
Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 11th December 2025

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was presided over by President Alan Young.
- Opening ceremony was conducted at 6:00 pm.
- Alan commemorated the life of Rick St Peter who passed away unexpectedly 3 Dec.
- Alan asked if everyone had read the Minutes from 13th November 2025, and whether there were any omissions or corrections. There being no comments, Cecil Pirie MOVED and Jim Hatheway SECONDED the motion to accept. MOTION CARRIED.
- Sabina Pirie, Grace Notes Music Academy was in attendance. Alan Young presented Sabrina with a \$1000 donation to assist with programs for less privileged students. Sabrina stated that Grace Notes had 37 students, aged 3 -17. Four of whom required 100% support and four whom required partial support, based on family income.
- Business arising from the previous minutes:
 - i. Janet Gee and Mark Johnson had brought forward two Notice of Motions to increase Lodge dues. Janet rescinded hers as Mark's Motion was an expansion of hers. Mark presented his MOTION, SECONDED by Janet Gee to increase dues. He explained the discount for early payment and cost to families. There being no comments or questions, the MOTION CARRIED.
 - ii. Annual membership Dues are effective as of 11 Dec 2025 They are as follows:

Member - \$85

Discount of \$10 if paid by 31 Dec of that year (\$75 / member)

Families - \$136 (20% discount as directed in the National By-Laws)

Discount of \$16 if paid by 31 Dec of that year (\$120 / family)

Jamie Dooling questioned when the dues should be reviewed again? Al McPhail stated that this is something the Finance Committee will review annually and make recommendation to the Executive Committee. Jed Lockyer stated the current deficit the Lodge runs based on our old dues and distribution of funds to Grand Lodge and the Provincial organization and the surplus the Lodge will now have from this increase. Wanda Allard asked where these increased funds go? It was explained that they will go directly into our general bank account and would be more than likely be directed to the Charities Committee.
- Treasurers Report – Gary Grant stated that our Scotia Bank account is strong and our GICs are doing well. All outstanding bills, and extra expenses, were included in the current statement. A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report was made by Gary Grant. SECONDED by Alta Street. MOTION CARRIED.
- Committee Reports
 - I. Strategic

Al McPhail had nothing to report. He stated the obvious change to the meeting format was progressive.

 - II. Finance

Al McPhail reported the revenue for the first 6 months was below budget, which was expected. Activities in the winter months generate more income so we should catch up. To date we have a Net Increase of approximately \$5000.

 - III.

Membership

Janet Gee had nothing to report. Jed Lockyer introduced two new membership applications. Jed MOVED and Franck Allard SECONDED a MOTION TO ACCEPT these two applicants. MOTION CARRIED.

 - IV. Management
 - I. Building

Paul Kinney stated the siding order had yet to arrive.

II. Bar

Ron Dube stated that Dec was proving to be very busy and profitable. New bar prices take affect 1 Jan 2026.

V. Entertainment / Activities

Heather Wallace had suggested holding a Farmer's Market Winter Interlude series at the Lodge. Unfortunately, she was not present so this discussion was held over until January.

VI. Charities

Gary Grant stated that three donations were made last month. They include:

- a) \$1000 was donated to Grace Notes Music Academy as reported above,
- b) \$1000 was donated to PAMS to purchase team jerseys. The school has agreed to include the Perth Elks logo on the jerseys. Gary recused himself from discussion and vote due to family conflict at the school.
- c) \$500 was donated to Hotel Dieu St Joesph Foundation to support Christmas gifts to long term patients.
- d) To date this FY the Charities Committee has issued \$6500 of the \$12,000 budget (\$3000 is earmarked for student bursaries)

VII. Wellness – Diane Hatheway reported one card were sent. Wanda Allard received a Get Well card.

- Unfinished Business

Wanda Allard stated that she had received all the Exalted ruler images and was expecting the Royal Purple images shortly, with all accompanying data as she works to digitize everything for record keeping and display. She is working with Janet Gee and Ron Gaunce to collect the required data. This project will be completed in the new year.

- Correspondence

Jed Lockyer stated there was no new correspondence.

- Good of the Order

I. Alan Young thanked the participants of Santa Claus Parade, Jed Lockyer and John Reid for building the float, Anthony and Jennifer Davidson, Carol and Brian Shannon, and Mary Hollins for packaging 300 gift bags and handing them out during the parade. All the volunteers who made cookies. Ron Dube, Murray Dunster, and Paul Kinney who reacted quickly to the unexpected number of guests and made hot chocolate and coffee. Due to the hard work done by everyone mentioned and others behind the scenes this event was a great success.

II. A call for volunteers to make sandwiches and dessert for the January General Meeting went out.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 8th January, 2026

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer, Secretary