



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431  
GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021  
at the Lodge**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President, Leah McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**In Attendance:** Leah McGovern (President), Sherry Baker, Al Burns, Tom Corless, Senga Cowie, Tony Crowther, Jaki Gray, Emily McGovern, Bryan Tepper, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

**Members:** 19 (2 via Zoom)

**AGENDA**

**Moved** by Andrew Pothier, **Seconded** by Ken Thibault that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **Carried**

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved** by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Jaki Gray that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 8, 2021 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Tom advised that he had not received any correspondence.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Sherry presented the Financial Reports for the period ending August 31, 2021. She advised that the accounts have now been moved to T.D. Canada Trust, due to the poor service received by Coast Capital Savings. The remaining GIC will be transferred once it expires in January, 2022.

**Moved** by Al Burns, **Seconded** by John Keller that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **Carried**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Jaki advised that there are 98 members and about 10 people have application forms. Nineteen previous members have not as yet renewed.

**Moved** by Al Burns, **Seconded** by Patrick Downey that the Membership Report be accepted. **Carried**

**BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE:**

**New Committees Formed as per Executive Vote**

Patrick described the roles of the five Committees (see attached) and requested volunteers with skill sets or related career paths to contact him at PDowney@arbormemorial.com.

The Committees are:

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| 1. Building Maintenance and Care Committee     | Andrew Pothier |
| 2. Rental Revenue and Special Events Committee | John Keller    |
| 3. Membership and Marketing Committee          | Patrick Downey |
| 4. Fund Raising and Charities Committee        | Bob O'Keefe    |
| 5. Finance Committee                           | Open           |

- Due to teaching commitments Mike Ray is now unable to Chair the Finance Committee. Anyone with a financial background is encouraged to volunteer and Sherry assured that she would provide assistance.
- Leah explained the importance of having a Charitable Number, which will involve reporting work.
- Rental income is increasing and enquiries are being received.  
Tom was thanked for his hard work with rentals for many years, which in some years has provided an income of \$75,000. He was given a round of applause.

- A donation has been received from “A Little Bud” and in meetings with the owner, Bob has learned that they are intending to open two more stores in the Province and would like to work with Elks Lodges. They intend to donate 2.5% of their profits to their preferred charities, Veterans, Homlessness and Addictions.

### **Vaccination Passport as per PHO Order Explained**

Patrick reviewed the two documents that are available on the website [www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccine](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/vaccine) card, which are on the same page as the application for Vaccination Cards. A careful review shows that the White Rock Elks Lodge, which is a private club, falls under both the “Food and Liquor Servicing Premises” and “Gathering and Events”. The attached sheets “Places your vaccine card is required for Entry” and “Examples of places that don’t require proof of vaccination” provide further information.

Groups of less than 50 people that are renting the downstairs hall, without serving liquor, will not need to show proof of vaccination. This information will be included in the rental agreement and copies of the PHO’s will be given to them. The Elks will have no responsibility for these rentals.

Proof of vaccination will be required in the Lounge and a process is being developed so that if members give their consent they will only have to show their Vaccination card once.

Patrick was thanked for all his hard work on this matter and given a round of applause.

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Andrew explained that a Building Inspector had spent four hours at the Lodge on Thursday, September 9, 2021. He went over his findings step by step with Andrew and Ray Franceour and a report has been sent by email which will be distributed.

After attempts to change light bulbs it has been discovered there is an electrical problem.

Ray Franceour was thanked for all his untiring hard work and his availability to be at the Lodge to give people access and was given a round of applause.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Affiliation Fees to B.C. Elks**

Leah advised that she had asked for some leeway on the Affiliation Fees during Covid but the B.C. Elks refused. An accounting was received for 2021 which showed that WR Elks had 140 members, which is incorrect. A revised accounting has now been received which indicates that we have paid up until 2021. The Executive has passed a Motion not to pay Affiliation Fees until some leadership is shown, e.g. they could find a group Carrier for Directors and Officers’ Insurance, they did not form a Committee to look at the Camps, as promised, and have renewed the Camp leases, and they are holding the Provincial Conference in Kamloops, instead of by Zoom which is not prudent because of Covid, and expensive for attendees.

#### **2. Food Services in the Lounge**

John and Ingrid Keller, with assistance from Patrick Downey have been providing meals on Friday evenings, which has shown that members enjoy this benefit. Michelle, a new caterer, prepared an excellent meal for the Brandall event, and she is planning to provide meals at a reasonable price for members on Friday evenings.

#### **3. Updates to Kitchen**

A separate hand washing sink is required in the kitchen and the stoves need to be cleaned and maintained.

### **LOUNGE REPORT**

Bryan reported that the bar took \$2,900 in sales since the Lounge opened and one Friday night sales were \$1,000. More volunteer bartenders are needed, especially if more events are planned.

**Refresh Project**

Bryan advised that the Building Permit has not yet been received. It is anticipated that the Project won't commence until 2022 at which time the design options will be presented and these will be dependent on financial considerations at that time.

**Meat Draw**

Al Burns advised that, with the help of Tony and Stan, the Meat and Breakfast draws are very successful. Save On Foods was thanked for their donation of gift certificates of \$25.00 per week for September and October, 2021. As these funds go to the Gaming Account, a Charity, approved by the Government will need to be the recipient of the profits.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Drew Magnusson, who joined the meeting by Zoom from Abbotsford Hospital said "hello" and he was given a round of applause by the members.
- Andrew reported on Al Purdine's health and the members asked him to say "hello". Al is '97 and a half' and a lifetime National Elks and White Rock Elks member, who, together with Florence Wall, started the scholarship program..

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

**General Meeting**  
**Executive Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
TBA