

## Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

1. The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6:05 PM with ER Les Smith presiding.
2. Opening ceremony was held.
3. ER Les Smith asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 meeting, and whether there were any questions, omissions, or errors. Two errors were identified and will be corrected, a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Ron Gaunce. SECONDED by Mark Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Membership – Jed Lockyer brought forward two membership applications, David and Patti Oliver. Ron Gaunce MOVED to vote collectively on their membership. Jim Hathaway SECONDED; MOTION CARRIED. Jonny Gagnon MOVED and Cecil Perry SECONDED to accept the new members, MOTION CARRIED. David and Patti Oliver were initiated.
5. Treasurer's Report – Gary Grant gave a breakdown of our financial status. Gary reported on Oct and Nov expenditures. Gary Grant MOVED the report be accepted, SECONDED by Paul Kinney. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Committee Reports
  - Finance – Al McPhail reported the Lodge budget for 23-24 requirement to manage the Lodge and its commitments. After seven months we are slightly behind. Al stated that historically December has been the Lodge's best month and there is no need for concern. He stressed the requirement for a monthly fundraising dinner. Al McPhail MOVED, and Ron Gaunce SECONDED to accept the Finance Report. MOTION CARRIED.
  - Bar – Jed Lockyer reported that the Hall rental and bar prices were reviewed for 2024. There are minor increases to Hall Rental prices, but bar prices will remain the same. He also addressed the requirement for a new Bar Chairman and a Hall Rental Coordinator. Those present were asked to discuss with potential Lodge members about volunteering for these positions.
  - Building – Paul Kinney reported that the heater in the stowage room had been repaired. More solar powered lights will be mounted over the ramp on the south side. The ramp on the south side will continue to be used for wheelchair access until a feasibility study and cost estimate can be completed for construction of a ramp off the front entrance. Temporary signs will be installed from the parking lot identifying the location of the ramp, as well as caution for falling ice and snow.
  - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
    - I. 16<sup>th</sup> December – Lodge Christmas dinner – a call for volunteers was made
    - II. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Wed Night Fiddlers supper – a call for volunteers was made
    - III. Christmas basket draw has been postponed until 21 Dec – a call for volunteers to sell tickets
    - IV. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Superbowl Party – (TV draw) – recommended – finger foods and chill
    - V. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Valentine's Day Supper – Suggestion of lasagna, Caesar salad. Deferred until Jan meeting.
    - VI. NYE – Ron Gaunce suggested a steak dinner with music and dance. No commitment was made. He requested comments to decide quickly.
    - VII. Paul Kinney recommended contacting the Village Office to determine if they would be interested in hosting a NY Day Levee.
  - Charities – Gary Grant reported for John Larsen.

- I. A donation was made to the Hotel Dieu of St Joseph Hospital towards the purchase of a new cardiac treadmill
  - II. A donation was made to SVHS boys basketball team for the purchase of warm-up shirts.
- Wellness – 1 get well card was sent to Bernie Davenport for the injury he sustained.
7. New or Unfinished Business – NIL
  8. Correspondence – Jed Lockyer presented a thank you for the seniors dinner, donation for the Royal Purple for Children Fund, and a condolence letter from the National Office to Paul Kinney on his mothers passing.
  9. Good of the Order
    - ER Les Smith thanked LK Nicki Plant for stepping up as interim ER until a special election could be held. He also congratulated her on her retirement from the Village Office and opening of her flower shop.
    - Sandwiches and desserts will be available following the meeting.
  9. Closing ceremony took place.
  10. Meeting adjourned.

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer  
Secretary