

**Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 10th April 2025**

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00 pm with ER Alan Young presiding.
- Opening ceremony was conducted. ER Alan Young acknowledged the Lodge members in attendance.
- 2 new members were initiated, Shawn and Janet Dennett.
- Alan asked if there were any omissions or corrections of the Minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. There being none, Jim Hatheway MOVED and Wanda Allard SECONDED the motion to accept. MOTION CARRIED.
- Treasurers Report – Gary Grant reported that after the monthly bills were paid along with National Dues, Provincial Dues, Property Taxes, White's Precast, refreshments and prizes for the card players end year function as well as roast beef purchased for future events, our Scotia Bank account is strong. Our GICs bring increase our revenue. A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Paul Kinney. MOTION CARRIED.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance – Al McPhail stated that Susan was working hard on the managing the finances. He reported the Lodge revenue for the 24/25 FY, and our budget. Al stated that the Finance Committee had yet to receive most committee budget requests for FY 25/26. The budget requests are to be submitted to the Finance Committee by the end of the FY.
  - Bar – Ron Dube reported that the Wes McLean fundraiser for Steven Gee resulted in good bar sales. Al McPhail stated that a new cash register would be purchased for the bar. He described how it would record, capture and report all sources of income. Al reported that liquor sales were down compared to FY 24/25.
  - Building – Paul Kinney had nothing to report. Alan reported attending the April Village Council Meeting where he offered a donation to put toward the installation of the crosswalk warning lights. Council stated that a warning system similar to that on Fort Road, and a decorative pole lamp would be installed, the curb in both sides of the road would be cut to accommodate wheelchair accessibility, and the crosswalk painted. The only stipulation is that the walkway to the front steps and connection from the handicapped parking to the parking lot be upgraded for easier access.
  - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
    - I. 50/50 Squares sales are slow. The draw is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> April. Gary Grant called on members to purchase squares and spread the word to the community before the draw date.
    - II. A fundraiser supper will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April. A call for volunteers was made.
    - III. Ron Gaunce reported that the Tues evening card night had 54 plays through the winter raising \$4800.
  - Charities
    - I. Jed Lockyer reported the Steven Gee evening event was well attended. Another event, a breakfast, is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Another fundraiser dance is scheduled for the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
    - II. Gary Grant reported on a communique from the Grand Exalted Ruler, stating the national fundraising effort for the Elks Royal Purple Fund for Children is down \$100,000.00 for the FY 24. The GER is encouraging Lodges do more to increase their donations. Gary MOVED that we donate to the ERPFFC even though this will put us slightly over budget for FY 24/25.

- Wellness
  - I. Jed reported on 8 cards that were distributed this month. 8 sympathy, 1 get well and 2 thank you cards.
  - II. Alan stated that Diane Hatheway is stepping down as the Wellness Chairman with the Election of Officers in May. He called for a volunteer to take over this task.
- Membership – Election of Officers will take place during the May General Meeting.
  - I. Paul Kinney listed the Slate of Officers
    - Exalted Ruler – Alan Young – offered to stay on
    - Leading Knight – Jamie Dooling – offered to stay on
    - Loyal Knight – Paul Kinney – offered to stay on
    - Lecturing Knight – Anthony Davidson – offered to stay on
    - Secretary – Jed Lockyer – offered to stay on
    - Treasurer – Gary Grant – offered to stay on
    - Inner Guard – Ron Dube – stepping down. Seeking a volunteer.
    - Esquire – Jim Hatheway – stepping down. Ron Dube has volunteered.
    - Chaplain – Ron Gaunce – offered to stay on.
  - II. If anyone would like to volunteer for the empty position or challenge for another are asked to contact Jed or attend the Election of Officers during the May General Meeting.
- New or Unfinished Business
  - A meet and greet will be held for Grand Exalted Ruler, Myles Reid, Tues 15 Apr. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend.
  - Cecil Pirie stated that a cast member of the Charlottetown Festival's "Anne of Green Gables" will be visiting the area. He suggested we investigate holding a meet and greet and invite the community. Cecil will investigate and report back. Ron Gaunce questioned what the Lodge would get out of a visit, whether the actor would perform a reading or something to that effect.
  - ER Alan called for volunteers to make sandwiches for the April meeting.
- Correspondence – Jed received one thank you card from Chloe Hitchcock for the bursary. A letter from DunRoamin' Animal Shelter about an upcoming family day fundraiser event.
- 8. Good of the Order
  - Paul Kinney stated the Perth Elks became an active Elks Lodge 28<sup>th</sup> May 1952 (73 years).
  - Ron Gaunce reported receiving the most recent membership list. There are 93 members registered. Five new members have joined the Lodge so far this year, bringing the number to 98.

10. Closing ceremony was conducted.

11. Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025