

Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 8th May 2025

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 8th May at 6:00 pm with ER Alan Young presiding.
- Opening ceremony was conducted. ER Alan Young acknowledged the Lodge members in attendance.
- Alan asked if there were any omissions or corrections of the Minutes from 10th Apr 2025. Mark Johnson questioned the redacted Minutes that was sent out in preparation for this meeting. He was informed of the privacy issue with regard to the finances. Although the complete minutes were available for review, Jed read the redacted sections. Ron asked that the comment about the stipulation from the Village on the walkway for wheelchair access be more detailed. Jim Hatheway MOVED and Les Smith SECONDED the motion to accept with amendments. MOTION CARRIED. The requested amendments were made.
- Treasurers Report – Gary Grant that our expenses from April were \$8824. Our Scotia Bank account is currently \$29,555. Two outstanding cheques for \$2004 will reduce the balance to \$27,551. Gary reported Al McPhail had negotiated a new insurance policy from another company saving the Lodge \$2608 annually. A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Paul Kinney. MOTION CARRIED.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance
 - I. Al McPhail stated that Susan Turner is working hard completing the inputs for the Financial Statements which are near completion.
 - II. Jonny Gagnon questioned whether the Village was providing a discount on our power bill due to the one heat pump being serviceable for at least a month. Gary Grant confirmed the Village will provide a credit for the rental fee of one year until it has been repaired or replaced. Wanda Allard questioned if it would have been more feasible to purchase the heat pump rather than rent. Al explained the high cost of maintenance versus the monthly rental fee.
 - Bar – Ron Dube reported that the new cash register has been installed. Setup was completed and will make operation for all users much easier and provide total financial tracking.
 - Building – Paul Kinney had nothing to report. He stated that there was in was time for spring clean-up of the property. A call for volunteers will be sent out when a date has been identified.
 - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
 - I. Alan Young reported that Jamie Dooling has donated a BBQ for this years Father's Day fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale as soon as the licence has been acquired.
 - II. Alan invited ideas for activities and fundraisers. A washer toss tournament will be scheduled throughout the summer.
 - Charities – Gary Grant had nothing to report.
 - Wellness – Diane Hatheway stated that as no one had volunteered to take over as Wellness Coordinator, she would stay on to support the ER for FY 25/26. She reported that four cards and 1 gift card had been sent out to ailing members.
 - Membership – Janet Gee also stated she would stay on as Membership Chairperson. She questioned the necessity to conduct meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules. Jonny Gagnon stated that following the RR was not a necessity as these were round-table discussions which would be presented to the Executive.

Al McPhail advised that the Elks By-laws for meeting. Alan discussed the committees duties. Ron Gaunce stated there is a requirement for volunteers. Janet stated the Planning Committee will need to discuss all committee jobs and standard operating procedures.

- New or Unfinished Business – Jed Lockyer stated that Ed and Shirley Weatherbee, whom the Lodge held a fundraiser breakfast for in February following a major house fire, has been notified that their home is not a complete write-off and structurally can rebuild the damaged section. He is calling for volunteers to assist him clear the debris so he can start the rebuild. He is looking for assistance 17 and 18 May.
 - Correspondence – Jed received one appreciation card from Janet Gee for the fundraiser breakfast the Lodge assisted with for her son Steven.
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- Alan Young thanked everyone for the donation for the Foodbank. This will continue with future meetings.
 - Alan stated that Les Smith's father-in-law passed away.
 - A call for volunteers to make sandwiches for June meeting was made.

10. Alan Young conducted the election of Officers. Two vacated positions were filled with volunteers.

Ron Dube, as Provincial President, conducted the Installation of Officers. The Lodge Officers for the next year are:

- Exalted Ruler – Alan Young
- Leading Knight – Jamie Dooling
- Loyal Knight – Paul Kinney
- Lecturing Knight – Anthony Davidson
- Secretary – Jed Lockyer
- Treasurer – Gary Grant
- Inner Guard – Cecil Perie
- Esquire – Ron Dube
- Chaplain – Ron Gaunce.

11. Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 12th June, 2025