



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Al Burns, President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Executives: 6 Members: 12 Guest: 1

AGENDA: Motion to Accept with the addition of “New Year’s Eve.”

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Acting Sergeant at Arms, Bill McKay, presented Kari Senko, President of B.C. Elks and National Grand Lecturing Knight. She asked to speak under Good of the Order.

MINUTES: Reading previous Minutes for the General Meeting held on March 14, 2023.

Motion to Accept: **Moved:** Judi Hrynenko **Seconded:** John Keller **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE: Acting Secretary, Patricia Anderson:

1. The proposed National Logo Report, that includes graphs and voting results, were circulated and it was noted that the response from B.C. Lodges have been low response.
2. Nature’s Fare receipts - \$32.62 for 3 months (3% goes to the Elks).
3. Bob O’Keefe and Al Burns will be making a presentation at the City of White Rock Council’s meeting on May 15, 2023.

TREASURER’S REPORT: In Sherry Baker’s absence, the Financial Statements were presented:

- Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023
- Profit and Loss, January through March 2023
- Variance Report, March 2023

John Henschel strongly requested that he receive a written response to his letter which was presented at the General Meeting held on March 14, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: – In Jaki Gray’s absence, the following report was presented on her behalf by Kelly McKay:

- Membership for March 2023 is up to date.
- Two applications have been received online and payment is expected shortly:
Sara Garcha
Robin Moran

OFFICER REPORTS:

1. **Maintenance Committee** – **Ray Francoeur** advised that the cold water piping remains under review and the bathroom refresh is continuing.
2. **Charity and Fundraising Committee** – **Bob O Keefe** presented his report (attached)

3. **Entertainment Committee – Jaki Gray.** In her absence the following report for the month of March was presented on her behalf by Kelly McKay:

Line Dancing	\$310.00	
Wednesdays - Bar	\$1,347.97	50% = \$673.98
Fridays – Bar	\$5,209.00	50% = \$2,605.00
St. Patrick’s Day Event	\$1,710.00	

4. **Publicity and Promotions – Judy Bowers** reported that she was very impressed with the turn out from the White Rock Elks at the District/Region 3 AGM held in Cloverdale on April 2, 2023, that was also attended by Al Burns, Ray Francoeur and Raywyn Erickson. .
5. **Sickness and Distress – Cheryl Jorgensen.** In her absence the following report was presented on her behalf by Kelly McKay:

Cards (5)	Get Well/Condolence delivered/mailed to Lynne Mould, Jaki Gray, Stan Engstrom, Joyce Hunt and Senga Cowie.
Phone Calls (4)	Al Price (2), Willie Tomnuk (2)
Home Visits (8)	Willie Tomnuk (2), Joyce Hunt (1), Senga Cowie (3)
Hospital Visits (4)	Senga Cowie (4)

6. **Hall Rental Committee – John Keller** presented his report (see attached)
7. **Historian** – Al advised that Markus Harrison is interested in this appointed position, and Tony Crowther advised that he will assist him in this role.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Canada Day:** Al advised that he has received a request from Donna Austin for the Elks to provide a pancake breakfast at Bayview Park. However, as there is a celebration at the Lodge later that day, it was decided to decline this invitation.

White Rock Elks Canada Day Party– July 1, 2023 – 3:00 – 9:00 – Downstairs Hall

- No charge and open to the community as a Special Event.
- BBQ (hamburgers and hot dogs) with Fruit and ice cream for desert Cost - \$10.00
- Entertainment by Brandall

2. **420 Event by A Little Bud - April 20, 2023**

They will be using a portion of the north side of the parking lot for a food truck during this event and will be serving free donuts.

3. **St. George’s Day – April 23, 2023 – 3:00 – 7:00 - Jam Session and Big Screen Music by Ynot.**

No entrance charge.

Shirley and Barb will decorate

Dinner: Shepherd’s Pie, Apple Cake, Coffee and Tea: \$10.00

4. **Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast – May 14, 2023 - Downstairs Hall – 9:00 - Noon**

5. Shredding Day – May 20, 2023 at Central Plaza

6. Ukraine Dinner and Dance and Silent Auction – May 27, 2023 – Downstairs Hall

A letter that can be presented to businesses when collecting Silent Auction donations was distributed. Judi Hrynenko and Rae and Wes Williamson were thanked for their leadership in this event. Perogies and cabbage rolls will be served for dinner.

7. Hawaiian Night – August 26, 2023 – Downstairs Hall

Judy Bowers advised that there is a link under the Membership Section of the web site to all events which are to be updated as plans evolve.

ELECTION:

Al Burns advised that, with the resignation of Don Alton from the position of Sergeant of Arms due to health issues, the position is open. He advised that Bill McKay, who has been serving in an acting capacity, has been nominated and is willing to run for office. Al called for nominations from the floor three times, and hearing none, Bill was accepted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER

The Installation of Officers' ceremony was conducted for Sergeant at Arms, Bill McKay.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. New Year's Eve:

Motion that the British New Year's Eve celebration be held from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., allowing the lounge and the downstairs hall to both be rented out in the evening for New Year's Eve events.

