

Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 12th September 2024

1. The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 12th September at 6:00 pm with LK Jamie Dooling presiding.
2. Opening ceremony was conducted.
3. LK Jamie Dooling asked if everyone had read the minutes of the 13th June 2024 meeting, and whether there were any questions, omissions, or errors. There being none, a MOTION TO ACCEPT was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Alta Street. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Treasures Report – Gary Grant reported on our day-to-day finances and investments. Gary emphasized how much it costs just to keep the doors open A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer’s report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Jamie Dooling. MOTION CARRIED. Gary informed those in attendance that Paul Kenney had been the driving force behind the new front deck and installation of the handicap ramp. Paul had used his own vehicle to procure the ramp, at a substantial savings to the Lodge, and purchasing local materials. Gary calculated the distance to Jemseg and using the Provincial mileage guide. Gary made a MOTION to pay Paul for the mileage. It was SECONDED by Cecil Pirie. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Committee Reports
 - Finance – Al McPhail reported that the Statements for FY 24/25 have yet to be finalized. With Nicki Plant having to step back from her Financial Committee duties a new bookkeeper is required. Al stated that Susan Turner is now managing the Lodge finances. The financial statements will be ready for the October General Meeting.
 - Bar – Ron Dube reported that four non-alcoholic drinks are being assessed with the plan to reduce to two. Drinks cost \$3.00.
 - Building
David Oliver reported for Paul Kinney. There are 2-3 days of construction required to complete the ramp and front deck before building inspection. Upon completion the cover over the south walkway will be built.
 - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
 - I. Supper – 21 Sep – volunteers were identified. Flyers have been posted around the Village.
 - II. The Rotary Club approached the Lodge to collaborate for a fundraiser breakfast in support of the Christmas Cheer program. After discussion it was agreed that the Lodge would split the cost of supplies, and both organizations would work together. The breakfast will be held Sat 26 Oct.
 - III. October fundraiser – 50/50 squares. A licence application has been submitted for 21 Sep – 25 Oct. The draw will take place Fri 25 Oct.
 - Charities
Gary Grant reported that a meeting is scheduled for 18 Sep. \$1700 donations have been made to date.
 - Wellness – Diane Hathaway reported that two cards had been sent over the summer.\
 - I. A sympathy card was sent to Alt Street for the passing of her stepson
 - II. A sympathy card was sent to Donna Wood for the passing of her husband Gene.

- Membership – There is one application for new membership, Adam Tutty. Janet Gee was not available to present it to the Lodge.
6. New or Unfinished Business
- Jed Lockyer reported on a program by the Heart and Stroke Foundation to subsidize the procurement of an AED. With the number of functions held at the Lodge, as well as on Veteran's Field, especially with the number of seniors who attend these functions it would be advisable to have an AED onsite with a number of Lodge members trained to use it. After discussion, it was agreed that Jed will investigate with the Village and the Heart and Stroke Foundation on style, purchase price and training. A report will be presented at the Oct meeting.
 - Ron Dube reported on the National Meeting held at North Bay, which he attended virtually. The New Grand Exalted Ruler is Myles Reid. His motto is 'Good People. Good Times'. The Woodstock Lodge was presented a plaque showing the highest percentage of membership increase. The new membership cards will be plastic and permanent.
7. Correspondence – Jed Lockyer presented two letters of appreciation from the Grand Lodge, and Hotel Dieu of St Joseph, Eating Disorders Therapeutic Services.
8. Good of the Order
- There was nothing to present
10. Closing ceremony was conducted.
11. Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 10th October, 2024

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer