WHITE ROCK ELKS #431
1469 George Street, White Rock, BC
Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm
GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING
Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Roll Call: 6 Execs, 2 Guests, 26 Members

AGENDA: Moved by: Sue Harder, seconded by: John Keller Carried: Yes

Approval of the Minutes: Moved: Pat, seconded by John Keller, Carried: Yes

MEMBER PROPOSAL:
Moved by:

MEMBER INITIATION:

Stephanie Clarke-Small
Adelle Broddle

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Kristjanson

1. **Letter from the Office of the Grand Exalted Ruler**
    a. Letter dated June 1st 2026
    b. Due to health concerns, the Grand Executive have reviewed and accepted the resignation of Grand Leading Knight Brother Luc Chouinard, and have recommended that Sister Kari Senko continue serving as Grand Exalted Ruler for an additional term.
    c. SWRBOT Membership ($210) and Enhanced Web listing ($100) - $325.50
2. **Motion for Payment of the Bills – Scott Kristjanson**
    a. City of White Rock Water Utility Bill for May $332.33
    b. Fortis Natural Gas for May $264.75
    c. Coast Capital Savings, Letter of Credit Fee May 15 $100
    d. TD Business Credit Card Balance for May $1000.29

TREASURER REPORT: No Treasurer appointed

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No Membership Director

BC ELKS ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT: Jennifer Daigneault

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Maintenance: Frank Walsh

2. Entertainment: Jaki Gray / Pat Anderson

3. Chaplain: Cheryl Jorgensen
   - Senga Cowie's health has not changed. Still requires constant care.
   - Phone calls to Shirley Clearly & Lynn Moore regarding their health issues. Both are on the mend.
   - Laura Mackie is going through tough times ahead because of Jim is very ill. He was once Elks President.
   - Respectively submitted, Cheryl Jorgensen, Chaplain

4. Rentals: Kelly McKay
   - Kelly reported May rental revenue of $5,194.50. Year-to-date rental revenue is $32,131.25, compared with $37,778.00 at the same time last year. She noted that the previous year's total included approximately $4,000 in election-related rentals, making current rental activity generally on track.
   - Providing the hall free of charge for the Youth Ambassadors and Sources reduced rental revenue.
   - Kelly's Rentals report generated discussion about charging community groups that use the hall for free. One member suggested establishing a minimum rental fee to help offset cleaning and utility costs. No motion was officially made although many supported this minimal fee suggestion.

5. Charity: Scott Kristjanson
   - Scott thanked Bob for his many years of dedicated service leading the Charity Committee.
   - Peninsula Hearing (Adam and Serena Madier) is offering Elk's members a 15% discount on hearing aids and will donate 3% of each purchase to White Rock Elks Lodge #431.
   - Members were reminded that Peter Chancey donates a portion of his real estate commission to the Lodge for referrals that result in a completed sale.
   - Ron Otke expressed interest in assisting with fundraising efforts. Additional volunteers are welcome to join the Charity Committee.
   - Scott reported that Osoyoos Lodge raises significant funds through weekly Bingo events and will explore whether a similar fundraising initiative may be feasible for White Rock.
   - Scott advised that the City of White Rock did not award a Grants-in-Aid allocation to the Lodge in 2026, ending a long history of annual support.

6. BAR REPORT – Adam Nate & Kelly McKay
   - Adam Nate and Kelly McKay reported that bar operations continue to run smoothly.
   - Additional volunteers are still needed to assist with bar operations.

7. Special Events: Al Burns & Judi Hrynenko

- Members were encouraged to attend the Canada Day celebrations and help promote the Lodge to visitors and prospective new members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roger announced that the World Cup soccer match featuring Canada vs. Bosnia would be shown at the Lodge on Friday.
- Roger also announced Jive Dance Lessons on Wednesday, July 8

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer Daigneault

1. Membership Director

Jennifer Daigneault advised that the Membership Director position became vacant effective May 15, 2026. An election to fill the position will be held at the September 8, 2026, General Meeting following the summer recess.

2. Treasury & Finance Committee – Challenges, Options & Possible Next Steps

Jennifer explained that increasing financial responsibilities have made it increasingly difficult to recruit and retain volunteer treasurers. The Executive proposed obtaining interim bookkeeping assistance while longer-term solutions are explored.

Members discussed the estimated costs, the Lodge's financial position, and whether the work could instead be performed by a qualified volunteer or compensated Lodge member.

Motion: That the Lodge hire an accountant or bookkeeper, at a cost of up to $2,000 per month, as an interim measure.

- Moved: Kelly McKay
- Seconded: John Keller

Defeated

Following further discussion, members supported exploring additional alternatives.

Motion: That the Executive contact other Elks Lodges to determine how they manage bookkeeping and financial administration, canvass White Rock Lodge members for qualified volunteers, and, if necessary, call an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider available options.

- Moved: John Keller
- Seconded: Sue Harder

Carried unanimously

Pete advised that he has previous bookkeeping training and volunteered to assist approximately three hours per week if required.

3. Lodge Governance and Member Relations

Jennifer reminded members that any questions or concerns regarding Lodge operations should be directed to the Executive, and that concerns involving the President may be directed to any member of the Executive.

Scott reported on discussions held with Grand Lodge representatives during the BC Elks Conference regarding the Lodge's current supervision and ongoing governance concerns. He advised that Grand Lodge representatives encouraged the Lodge to resolve its internal issues locally whenever possible, with supervisors serving as advisors and resources when requested.

Scott further advised that, following the April 23 Executive Meeting, he had been asked to work with members to identify the underlying causes of conflict within the Lodge and develop recommendations to improve communication, strengthen relationships, and promote unity among members.

Members discussed the importance of resolving internal divisions, improving communication, and ensuring members feel heard. Several members expressed support for continuing efforts to rebuild unity within the Lodge.

4. New Business

4a. Entertainment Policy

Members raised concerns after an entertainer accepted voluntary tips from members during a recent Friday evening performance.

The Executive confirmed that entertainers hired by the Lodge are not permitted to solicit tips while performing at the Lodge. The Entertainment Committee will ensure this expectation is communicated to performers during the booking process.

4b. BC Feeds the Kids Auction Fundraiser – Lynn Liard

- Members discussed previous fundraising efforts, including organizing the BC Feeds the Kids Gala, setting up auction tables, and donating signed hockey jerseys and other auction items.

GOOD OF ORDER:

The President thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged members to continue demonstrating the values represented by the letters "ELKS":

- Equality
- Love
- Kindness
- Service

ADJOURNMENT: 8:37pm

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING: Tuesday September 8th, 2026