Motion to Accept: **Moved:** John Keller **Seconded:** Ray Francoeur **Carried**

2. Presentation by Kari Senko:

- Greetings from B.C. Elks and National Elks. It is unusual for an Elk member to represent both Provincial and National Elks organizations.
- Her theme is to “**Create Momentum**”, which allows each Lodge to do what works well for them individually.
- B.C. Elks has a new web site and donations can now be made online.
- The Camps have been running at a deficit and plans are underway to run them as a business.
- Two thousand 50/50 draw tickets are available at \$10.00 each and she and Ray Francoeur have them available for sale.
- Telemarketers are doing well, but new sources of funding are being considered. She would appreciate any advice about Corporate donations and grants.
- Kari was asked if the Walkathon for Bright Futures, in support of the Hearing Resource Centre, is being held this year and she will report back.

Kari was thanked for her attendance at the White Rock Elks Lodge and interesting presentation.

3. B.C. Conference – Penticton – June 10-11, 2023

Al advised that five members have expressed interest in going. The Registration Fee is \$150.

Motion to increase the budget to \$3,000 for up to a maximum of five delegates.

Motion to Accept: **Moved:** John Keller **Seconded:** Bob O'Keefe **Carried**

Kari was asked if members of a lodge could meet together and listen to the Conference on Zoom, and she will make enquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

John K.

White Rock Elks #431
Rentals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/16/2023	Alberto Gonzalez	220.00
01/16/2023	Private Group	400.00
01/16/2023	Judy Hrynenko	2,803.09
01/16/2023	Addictive Comedy	419.05
01/16/2023	White Rock Karate	857.14
01/16/2023	Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism	800.00
01/16/2023	Line Dancing	50.00
01/16/2023	Forge Investments 2 Inc.	750.00
01/31/2023	Dale Harding	80.00
01/31/2023	Addictive Comedy	1,457.14
	Total January	<u>7,836.42</u>
02/13/2023	Alberto Gonzalez	660.00
02/13/2023	Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism	480.00
02/13/2023	White Rock Karate	771.43
02/13/2023	Bijoux L.K. Inc	714.29
02/13/2023	Private Group	320.00
02/28/2023	BC Liberal Party	160.00
02/28/2023	Forge Investments 2 Inc.	750.00
02/28/2023	Line Dancing	315.00
	Total February	<u>4,170.72</u>
03/31/2023	Line Dancing	331.20
03/31/2023	Associa	400.00
03/31/2023	Alberto Gonzalez	440.00
03/31/2023	Girl Guides of Canada	714.29
03/31/2023	White Rock Karate	600.00
03/31/2023	Private Group	720.00
03/31/2023	Govt of Canada	700.00
03/31/2023	Forge Investments 2 Inc.	750.00
03/31/2023	Amazing Foods	95.24
03/31/2023	Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism	640.00
	Total March	<u>5,390.73</u>
	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	<u>17,397.87</u>

Charity and Fundraising Report

I am pleased to provide members with an update from the charity and fundraising committee. Since last report we have received donations from Westland Insurance and most recently TD Bank Canada Trust White Rock branch. I am anticipating a positive response from the City of White Rock later this month for our annual Grant. We anticipate a **\$2000** grant will be available to White Rock Elks.

I wish to acknowledge the very generous donation provided to White Rock Elks for our charities from our member, Patrick Downey who has recently resigned and repatriated to the United States. Patrick's contribution to White Rock Elks Club during his time here is appreciated.

Our only disbursement to date is \$500 which was provided to support our members in the recent coldest night of the year walk which was in aid of Sources Foundation. Members will recall that our team was led by Stephen Crozier and again we appreciate all Stephen's efforts to raise funds for this deserving charity and indeed the additional profile for the White Rock **Elks** and its members.

Additionally our scholarship program is now in full swing. Several applications are in hand and our closing date for this initiative is 30 April with awards given the first weeks of May.

Our next fundraising will be held on 20th of May with our annual shredding event to be held at Central Plaza. This community fundraising is being cosponsored by the BC Family Resource Hearing Centre and of course the landlord of the Central Plaza, Landmark Properties. We will be looking for able-bodied strong hands to assist during the day **of** this event. Please let Al or myself know if you are able to assist on that day.

We **will** be promoting the event on social media and I would ask at this time, if you are living in a strata complex in White Rock / South Surrey that you let Judy B know. Judy will provide you with an information circular that can be posted on your community board or indeed given to members of your strata to encourage them to drop off documents for shredding at the Central Plaza site **on 20 May**.

The rising cost of living and the prolonged pandemic impact have more Canadians in **need** of charitable services and at the same time, fewer Canadians are making charitable donations. This message came through consistently in our fundraising campaign earlier this year. Without the support of our friends in the corporate community in White Rock we would indeed be struggling to provide much-needed donations to our charities.

Traditionally of course we have relied on revenue generated from rentals at White Rock Elks to support our charitable giving. Given ongoing cash needs **of** the club, the effects of a prolonged pandemic and the current economic uncertainty, this has given us cause to reflect on how we operate and support our charities. We need to be looking at additional avenues for fundraising. In this regard Darryl Walker, Stephen Crozier and Kathy Thornton have joined me **on** the fundraising and charity committee.

I will be looking for their guidance and input in the months to come.

Respectfully submitted.....