took place on New Year's Eve celebrations. It was decided that the afternoon celebration will use fold up tables on the dance floor area so as to leave the regular tables set up for the evening event, which will probably start at 7:00. The Committee was asked to give consideration to plans for Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** – No report.

**HISTORIAN** – No report.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS** – Mary reported on Ruth Allard and Lois reported on Al Edwards, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, National Elks.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. B.C's New Societies Act

Ray Francoeur presented his Constitution Committee report (attached). Geoffrey advised that when Leah is back a meeting will be set up to finish it. Lois expressed concern about the November deadline.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Initiation Vow

The President said that it concerned him greatly that there has been uncivil behaviour in the lounge as it has a big impact on the standing of our Lounge and this can quickly diminish our prestige. At our initiation we all solemnly swore "I will maintain due respect for the authority in this Lodge and its Officers." The President asked everyone to take a minute to reflect on this vow and to think about how each of us can maintain our honour as an Elk, being harmonious and congenial.

The President advised that the Executive has suggested that an In House Committee be formed to deal with issues that arise and he asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee.

A discussion took place on the protocols of the lounge, harassment and abuse, and penalties for members and non members. The Penalties section of the Constitution was quoted. The President urged Members to respect one another.

2. **Hot Dog Machine**

Geoffrey thanked Al Burns, Tony Crowther and Andrew Pothier for this initiative and their hard work in getting this machine so that food can be served in the lounge. Tony presented his report (attached).

3. **Children's Xmas Party**

It was agreed that the Children's Christmas Parties would no longer be held.

4. **Pig Roast**

It was agreed that there would not be a Pig Roast in 2018.

5. **Storage Container**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Don Alton that the Children's Xmas Party decorations be disposed of. **Carried**

It was noted that the decorations are in bad shape and would not be able to be used again.

6. **Raising Other Flags**

Lois quoted Section 14 of the Constitution which states that the only flag that can be raised, apart from the Elks' flags, is the National Children's Fund flag. It was noted that when the Pride flag was raised this year permission was sought and given by National.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Andrew Pothier that other flags are not raised at the Elks Lodge 431. **Carried** (Opposed: Senga Cowie)

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. **Donation of Golf Sweater by Al Pradine**

It was decided that the Entertainment Committee will auction the Golf Sweater at an event.

2. **Marlet Magnassen**

Tom provided a Sickness report on Marlet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

Executive Meeting - TBA

General Meeting - Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.