WHITE ROCK ELKS #431
1469 George Street, White Rock, BC
Tuesday, Sept 8th, 2026, at 7:00 pm
GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Roll Call:

5 Executives, 21 Members, 11 guests

AGENDA:
Moved by: John Liard Seconded by: Pat Carried: Yes
Approval of the minutes
Moved by: **Vern, Second: Pat, Carried: yes**

MEMBER PROPOSAL:

- **Sharon Waller** — proposed by Stephanie Clark-Small
- **Leona Robertson** — relayed on behalf of Al Burns;
    - retired, community-involved, interested in volunteering/bartending

Motion to accept: Moved: Edward, Seconded: Pete, Carried: Yes

MEMBER INITIATION:
Pat Eveleigh - Initiated by Jennifer at this meeting
Ron Otke, Adam Medeiros, Serena Schumacher were listed as pending initiates but were **not present** and not initiated this meeting

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Correspondence — Scott Kristjanson: Thanked Susan Harder for organizing Nature's Fare receipts; total sales attributed to the Elks was $8,162.86 (~3% returned to the lodge).

Treasurer: No formal report this month. Karen Doyle has joined the committee and is working with Sherry (currently away) to catch up May and June, with July in progress. Funds remain in the bank and bills are current.

Membership: Down over the summer as usual. Vote on new Membership Director to be held tonight (see Unfinished Business).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Maintenance (Frank Walsh):** Upstairs sink out of order — replacing both sinks; also looking at two new toilets in the men's washroom (quotes pending). Downstairs and upstairs floors need stripping (film buildup damaging dance shoes). Motion to approve floor stripping at ~$2,000: Moved: Judy, Seconded: Kelly, Carried: Yes. Lodge passed its Fraser Valley Fire Protection inspection with minor notes.
2. **Entertainment (Jaki Gray / Pat Anderson)** September schedule:
    - Bluegrass jams restart Sept 13, 3–5 pm
    - Line dancing for beginners, Mondays at 1 pm
    - Wed Sept 9: Open mic; Sept 16: John Laird; Sept 23: Willie Hardie;
    - Sept 30: Rob Green
    - Fri Sept 11: Brian Zalo; Sept 18: Replay; Sept 25: Two of a Kind
    - Facebook: "Entertainment at White Rock Elks 431"
3. **Chaplain (Cheryl Jorgensen):** Sonia Barron and Jed Hoare both hospitalized (~40 days). Flower bouquets delivered to Shirley Perry, Bernadette O'Hara, Anne Law, Donna Pye, Sandra Edwards
4. **Rentals (Kelly McKay):** June $5,442; July $4,150; August $7,650. Slower summer (karate program paused); strong bookings ahead.
5. **Charity (Scott Kristjanson):** Thanked Bob for past service. Recruiting committee members — Scott, Elle, Cathy, Steven Crozier so far; first meeting in the next 1–2 weeks. Peninsula Hearing (Adam Medeiros/Serena, incoming members) offering members 15% off hearing aids with membership card, plus a 3% donation to the Elks on purchases. White Rock Gala (jerseys to be donated by Joe Prodor of BC Feed the Kids Foundation) deferred to next September. Committee interested in exploring a bingo fundraiser, modelled on Okanagan Lodge.
6. **Bar (Adam Nathe & Kelly McKay):** Recruiting more bartenders. New low-sugar/non-alcoholic options added: White Claw, low-sugar wines, non-alcoholic red wine, Sapporo 0. Bar staying open after meetings for social time.
7. **Special Events (Al Burns / Judy Hrynenko):** Thanks to volunteers for post-event cleanup. Canada Day: $3,000 profit to charity, plus $500 in Friday food sales. Hawaiian Night: $1,500 profit. **Fall Pulldown — Sat Oct 17**, country dance, band TriStar, $15 tickets at the bar, line dancing performance at intermission, food available. **Christmas Dance** — band Cheek to Cheek and Friends, $40/dinner, 4:30–9:30 pm, likely turkey dinner (menu TBD with Judy H.), tentatively **Sat Dec 5**. **Halloween:** lodge closed to the public Oct 31; costume party for members Oct 30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Membership Director

The Membership Director role is an important position within the lodge, helping to welcome new members, maintain engagement, support retention, and strengthen the overall lodge. 60 days from May 15th, 2026
Position called for nominations three times over past six weeks; only one candidate came forward. **Adelle Broddle** acclaimed as new Membership Director (no motion required). Will work with outgoing director Jackie and President Jennifer.

Treasury & Finance Committee:
Covered under Treasurer's report above (Sherry training Karen)

Security Camerons: Jaki & Scott
Still investigating; approx. $500 for two cameras plus a secure storage server. Proposed approach: retain footage 7 days, review only if an incident occurs. Full proposal to come to a vote next meeting. Discussion noted this should be considered alongside the (already-approved) bar security cage, since both relate to bar security.

Hogmanay
Clarified per prior vote — event runs upstairs from 2:00 pm; bar closes at 6:00 pm (firm cutoff so volunteer bartenders can also enjoy the evening); lodge stays open until 7:00 pm. Separately, a New Year's Eve party will run downstairs.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer Daigneault

Rental issues: Concerns raised about facility damage and cleaning costs. Lodge currently takes no damage deposit. Options discussed: (a) instituting a damage deposit (logistics TBD with Finance, since refunds would require a cheque, not e-transfer); (b) raising the rental rate from $100/hr to $125/hr. Judy and Kelly noted a rate survey done earlier this year (Langley to Surrey) found White Rock Elks already near the top of the market — a damage deposit was favoured over a rate increase. Leslie noted any deposit process needs a pre-rental inspection/ documentation to be enforceable. Stephanie raised whether outdoor tables contribute to confusion about alcohol boundaries. Discussion ongoing; aiming to resolve by the January AGM. Additional requests: signage at the back door and front area stating alcohol may not leave the building; reminder that bartenders must enforce alcohol rules when Elks is serving (not applicable to private rentals) and should call police if needed. Linda reported an incident of alcohol being taken into the parking lot at a recent Elks event; executive to be more vigilant.

On the Bingo Initiative

- Rita Latulippe volunteered to help with organizing Bingo.
- Members volunteered for the charity/bingo effort during this segment

Langley Lodge #259 dance — Sept 26, at 20th & 26th Ave, tickets $3, bar open ($5/drink per audio)

National Supervision — Resolution #3 (Rules of Conduct): Elks Canada's amended Resolution #3 (General Bylaw s.16(B)(3)) was read into the record at the Elks Canada Grand Lodge Convention and was read into the record a second time at tonight's White Rock Elks General Meeting, per the lodge's supervision requirements. The resolution was reworded to bar removal-from-office members from holding any office or committee position, at any level, for 24 months, effective immediately.

The White Rock executive determined retroactive application to be unconstitutional under both the Elks Constitution and general due-process principles.

- Given Elks Canada Resolution #3 being retroactive is unconstitutional as well as we believe the process was unconstitutional both from the Elks Constitution and the Canadian Constitution of due process, I move the following motion:
- **Motion:** It is moved that Resolution #3 does not apply retroactively to Kelly McKay, and she is not required to step down from her committees.
- Moved: Scott, Seconded: Shane.
- Discussion:
    - Leslie Walker spoke in support
    - Brother Dave Sallenback — one of the lodge's supervising officers spoke to lodge unity. He noted that while he supports the motion, he must report this to Elks Canada.
- **Vote: 22 in favour, 0 opposed. Motion carried.**
- President Jennifer noted this outcome will be reported back to Elks Canada.

Executive Apology / Standards of Conduct: President Jennifer apologized for an infraction — during her first four days in office, she (in consultation with one executive member, but without bringing it to the full executive) removed a file she considered inappropriate.

Secretary Scott spoke to the importance of unity within the lodge, and noted the concern was procedural: files must not be destroyed unilaterally without member or executive approval. Scott further noted that the Executives accepted Jennifer's apology and that we felt it best that the lodge that we all move on. Apology was accepted by members; and the lodge agreed to move forward.

President Jennifer restated standards of conduct going forward: no gossip or misinformation intended to harm, no threats or intimidation; all complaints/infractions to go to the executive for review.

<u>GOOD OF ORDER:</u> Not Discussed

ADJOURNMENT: 8:12pm

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING: **Tuesday Oct 6th, 2026**

The letters, which spell out the word "ELKS", stand for the four great characteristics of our Order:

E – Equality
L – Love
K – Kindness
S – Service

The language of the gavel:

1 Rap of the gavel: meeting will be called to order by our president
1. Rap of the gavel: also signals members to sit if they have been called to stand
2. Raps of the gavel: the Executive to stand
3. raps of the gavel: the entire lodge to stand