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**Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 11th January 2025**

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6:00 pm with ER Alan Young presiding.
- Opening ceremony was conducted. ER Alan acknowledged the Lodge members in attendance.
- ER Alan commented that there were some uncertainties concerning the Building Committee finances in the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 meeting and until it was rectified he would not seek a motion to accept. A revised copy of the Minutes will be presented at the February meeting for approval. Paul Kinney MOVED to postpone approval on the December Minutes. SECONDED by Jim Hathaway. MOTION CARRIED.
- Treasures Report – Gary Grant reported that our Scotia Bank account is currently strong A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer’s report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Diane Hathaway. MOTION CARRIED.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance – No one was present to address.
  - Bar – No one was present to address.
  - Building
    - I. Paul Kinney reviewed construction costs of the ramp and replacement of the stairs. Gary Grant stated that a generous donation was made by the P-A FD and a Lodge member, to assist with the construction of the new ramp. These donations were collected as income and although earmarked for the ramp project are not an addition to the Building Committee budget.
    - II. Adam Tutty questioned donations from businesses to assist with these types of projects. Paul and Gary stated that the Lodge receives a discount from Castle Building Supplies,
    - III. Paul stated that while plowing the parking lot a piece of steel was dug up and was protruding from the ground. Caution is to be exercised until it can be removed.
  - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
    - I. ER Alan discussed the upcoming Super Bowl party, 9th February. This year’s menu will include finger food, but no pizza. Tickets on a 55” TV will be made available for Lodge members as well as anyone attending the party.
    - II. The Lodge will hold a Valentine’s Supper for members and a guest. This meal will be catered.
    - III. ER Alan reported that 45s are going well and have expanded to 9 tables for 54 players.
    - IV. Adam Tuddy will be organizing a dart league. Look for more information.
    - V. There was discussion on other activities, such as washer toss and corn hole, as well as the possibility of opening the Lodge on Thursday nights and serving a restaurant style meal with an open bar.
  - Charities

John Larsen gave a brief overview of what the committee was doing. Gary Grant expanded on recent activities:

    - I. A \$500 donation was made by Trinity Anglican Church to the Royal Purple Fund for Children.
    - II. Derrick Johnson was the winner of the 50/50 draw, during the Lodge Christmas Supper. He donated the funds back to the Lodge. The entire amount collected from ticket sales will be donated to the Royal Purple Fund for Children.
    - III. There has only been one candidate nominated for the education bursary to date. The cutoff for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> January.

- Wellness
  - I. Diane Hatheway reported that a condolence card had been sent to Clarence McQuade on the passing of his mother
  - II. Jed reported that BJ Davenport had finally been released from the hospital and was resting at home.
- Membership – ER Alan stated that as BJ was a regular attendee at Lodge meetings, but since his accident in 2024 he has not been able to attend, the Lodge would comp his dues for 2025.
  
- New or Unfinished Business
  - ER Alan discussed a desire for the Lodge to recognize high school students who volunteer in the community. The Lodge will plan a function to take place in the spring.
  - Alan also wanted to recognize all the members who put in countless hours to support the Lodge. A function to recognize them will be planned for this winter.
  - A Strategic planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss the way ahead for the Lodge and initiate a plan to get us there. All present were encouraged to attend to help chart a course ahead for the Lodge.
- Correspondence – There was no correspondence this month.
  
- 8. Good of the Order
  - Jed thanked everyone for purchasing tickets on the cutting board. He reported that \$750.00 was raised and donated to the Making a Difference Foodbank. Tickets will be sold on two more cutting boards through 2025. ER Alan praised Jed for a job well done.
  - ER Alan called for volunteers to make sandwiches for the February General Meeting. Volunteers were identified.
  
- 10. Closing ceremony was conducted.
  
- 11. Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Fraternaly yours,



Jed Lockyer