WHITE ROCK ELKS #431
1469 George Street, White Rock, BC
Tuesday, Oct 13th, 2026, at 7:00 pm
GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING MINUTES [Draft]

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call:

7 executives, 23 members, and 3 guests

Execs Present:

- Jennifer Daigneault, President
- Frank Walsh, 1st Vice President
- Michael Olexson, 3rd Vice President
- Scott Kristjanson, Secretary
- Al Burns, Sergeant at Arms
- Adelle Broddle, Membership Director
- Bill McKay, Past President

Execs Absent:

- Shane Horton, 2nd Vice President
- Cheryl Jorgensen, Chaplain

Visiting Members / Supervisors Present:

- Jerry Wernicke, Chilliwack Lodge #48 (BC Elks Supervisor)
- Dave Sallenback, Langley Lodge #259 (BC Elks Supervisor)

Approval of Sept 2026 MINUTES:

- Moved by: Pat Seconded by: Kelly Carried: Yes

Approval of AGENDA:

Moved by: Kathy Seconded by: De Lys Carried: Yes

MEMBER PROPOSAL: None

MEMBER INITIATION:

- Sharon Waller
- Leona Robertson
- Adam Medeiros
- Serena Schumacher
- *Cathy Gvora – Not Present*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Kristjanson

- Scott received correspondence regarding Open Mic Night emphasizing the need to follow liquor license rules. The sender wishes to work with the Lodge to resolve the issue, and Jennifer will follow up.
- A family member in Saskatchewan wrote asking about a great aunt and uncle, Harold and Margaret Haroldson. No member recognized the names, and Jennifer will forward the inquiry to Elks Canada.

TREASURER REPORT: Jennifer Daigneault

- Financial statements through August 31 were tabled. The Lodge's finances are in good shape, and the GICs are performing well and mature in February 2027.
- Sherry is handing over the bookkeeping to Jessica, who will be paid no more than the amount agreed for Sherry. In response to a question, it was noted that Jessica is not a member (nor was Sherry). Thanks were extended to Sherry.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Adelle Broddle

- 140 Members, 11 new members initiated since August

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Maintenance: Judy Hrynenko**
    - 3 new toilets
    - Downstairs floor being stripped in November.
    - Two new sinks were installed in the women's washroom

2. **Entertainment: Jaki Gray / Pat Anderson**
    - Jaki submitted a budget request for paid Wednesday entertainment next year, and summer attendance was low.
    - Wednesday October 14 at 4:30pm to 6pm - A tribute party "Semi-Retirement" afternoon for Ray & Mary. Join their musical friends as they play in their

honour. A small thank you from us for all Ray and Mary have done for the White Rock Elks over the years! No cover charge! The doors open at 4:30 pm. Members and Guests - Guests must be signed in by a member. Please see the attached poster.

- Friday October 16 - An awesome night of music and dancing with great songs performed by the fantastic duo "Replay" from 7 to 10 pm. Our bar opens at 5 pm - Member and Meat Draw at 6 pm (Members and Guests - Guests must be signed in by a member - Guests $5 cover charge).

3. Chaplain: Cheryl Jorgensen

- Cheryl not present. Jennifer gave the report.
- Cheryl spent 86 hours serving members over June, July, August, September

4. Rentals: Kelly McKay

- September's rentals grand total was $4,423.75
- The downstairs rental for the Oct 24 Provincial Election is about $3,622. Elections BC sets the rental rate based on its budget, which is lower than the Lodge's normal rental rates.
- 4 more big rentals in October, so October will be a good month.
- Jennifer reported October rentals to date of $7,717.56 from Sherry's records.
- Kelly already has bookings for November and December, and rentals already in the new year, so it's going very well.
- Kelly said she'd give a year-to-date breakdown next month. Jennifer then read the year-to-date as $51,000

5. Charity: Scott Kristjanson

Bingo:

- Scott is working on a proposal for weekly bingo starting next year. At the BC Convention, he spoke with the Osoyoos Elks, who run bingo weekly and are making a large profit for charity.
- Scott met with Rita Latulippe to set initial work items. They plan to speak with other Elks lodges that have run bingo successfully and to meet with the full Charity Committee after the municipal election.
- It was noted that the Lodge would need a separate license to run bingo.
- Pete Allard, a former bingo caller, stated that the lottery commission takes most of the revenue from bingo, that organizations once kept the proceeds but no longer do, and that many local bingo halls have since closed.

- Scott stated that the Lodge is not committing to bingo. He will gather the financial data and, if it is not viable, will recommend against proceeding. Any proposal will be brought to the Executive and the Members for a vote.

Charity Gala and Partners

- Scott met with representatives of RBC, who are excited to work with the Lodge again in support of Avalon and other charities. RBC has committed to buying a corporate table at next year's Elks Charity Gala.
- Joe Prodor, President of the BC Feed the Kids Foundation, is supportive of participating in the Gala as well.

6. Bar: Adam Nathe & Kelly McKay

- Bar sales for August were $4,383.47, which is low, as expected for the summer months.
- Jennifer read the report submitted by Adam Nathe: a new bartender has passed Serving It Right. The certificate is not required to help at the bar, and any help is appreciated.
- Jennifer announced that the Lodge will reimburse the Serving It Right fee (valid 5 years) for volunteers after 3 months of bar work, applying at renewal and not retroactively. Discussion followed, and no vote was taken.

