

Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 8th February, 2024

1. The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 8th February at 6:00 PM with ER Les Smith presiding.
2. Opening ceremony was held.
3. ER Les Smith asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 11th January 2024 meeting, and whether there were any questions, omissions, or errors. There being none, a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Paul Kinney. SECONDED by Janet Gee. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Treasures Report – Gary Grant Reported the Lodge account for December and January. He gave a breakdown of monthly expenses. Membership dues are due no later than the end of June before payment is made to Grand Lodge. After some discussion a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Jim Hathaway. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Committee Reports
 - Finance – Gary Grant reported that transfer of the bank account is a work in progress and an appointment at Scotiabank is scheduled for 21st Feb. Half of Lodge funds will be held at BMO to cover monthly expenses until all creditors have the new banking information.
 - Bar – Ron Dube reported the new TV was purchased and installed. He stated that the Lodge has a requirement to hire new bouncers. Members were asked to identify any potential hires.
 - Building – Jed Lockyer addressed the requirement to remove snow on the roof. Paul Kinney will coordinate a work party this weekend.
 - Jed stated that the temporary handicap access and warning signs will be installed for the wheelchair ramp in the next couple of days.
 - Paul Kinney reported that an estimate to build the wheelchair access to the front door will be available for the March meeting.
 - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
 - I. Superbowl Party – Alan Young stated that tickets on the TV are now available for \$10.00.
 - II. Valentine’s Day Supper has sufficient volunteers.
 - III. Winter Freeze Fest – Allan Young will coordinate activities in the lodge and a canteen will be open for 2 hours on the Sunday.
 - IV. March supper is scheduled for the 23rd – rotisserie chicken.
 - V. Class of 74 supper – 3 August – An early call for volunteers has been issued due to the summer schedule.
 - VI. Judy McNally’s small off site catering contract, although not a big money maker was seen as a great opportunity to provide community support. Volunteers to prepare the meal were identified.
 - Charities – Gary Grant reported on how much had been donated to date. There is plenty of funds remains for this fiscal year. Two applications for a student bursary were submitted before the cutoff. Both will receive \$500.
 - Wellness – Diane Hathaway reported that Bernie Davenport’s health is improving.

- Membership – Janet Gee reported the committee is creating a survey for members to confirm contact information and hopefully entice more member to volunteer. A new flyer is being drafted for potential new members.
6. New or Unfinished Business
 - Les Smith brought forward the idea of adjusting the meeting start time to 6:30 pm. After discussion it was decided to postpone until September allowing the Membership committee to include this question in their survey.
 - Al McPhail stated the requirement to submit committee budgets no later than the end of March to draft the Lodge budget for 24/25 for the start of the fiscal year.
 - Jed Lockyer presented two new applicants for membership. Jed MADE A MOTION to accept, SECONDED by Paul Kinney. MOTION CARRIED. The Lodge welcomes Franck and Wanda Allard.
 - The NBEA AGM is scheduled for 19-20 Apr in Moncton. A list of members interested in attending is being collected. Financial support from the Lodge and personal commitment will be confirmed at the March meeting.
 7. Correspondence – Jed Lockyer presented 3 thank you letters.
 8. Good of the Order
 - Jed Lockyer highlighted the fantastic job being done by David Oliver, a lodge member for only 2 months, who stepped up immediately and became our new Hall Rental Coordinator.
 - Janet Gee highlighted two community events scheduled at the Lodge in Feb.
 - Janet also addressed the Food Smart Program. There is a possibility that the program will return to the Manor at some time in the future.
 - Les Smith acknowledged the work done by Alan Young and Anthony Davidson to coordinate the Superbowl Party.
 9. Closing ceremony took place.
 10. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer