

# WHITE ROCK ELKS 431

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER

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

**ROLL CALL** - on behalf of Frank Walsh, Don Alton acted as Sergeant at Arms:

**In Attendance:** Andrew Pothier (Vice President), Tom Corless, Tony Crowther, Lois Duke, Mary Harrington, John Hentschel, Leah McGovern,

**Excused:** Geoffrey Chang (President), Jaki Gray, Emily McGovern, Ken Thibeault, Frank Walsh

**Members:** 17

**Guests:** 5

### READING OF THE MINUTES

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Senga Cowie that the Minutes of the General Meeting of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Tom read out the following correspondence and advised that notices will be posted on the board.

- Letter from Region 3 regarding the discontinuation of annual meetings. This will be discussed under New Business.
- Notice regarding B.C. Elks 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference to be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sidney. This will be discussed under New Business.
- Thank you card from the White Rock Alexandra House Youth Space for the donation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - John Hentschel presented the Financial Statements dated February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - In Jaki Gray's absence, Tom Corless advised that there will be an Initiation Ceremony for all candidates except Greg Wilson who is unable to attend this evening.

**Initiations:** An initiation ceremony was performed for Alan Charleston, Patrick Downey, Sandy Lloyd Smith, Jim Neilson and Bob O'Keefe and they were welcomed to the Lodge.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Ray Hunt reported that a meeting had not yet been held this year.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - Ray Francoeur presented his report (attached).

- Al Burns advised that he will be going to the Flag Shop to purchase 3' x 5' flags.
- The large screen is no longer squeaking.

- With regard to building insurance, Ray advised that an appraisal is only required if White Rock Elks want to increase the insurance. The building replacement cost is currently at almost \$800,000. The Finance Committee will look into this further.

**BAR COMMITTEE** – Jim Mackie explained his position regarding complementary drinks at the Robbie Burns event which was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018. He thanked all the hard working volunteers involved with this event that raised approximately \$1,000.00. Ray Hunt read out the policy that was issued by the Executive dated July 21, 2015 regarding complementary drinks. He explained that the Executive has dealt with this matter and no further discussion is needed on the subject.

**RENTALS COMMITTEE** – Tom reported that rentals are continuing to be successful and revenues are increasing. He stressed the need for a volunteer Kitchen Coordinator to complete and maintain an inventory of items in the kitchen and to ensure it is kept clean after use by rentals and Elks events. Suggestions included having professional cleaners do the initial clean, and increasing the deposit for renters to include the cost of cleaning if not done properly, which will be discussed by the Rentals Committee (Tom/Leah). Anyone interested in being the Kitchen Coordinator is asked to speak to Tom.

**CHARITY COMMITTEE** – Leah reported as follows:

- Receipt received from Peace Arch Hospice for the donation of \$1,000.00
- Receipt from National Elks and Royal Purple Children's Fund for the donation of \$5,000.00
- Receipt from Sources for donation of \$502.00
- Receipt from Association of Neighbourhood Houses, Alexandra House Youth Program for donation of \$435.00
- Receipt from the South Surrey/White Rock Stroke Recovery Program for \$1,000.00.

**Moved** by Leah McGovern, **Seconded** by Al Burns that a donation of \$300.00 be made to the Union Gospel Mission. **Carried**

- Request for donations from the Zajac Ranch for Children has been denied as we support B.C. Elks Children's camps.
- Request from Alzheimer's Association has been denied as we want to focus on local community charities.
- A pancake breakfast is being planned for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 which will be open to the public as well as members and their mothers. There is a hall rental the previous evening and they have been asked to leave the tables up. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausages, tea and coffee for \$5.00. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve etc.
- An application may be made to B.C. Lottery for funds which are available to donate to local charities, but it is likely to take a year to process the application.
- Tom read out a request from the PAC of the South Meridian Elementary School requesting sponsorship for their Jogathon on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 which he will pass to the Charity Committee for consideration, to be brought back to the April General Meeting.
- Leah has received a request for sponsorship from the White Rock Youth Ambassadors Program. This year there are three levels; Gold - \$500.00; Diamond - \$550.00 (which

includes a portion of a scholarship); and Platinum - \$600.00 (which includes a higher portion of a scholarship).

**Moved** by Leah McGovern that the White Rock Elks donate to the White Rock Youth Ambassadors Program at the Platinum rate of \$600.00 **Carried**

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

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** - No report.

**HISTORIAN** - No report.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS** - Mary Harrington reported on John Pye.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **B.C's New Societies Act** - Ray Francoeur advised that there is no news from the lawyer yet.
2. **Family Game Night** - Leah has contacted the Youth Space Group who will partner with us for this event. The minimum age is 13 and the evening will consist of games, a quiz, door prizes, pizza will be served and there will be a cash bar. It will also be a membership drive for youth and families. Due to a cancellation, it was agreed that the event would be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Al Burns suggested that a couple of members of the Bridge Club be asked to attend to show participants how to play bridge.
3. **Building Lease** - Ray Francoeur advised that James Wood has obtained the Land Titles Certificate which he will bring on Friday.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Region 3 Meeting** - Tom reported that at the last Region 3 meeting, which consists of White Rock, Cloverdale, Langley, Aldergrove and Mission, a motion was passed to reduce the number of meetings per year from two to one. It is now being suggested that no meetings are held at all. Although this group used to be active and interesting, Ray Hunt, who has been Secretary/Treasurer of Region 3 for three years, advised that in the last few years nothing is planned for the meeting and nothing happens at the meeting.

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Ray Francoeur that the White Rock Elks 431 recommend that the BC Elks Region 3 discontinue holding any meetings. **Carried**

2. **B.C. Elks 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference** - Tom explained that the Conference this year will be held on June 2nd/3rd, 2018 in Sidney on Vancouver Island. The registration fees, which include two lunches and two dinners are \$175.00 per delegate. The deadline for registration is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He asked that anyone wishing to attend as a delegate should let him know. Delegates are

expected to attend every session and bring back a report to the Lodge. The criteria for delegates is:

- must have attended three General Meetings
- must have volunteered once this year

Anyone wishing to be a delegate should let Tom know.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Ruth Allard advised that she is personally renting the The Elks for the Pride event and partial funds from the event will be donated to the White Rock Hospice.

**Moved** by Ruth Allard **Seconded** by Lois Duke that the White Rock Elks Lodge fly the White Rock Pride Flag on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and time be allowed to raise and lower the flag on July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **Carried**

Grand Lodge will be advised of the flag being flown to ensure that there are no conflicts with National Elks philosophies.

- b. Andrew thanked Ray Francoeur for his hard work and the many hours he spends in the office.
- c. **Moved** by Don Alton, **Seconded** by Al Burns that the White Rock Elks 431 immediately discontinue the enforcement of unconstitutional rulings. **Carried** (10 in Favour and 3 Opposed)

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

Executive Meeting - TBA

General Meeting - Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.