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**Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was presided over by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jamie Dooling.
- Opening ceremony was conducted at 6:00 pm.
- Jamie Dooling initiated two new members: Blanca Garcia and Joann Soucy.
- Jamie asked if everyone had read the Minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, and whether there were any omissions or corrections. Ron Gaunce identified a spelling error and omission. These were correct. There being no further issues, Gary Grant MOVED and Cecil Pirie SECONDED the motion to accept. MOTION CARRIED.
- Business arising from the previous minutes:
  - i. The siding for the covered walkway has arrived and has been paid for. It will be held at Castle until the weather is warm enough to install.
  - ii. Wanda Allard stated that the project to save images electronically had stalled over the holidays due to illness. She and Janet Gee were collecting all the data and hope to have the project of digitizing all the Exalted Ruler, Royal Purple and formal Lodge documents completed in Feb.
  - iii. Heather Wallace rescinded her suggestion for a Farmer's Market at the Lodge through the winter months.
- Treasurers Report
  - i. Gary Grant stated that our Scotia Bank account is currently \$31,926 and our GICs are approximately \$15,500. Gary Grant Moved. SECONDED by Ron Gaunce. MOTION CARRIED.
  - ii. Gary MOVED and Wanda Allard SECONDED a request to ask the Executive to authorize the Treasurer to increase daily fund transfer maximum from \$500 to \$2500. Wanda questioned why a one-time payment could not be made? Gary stated that this is not possible as we have a business account. Franck Allard questioned if our account has ever been at risk? Gary stated it had not. Paul Kinney asked if this was a Lodge or Lottery issue? Gary stated that the lottery winnings had been deposited into the Lodge account in order to transfer the funds to the winner, who is out of the country for the winter.
- Committee Reports
  - I. Strategic – Nothing to reported
  - II. Finance – Nothing to Report
  - III. Membership
    - Janet Gee had nothing to report. Jed Lockyer reminded everyone of the New Membership Contest and sponsors should fill of the entry form so both the sponsor and new member can be entered in this years contest.
  - IV. Management
    - a) Building
      - I. Paul Kinney questioned the damaged corner on the garage and recommended it be repaired in the spring.
      - II. Paul stated that the front door threshold required replacing. Jed Lockyer stated he had spoken with a contractor and the entire door would have to be replaced.
      - III. Anthony Davidson reported that he had replaced a heat pump for the apartment and had ordered a new one.

- b) Bar – Jed Lockyer stated that the new bar prices will not take affect until the last of the Dec invoices are closed as the changes to the cash register would not accurately reflect the bar sales during these functions.

V. Entertainment / Activities – The following events are being scheduled through May:

- a) 23 Jan – Pub Night
- b) 8 Feb – Super Bowl
- c) 14 Feb – Valentine’s Day Supper (50 people / \$30 per person)
- d) 21 Feb – Lodge / Rotary Fundraiser Breakfast. Janet Gee will discuss recipients with Rotary Club.
- e) 28 Feb / 1 Mar – Freeze Fest Snack Bar
- f) 17 Apr – Pub Night
- g) 25 Apr – Volunteer Appreciation Supper

Other activities being planned include: a Corn Hole tournament, golf tournament, and Carlton Victoria County PC Fundraiser with supper

VI. Charities – Nothing to report.

VII. Wellness – Jed Lockyer reported one sympathy card was sent to the family of Rick St Peter.

- 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 – Nothing to report.

- Unfinished business – Nothing to reported.

- New Business – Nothing to report.

- Good of the Order

- I. Jamie Dooling stated that pizza will be served at the February General Meeting from a contribution made by Dale Hitchcock.
- II. Ron Gaunce recognized the volunteers who worked diligently to ensure the numerous events and meals from Remembrance Day through the Christmas season were successful.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer, Secretary