7. Special Events: Al Burns & Judy Hrynenko

- Tribute Party for Ray and Mary, Oct 14 4:30-6:00pm. Various musicians will perform. Light refreshments available provided by the lodge. Guests must be signed in.
- Alex Browne private event Oct 31st. Tickets available through Alex's website.
- The Christmas Dinner on Dec 5 (100 tickets, doors 4pm, dinner after 5, music at 6, wrap about 9:30, a Patsy Cline / Buddy Holly tribute act). Ticket prices are $35 for members, $40 guests.
- Grey Cup Watch Party will be held on Sunday Nov 15 2026 at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be sold $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Food will be chicken wings and fries and chilli are included in the ticket price.
- Remembrance Day plans (flags, cenotaph parade, bar open 12–3, chili by donation)
- New Year's Eve Dance event in the downstairs hall is a White Rock Elks event run by John Keller
- Hogmanay will be an Elks function upstairs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bingo - Scott Kristjanson – Discussed above
Halloween – Friday October 30th
Christmas Dance – Saturday December 5th
Hogmanay – Thursday December 31st 2pm – 7pm (Bar closes at 6pm)
Remembrance Day – Wednesday November 11th (Shape of the day) Al Burns

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer Daigneault

"Tribute Party for Ray and Mary" (Shape of the day) Jaki Gray

AGM – proposed dates (Saturday January 16th or 23rd)

- **Motion**: To hold the AGM on Saturday, January 16, 2027. Moved: Kelly McKay; Seconded: from the floor; Carried.

White Rock Elks' Executive Election – all positions available (Executive Roles and Responsibilities to be sent out soon)

Open Mic Night

- The Executive received correspondence regarding Open Mic Night and determined that non-members were attending without being signed in by a member, which the Lodge's liquor license does not permit. The Lodge risks a $2,000 fine and a temporary closure, as happened to another local legion.
- Members may sign in a maximum of 3 guests per night and must stay with the guests they sign in. It was noted that this requirement has not been consistently met, including on Friday nights.
- The President explained that Open Mic generates about $200 in bar profit against about $250 in costs (a host fee and a special event permit), and that the Executive voted to cancel Open Mic for November and December. This was brought to the general meeting for discussion.
- Jaki Gray spoke in favour of continuing Open Mic, noting strong turnout at the first night, the return of established musicians, and the need for about 15 members to sign in guests.
- Roger spoke in support of the motion, saying that holding another Open Mic shows the community that the Lodge wants them to come in, and that canceling it sends the opposite message. He urged the Lodge to encourage community involvement. He acknowledged that changing the liquor license may be worth considering in the future but would take time.
- Pete suggested exploring a liquor license change. The President said members would need to bring it forward under the bylaws.

- The President stated that if there are not enough members to sign in guests, she will cancel the night.

Motion: To hold one more Open Mic on Wednesday, November 18, provided enough members commit to signing in guests.

A friendly amendment about enough members committing was proposed by Scott and accepted by the mover.
Moved: Roger; Seconded: Jaki
Motion Passed: 3 opposed

Elks Canada Response

- Jerry Wernicke (Chilliwack Lodge #48) and Dave Sallenback (Langley Lodge #259), BC Elks supervisors for White Rock Elks #431, attended to bring a message from Grand Lodge. President Jennifer Daigneault asked that discussion remain respectful and noted that the supervisors were delivering Grand Lodge's message and were not the decision-makers.
- Brother Wernicke advised that Grand Lodge had reviewed the motion passed at the September general meeting to disregard Resolution #3 of the Elks of Canada Grand Convention, and that Grand Lodge does not agree with that motion. Resolution #3 provides that a suspended member is removed from any office or position held at any level of the Order and may not run for or be appointed to any position or committee for 24 months.
- Brother Wernicke advised that a member of the Lodge currently under suspension remains on two Lodge committees, and that Grand Lodge views this as disrespectful to Grand Lodge and its proceedings. He noted that other lodges have members on suspension and that Resolution #3 applies to them as well. Some lodges that did not comply have been placed under trusteeship.
- Brother Wernicke advised that Grand Lodge is seriously considering placing White Rock Elks #431 under trusteeship if the Lodge maintains its position. He explained that trustees are empowered by the Grand Executive to administer the Lodge and its assets, and may take control of the Lodge's property, bank accounts, books, meetings, elections and facilities, and must report to Grand Lodge. Trustees could be appointed from outside the Lodge (not Brother Wernicke or Brother Sallenback), and the Lodge would be responsible for their expenses.
- Brother Wernicke recommended that the Lodge either rescind its September motion or pass a new motion removing the suspended member from the committees on which she serves until the end of her suspension in December 2027. He advised that if the motion passes, he understood the supervisors would no longer be required after the upcoming Lodge election and the Lodge would operate on its own. Grand Lodge would welcome that outcome.

- President Jennifer Daigneault stated that the Lodge is under provincial supervision following an investigation into a code of conduct complaint, and that provincial Elks has directed the Lodge to ensure the decision is followed. She stated that she supports and will comply with the provincial Elks' decision and that this is not a matter of personal feelings or friendships, but of her responsibility to respect the decision of Elks Canada and protect the future of the Lodge.
- Jennifer requested a motion from the members.

Motion: To remove Kelly McKay from her positions as rental and bar manager for the duration of her suspension.

Moved: Al Burns, **Seconded:** Pete Allard

DISCUSSION:

- Leslie Walker referred to the BC Personal Information Protection Act and the right of access to evidence used in disciplinary proceedings.
- Kelly McKay, Past President, addressed the meeting. Kelly McKay and Bill McKay then left the meeting before the vote.
- Members spoke of Kelly McKay's outstanding service to the Lodge, including her work managing rentals and the bar, and thanked her for her contributions. Several members stated they were supporting the motion reluctantly because of the risk of trusteeship. The President and members expressed the hope that Kelly will return to the Lodge when her suspension ends.

Motion Passed: 15 For, none opposed, remaining members abstained

GOOD OF ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28pm

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING: Tuesday November 10th, 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