



**WHITE ROCK ELKS #431
GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, 7:00 pm DECEMBER 10th, 2024**

AMENDED MINUTES:

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Executive 8 Members 21 Guests 2 = 31

Opening of Bible: Sergent of Arms, Gary Reitmayer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

AGENDA: Any additional items? Approval of Agenda

Moved: Shane Horton___**Seconded:** Peter Allard_____ **Carried:**_____

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes for General Meeting held on November 12th, 2024.

Moved Sue Harder___ **Seconded :** John Keller_____ **Carried:**_____

MEMBER INITIATIONS:

Brent Raycroft – Al Burns) will be at January GMM
Lynne Lamet – Jaki Gray)

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: Jim Harder proposed by Anne Hardie. Voted to Accepted

DEATH OF A MEMBER: Don Alton

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary, Raywyn Erickson Elks Proud update & GER Schedule

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer, Sherry Baker attached*

MEMBERSHIP: Debbie Deighton 143 members

Renewals for 2025 must be done before AGM January 14th to be eligible to vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Maintenance Committee – Ray Francoeur** *attached
2. **Hall Rentals – John Keller** *attached John reported that we did \$58,147.00 for 11 months. Similar to last year but less than hoped for in 2024. Bookings started for 2025 which is good. Suggested we upgrade dishes, cutlery, etc., required to attract Wedding market in 2025.
3. **Entertainment – Jaki Gray absent.** Kelly announced Jaki is looking for a volunteer to shadow her for Wednesday and Sunday Entertainment so she can focus on Friday’s. She also requested an increase for Entertainment in 2025 Budget.
4. **Bar – Debbie Deighton** will report on GST under new business. New Bartenders in New Year.

5. **Charity and Fundraising Committee – Al Burns** reported they have \$32,000.00 for distribution to the Community which Gary will help him deliver due to postal strike.
Union Gospel can be done by e-transfer.
John Keller reported he gave the Church opposite \$100 for use of their parking lot during an event at Elks and they were very grateful. He suggested they be included in our Charity distributions.
Kathy Murphy questioned why members were not included in decisions? This will be posted in PAN, on Website and sent to members.
Ray Francoeur questioned Elks application for City of White Rock Grant. Sherry reported it needs Financial Statements for the year and February 15th is date that it needs to be in by. She will do it in January 2025.
6. **Sickness and Distress – Cheryl Jorgensen** reported David **Collard** is recovering nicely. Pat McIsaac is doing okay in Westminster House. Sandi is doing well. Senga is weak and Don Alton deceased. A celebration of his life will be held on February 9th, 2025 at 2 pm. Condolences to the family were extended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Karaoke update: Kelly updated details. October (2) -\$42 & \$39,
November (1) +\$22, \$65 donations, December 4th +\$133

1. **MOTION:** To charge \$5 non-members, \$2 members for Karaoke.

Moved: _Jennifer Daigneault_ **Seconded:** _Vern Munroe_ **Carried:** _____
Discussion took place to question and clarify issues.

2. Motion: If Karaoke doesn't pay for itself 3 times in a row, Executive can cancel.
Moved: __Al Burns__ **Seconded:** _John Keller__ **Carried:** _20/6 opposed_

CHRISTMAS MARKET final Sunday 8th. Judi Hyrnenko. Sherry reported thanks to Judi for donating \$6400.00 to Elks from Winter Fantasy Market **plus \$1000 donated from raffle which was hosted, entailed three baskets: a Children's, Foodie and Beauty.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE: **SOLD OUT**

December 14th, Saturday;

Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00, Show 7-9pm (Cheek to Cheek)

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS to be submitted to Al Burns and Debbie Deighton, Nominations Committee. Debbie distributed job descriptions for anyone interested in learning more and helping in 2025 (copies at the Bar!)

NEW BUSINESS:

Hogmanay Tuesday December 31st 3 to 5:30 pm.

Debbie is looking after this and looking for IT help, please contact her.

She asked everyone to be responsible, drink wisely and get a safe ride home.

New Years dance doors open 7 pm. Brandall Band 8 p.m.

Tickets available – John Keller

Property Tax Rate 8, Recreation Assessment Category Explanation (Sherry/Kelly)

We have 150 days per year (no alcohol). Rent 4 days per week + 6 extra days per year. This is nothing to do with LCB. John Keller queried, Ray Francoeur explained, all ok.

GST update – Debbie/Bar The Government has mandated NO GST on food and drinks for 3 months starting December 14th, 2024. This will bring our prices down a little during the period involved.

MOTION: There will be no charge for the hall rental for Don Alton's Celebration of Life on February 9th, 2025.

Moved: _John Keller ___ **Seconded:** _Peter Allard_____ **Carried:**_____

SINDY reported the successful stocking donations (30) will be delivered to Pediatrics and Fire dept. tomorrow... THANK YOU to everyone who helped, contributed. 4 gifts for door prizes were also given to Al for the Christmas Dinner and Dance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Volunteers hours are required by Elks National Office for 2024. Please let Raywyn/Secretary have your estimated hours for this report. Pete Allard shared an idea for ELKS CASH Coupon for Members similar to Legion as another idea with Meat Draws. Kelly will file it for next year, okay.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: Stephen Crozier spoke of another charitable event Elks participates in annually which will take place on February 22nd 2025 ... let's get in the top 10 in 2025!

White Rock/S. Surrey as number one in Canada last year!!

Al asked him to lead our team, to which he agreed. He recommended you support your walker which supports your team's overall success. Please consider walking (2 hrs. apx.) or donating to your chosen walker ... thanks for participating and sponsoring them. Promote on Website and in Elevator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: AGM will be January 14th at GMM All memberships must be paid in full for voting. Budgets for all committees required for 2025. Please email Sherry/Treasurer. All committee reports required for 2024. Please email Kelly/President and \Raywyn/Secretary a.s.a.p. in order for us to prepare for AGM. Kelly thanked everyone for volunteering and making Elks a success in 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 pm.

NEXT MEETINGS: General Members Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 14th 2025.

AGM 7:30 p.m. January 14th, 2025

Executive Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, JANUARY 8th, 2025.