
Minutes of Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 12th June 2025

- The general meeting of the Perth Elks Lodge # 362 was held on Thursday, 12th June at 6:00 pm with ER Alan Young presiding.
- Opening ceremony was conducted. ER Alan Young acknowledged the 30+ percentage of Lodge members in attendance.
- Alan asked if there were any omissions or corrections of the Minutes from 8th May 2025. There being none, Ron Gaunce MOVED and Jamie Dooling SECONDED the motion to accept with amendments. MOTION CARRIED.
- Treasurers Report – Gary Grant that our Scotia Bank account is currently strong. Franck Allard questioned snow clearing cost per event versus a seasonal rate. Gary confirmed that the Lodge pays per each event. 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 the final draft of the Lodge budget should be completed next week and hopefully approved by the finance committee and the Exec.
 - II. Mark Johnson stated that the Finance Committee had received most Committee budgets, however they are still awaiting others. He encouraged immediate submission.
 - Bar – Ron Dube reported that the Z Reading from the new cash register has proven to be extremely effective. This will make tracking of various payments much easier.
 - Building – Paul Kinney requested approval of the Committee budget. Mark Johnson reminded him that the budget had to be submitted to the Finance Committee for review, and they would submit the Lodge budget for approval.
 - I. The suggested budget includes: purchase of siding to finish the covered walkway on the south side of the building, the planting of trees and shrubs, and procurement of 25 chairs. Discussion continues on a method to install bollards to protect the ramp.
 - II. Paul addressed the work to be completed on the walkway leading to the front stairs. Jim Dunlap has volunteered to remove the grass and install crusher dust at no cost to the Lodge.
 - III. White Precast has stated that the front and kitchen stairs will be replace soon.
 - Fundraising/Entertainment/Activities
 - I. The roast beef supper will go ahead although the small number of tickets did not meet minimum. Unfortunately, our supper coincided with the high school Grad Parade. Coordination of future events will include identifying conflicting events. Volunteers were confirmed.
 - II. The Gathering of the Scots Breakfast was a good fundraiser. Volunteers were confirmed.
 - III. Ron Gaunce stated that ticket sales for the BBQ package could raise a significant amount as well.
 - IV. Gary Grant stated the donations issued to various charities to date for FY 25/26.
 - Charities – Gary Grant had nothing to report.
 - Wellness – Jed Lockyer reported that one get well and two sympathy cards were sent out since the last Gen Meeting.

- Membership – Janet Gee highlighted the requirement for branding of the Lodge to be more visible in the community, the importance of ensuring information on Lodge activities is made available through multimedia so the community is informed. She discussed sending out a questionnaire to Lodge members to better understand their desire to volunteer and seek input into promotional items. Alan Young and Jamie Dooling stated that a local entrepreneur may be our best bet for purchasing t-shirts and aprons with elks logo.
- Strategic Planning
 - I. Al McPhail stated the two reasons for the Lodge required a plan 1. Ron Gaunce was the glue that held the Lodge together for so long, it is time to pass on that corporate knowledge. Volunteers need to start carrying the load. 2. In order to grow, or at least maintain our numbers, the Lodge needs to recruit younger members. Our Strategic Plan will highlight
 - II. Janet Gee addressed the strategic plan:
 - **Vision**
To become the leading organization for fellowship, fun and community service in our area
 - **Mission**
To grow and manage our lodge to maximize the difference we make in our community
 - **Our Four Strategic Goals**
 1. Increase membership and member involvement
 2. Increase revenue so we can give back more
 3. Increase community involvement and partnerships
 4. Improve processes and procedures to support the other strategic goals
- Membership
 - I. Jed submitted one membership application from Ed Weatherbee for approval. Ron Gaunce MOVED and GARY Grant SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE his application. MOTION CARRIED.
 - II. Alan Young stated that the Lodge dues have been set at \$65 for a long time, with \$60 going to National, and \$45 to the Provincial organizations. He suggested the annual dues be raised to \$70 allowing for \$5 to be retained by the Lodge. This was tabled for future discussion.
 - III. When questioned, Alan Young confirmed that the committee chairman was responsible for drafting Standard Operating Procedures for their specific committee.
 - IV. Alan Young identified Anthony Davidson as the Chairman for the Entertainment Committee.
- New or Unfinished Business – Alan Young reported on the streamlining of committees and managing of these and subcommittees. Franck Allard mentioned an overlap of committee members. Alan stated that due to out small number of members there will always be members sitting on multiple committees.
- Correspondence
 - I. Jed received one thank you card from Cathy Adams for our donation to UVARC for their Fun Day.
 - II. Another thank you letter from National for the \$1000 donation to the Elks and Royal Purple fund for Children.
 - III. He also read a letter from National introducing the new Royal Purple booklet which is a comprehensive guide into the national charity's programs scholarships and provincial initiatives.
- Good of the Order
 - I. Diane Hatheway requested images of donations made throughout the previous FY to be displayed at the Lodge.
 - II. There was a plan to postpone General Meetings until Sept. Mark Johnson made an argument to continue holding these meetings. It was agreed. To that end, the Executive Meeting, for July and Aug, will be held at 5:30 the second Thurs of each month before the General Meeting.

III. Alan Young stated that a BBQ will be held following the Jul General Meeting. Diane Hatheway agreed to make dessert.

- Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

NOTE: Confirm next Lodge Meeting – Thursday, 10th July, 2025

Fraternally yours,



Jed Lockyer