

# Perth Elks Lodge # 362

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## Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 14th November 2024

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00 pm with ER Alan Young presiding.
- Sara Gamblin, Manager for Making a Difference Foodbank, was presented with a cheque for \$2029.25 which was raised from the Remembrance Day Breakfast
- Opening ceremony was conducted. ER Alan introduced Mitchel and Denise Grey, Centerville, attending tonight's meeting. He also acknowledged the large turnout, 25+% of the Lodge members.
- Adam Tutty was initiated as the newest member of the Lodge.
- ER Alan asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 meeting, and whether there were any questions, omissions, or errors. Ron Gaunce asked that the Minutes be read. The reading being done, Alan asked if there were any errors or emissions. There being none, a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Paul Kenney. SECONDED by Diane Hathaway. MOTION CARRIED.
- Treasures Report – Gary Grant reported that our Scotia Bank account is in great shape. A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Paul Kenney. MOTION CARRIED.
- Committee Reports
  - Finance – Al McPhail stated that Sue Turner is our new accountant and she will have a financial statement ready for the December Executive Meeting.
  - Bar – Ron Dube reported on the non-alcoholic drinks now available. After some review by patrons the selection has been reduced to five beer, and 2 mixed drinks
  - Building
    - I. Paul Kinney reported that someone backed into the ramp, damaging a couple of balusters. These will be replaced / repaired, and reflectors will be installed to hopefully prevent a similar issue in the future.
    - II. Paul stated that an LED dusk to dawn flood light had been installed on the roadside signpost. It illuminates the walkway and stairs very well.
    - III. To enhance visibility rope lights will be installed under the ramp railing. The wall sconce lights on both sides of the main entry will be upgraded.
    - IV. There is no timeline for installation of the railing. Jonny Gagnon highlighted the liability of people using the front entrance without a railing and the possibility of injury. A temporary railing will be installed in order to allow access until the permanent railing is installed.
    - V. ER Alan recognized Paul and the other Lodge members for a job well done on the reconstruction of the front deck and access ramp.
  - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
    - I. There being no Fundraising Committee Alan Young, Jamie Dooling and Anthony Davidson volunteered.
    - II. A call for volunteers for the Village Senior Dinner and Wednesday Evening Fiddler's Supper went out and was filled.
    - III. The Village Freeze Fest Committee has requested the Lodge run a snack bar during the function 15 / 16 Feb. It was agreed we would cook hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as provide pop and snacks.

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- Charities

Gary Grant spoke on behalf of Chairman John Larsen.

- I. A donation was made to Grace Notes Academy. This is sufficient to cover the cost for one participant in the program.
- II. A donation was made to Hotel Dieu to assist with the purchase of Christmas gifts for patients spending the holidays in the hospital.
- III. A donation was made to the Christmas Cheer Fund from the Lodge and Rotary Club raised from the combined fundraiser breakfast.
- IV. Jed discussed the Christmas Basket and Hamper. All donations must be new and are required no later than 30 Nov. Sales tickets are currently being distributed to Lodge members. The draw will be conducted 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- V. Jed reported on the ticket sales for the walnut cutting board. Tickets are only being offered during events at the lodge until 21<sup>st</sup> Dec with draw on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. All proceeds will be presented to the Making a Difference Foodbank.

- Wellness – Diane Hathaway reported that one get well card had been sent to BJ Davenport.

- Membership

- I. ER Alan reminded the Lodge that the 2025 membership dues are due by the end of Dec. Cost remains the same; \$60 / member, \$70 after 31 Dec, \$100 / couple, and \$110 after 31 Dec. The new membership cards are plastic. They are like a credit card and will be retained for years. A new year sticker will be issued in subsequent years.
- II. Janet Gee stated that new member Adam Tutty had been recruited to the Membership Committee.

- New or Unfinished Business

- Paul Kenney stated that there was a requirement to sell the large stainless steel charcoal BBQ, sound system, and lobster cooker as they are not being utilized and are taking up a lot of space. All present agreed. Paul will run with this.

- Correspondence

- Jed Lockyer presented one Thank You card from the Hotel Dieu Foundation for the Christmas donation.
- There will be a Regional Community Development Symposium on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. One particular topic would be of interest to the Charities Committee – Financial Sustainability Best Practices of Not-for-profit and Charities in today's World.
- The Lodge received an invitation from the Village to speak at the SV Community Connections Session on 27 Nov.
- The Lodge received confirmation from the PA-FD that our request for a donation had been accepted. This donation will assist with the construction of the Access Ramp.

8. Good of the Order

- Ron Gaunce stated that tonight's meal was paid by the Lodge. He asked that a small donation from those participating be made to offset the cost.
- A call went out for volunteers to make sandwiches and dessert for the Dec meeting. The Secretary will send out a reminder to all that volunteered.
- Mitchel Grey thanked the Lodge for welcoming him and his wife, and congratulated the Lodge on such a large turnout.

10. Closing ceremony was conducted.

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11. Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer