

**ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 6 - 8, 2019**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

1. **Opening Ceremonies** were performed, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

President Vic Schmidt, Immediate Past President Ron Townrow, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Darren Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Barbara Evans, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Kelly Sanford (absent) Brad Biette, Esquire Diane Wilson, Inner Guard Don Borrowman, Secretary-Treasurer Lynda Petten

Esquire Faye Rever - absent

3. **Presentation of Colours**

4. **Reception of -**

a) Past Provincial Presidents

Joan Hannah - ARPLA - 1995-1996

Opal McMillan - ARPLA - 1996-1997

Jim McLeod - AEA - 1996-1997

Nick Henger - AEA - 1997-1998

Bill Ward - AEA - 1998-1999

Ken Neumann - AEA - 1999-2000

Duane Romuld - AEA - 2000-2001

Roy Poisson - AEA - 2003-2004

Marjory Dowell - ARPLA - 2005-2006

Ken Fedoruk - AEA - 2005-2006

Duane Felt - AEA - 2006-2007

Bob Shave - AEA - 2011-2012

Gail Schrock - ARPLA - 2012-2013

Leonard Shain - AEA - 2013-2014

Lyle Ozouf - AEA - 2016-2017

Ron Townrow - AEA - 2017-2018

b) Past National Leaders

Roland Gagnon – 2002-2003

Bill Ward – 2006-2007

Duane Romuld – 2009-2010

Jim McLeod – 2013-2014

Duane Felt – 2014-2015

c) Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter

Grand Leading Knight Derek Barkley

Grand Lecturing Knight Leonard Shain

Grand Esquire Don Gillis

Grand Inner Guard Gordon McLeod

d) Grand Lodge Committee Chairs or Members

Barbara Evans – Judiciary

Jim McLeod – Judiciary

Don Gillis – Charities

Leonard Shain – Member Services

Gordon McLeod – Sports

Cory Blair – Member Services

5. **Words of Welcome** were given by the following individuals –

Conference Co-Chair Diane Wilson

Exalted Ruler Arnold Olson and Bob Shave

Breton Mayor Ivan Bohning

Drayton Valley Council Member Tom McGee

Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter

6. President Vic Schmidt read the Information and Guidance paper to the delegates.

7. **Preliminary Report of the Credential Committee (Quorum)**

- Provincial Officers	8
- Delegates	103
- Total Voting Members	111
- Visitors	2
- Total Members Present	113
- Lodges Represented	44
- Districts Represented	14

**Moved by Nick Henger, Red Deer, seconded by Barbara Evans, Whitehorse to receive the preliminary report of the Credential Committee. CARRIED**

8. **Moment of Silence** was observed with special note of PGER & PPP Robert Larsen and PPP Mr. Vipond.

9. Provincial President Vic Schmidt asked all first-time attendees to stand where they were welcomed by the membership and encouraged to participate in the proceedings.

10. Provincial President Vic Schmidt appointed Brother Blake Prior as the Earl.

11. **Presentation of the Budget**

**Moved by Ron Townrow, Didsbury, seconded by Darren Scott, Breton to table the budget. CARRIED**

12. **Adoption of Minutes from 2018 Conference**

**Moved by Duane Romuld, Brooks, seconded by Al Gummesen, Fort Saskatchewan to adopt the 2018 Annual Conference Minutes. CARRIED**

13. **Correspondence**

President Vic Schmidt read correspondence to Grand Lodge and their reply regarding concerns regarding the length of time it takes to get results from queries by Alberta Elks Association Lodges and members.

**Moved by Barbara Evans, Whitehorse, seconded by Vern Thuroo, Hanna the letters be received for information. CARRIED**

## 14. Officers' Reports

### a) Provincial President Vic Schmidt

Being President of the Alberta Elks Association has been a big event in my life. Not only did I achieve a goal I had set for myself a long time ago, but I did it with the help of some of my best associates and people I have a great deal of respect for in the Elks of Alberta.

Yes - I achieved my goal. But it came with a great deal of responsibility and dedication. I tried to keep these factors in mind while discharging my duties. I tried to represent our Association in the best light possible and not bring any due dishonour to the office I was responsible for, and proud to hold.

Yes - there were places where I could have done things better or more efficiently but time and my health limited me to certain restraints. For this I am truly sorry.

A President likes to leave his office in a bit better position than he entered it and I hope I have done this.

I was blessed with some of the best Executive that any leader could have on this team and I thank each and every one of them for their efforts and in some cases, going that extra mile.

With the strategic plan we started in Nisku, we hope that we have laid the cornerstones for Lodges to improve and grow well into the future. This is a work in progress and my wish is that future executives will add to the ground work your current Executive have laid out.

It was a pleasure to visit our member Lodges. Thank you for courtesies you extended to me on my visits. It was great to see how our member Lodges have taken the needs of their communities and made them their own. They have raised funds to aid the less fortunate and in doing so have made their Lodge a proud part of every community they are in. Thanks to the members who traveled with me and drove so I wouldn't get too road weary.

Yes - membership is our big issue but many Lodges I have visited are working hard to increase their membership and, in some cases, helping neighboring Lodges to bring their roll up.

I cannot brag too much on the efforts the many Lodges do to make well needed funds for those projects the Association and the Foundation provide, but they also help their down-home projects as well. This gives them a solid base in their community. The population of said communities have nothing but praise for their local Lodges.

I would be remiss in not thanking Lynda Petten for her due diligence to the Secretary-Treasurer's office. She has been a big help not only to myself but to the two factors of our

Association. The selection committee will have a hard time to replace her as she has set the bar very high. Thanks again, friend.

To Darren and his team - I wish you the best in your term and if there is some way I can help, please give me a call.

#### **b) Immediate Past Provincial President Ron Townrow**

This year was quite a change from my year as Provincial President. I attended National Convention in Regina. As President of the Presidents' Association, I helped with the training for the incoming Provincial Presidents.

Mid-term meetings were held in Red Deer in September and I participated in numerous Executive conference calls over the year.

I had a second surgery on my shoulder in early October so that held me back for a few months.

I was Liaison Officer for District #7 so I attended their District Meeting in Chauvin on April 11, 2019 where they elected a District Deputy and an Assistant District Deputy which was nice to see.

I would like to congratulate Provincial President Vic Schmidt, his Executive and his Committees for their year. I wish incoming Provincial President, Darren Scott, his Executive and Committees a great year.

#### **c) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Darren Scott**

I would like to start off by thanking the members of the Association for letting me serve in this position for the past year.

The Association has been busy with a new direction that we are trying to develop. It started with a Strategic Planning session in Nisku followed by a meeting with the District Deputies and some Committee Chairs in Red Deer to help us with the Plan. We came up with four main areas to focus on -

1. Define the role of the Association;
2. Communication;
3. Membership Retention;
4. Sustainability and Relevance.

Each of these four tasks were assigned to members in attendance in Red Deer. You will see the work they have done at this year's Conference. I would like to thank all the members who took on this extra task.

I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Regina and has a great time there and especially liked hearing from a member from the United States Elks National Member Services and Marking Co-ordinator, Rick Gathen. He brought new ideas from south of the border that is helping the Lodges increase membership, as, like us, were in trouble.

I spent most of my time on conference calls with the Association, the Foundation and the Membership Retention Committee. I have learned a lot this year about some of the things I did not know, especially by sitting on the Foundation Board and learning about its working. I also attended my own District Meeting as in the past, I was looking after other Districts that did not have District Deputies.

I would like to thank all the District Deputies that have stepped u to take on the role but as you know, we are all leaders. Because we are, please do not let one individual do all the work – it takes a team.

As we go forward, I know that all of the Lodges have their struggles to overcome. We also have our triumphs that we exceed at. If you need help, reach out. There are members ready and willing to help but if we do not hear from you, we cannot do anything to help.

This year at the Conference we are doing a leadership training session which can only help us be better leaders.

As of the writing of this report, I have not appointed many of the committees as the Association is looking for strong individuals to lead us. Remember – this cannot be done by one alone; it takes all of us.

I look forward to serving the Association for the following year.

**d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Barbara Evans**

This past year has been exciting one with the Executive taking a closer look at the Association and the value it provides to its members.

During my time on the Executive, I have heard discussions about the “value” of the Association and District Deputies in relation to the membership dollars we collect. As a group, we began to look more particularly at what we bring to our members and how we need to focus on membership retention and how we can assist our aging membership in retaining their lodges. This requires a more strategic focus over a period of years and the way that the executive succession has been established, I believe that this was what was intended and something we must move toward. We are moving to develop procedures that will enhance the District Deputies ability to report to the Executive how we can better assist the lodges, so please use the District Deputies... let them know if you are facing challenges so that the Association can find resources to assist you in addressing those challenges.

We need to know what we are DOING RIGHT, what we are DOING WELL, what opportunities we ARE MISSING and what we can DO BETTER. We need to find ways to better utilize the incredible volunteer base and resources to enhance our communities and promote the health of our organization. This is forward looking optimism that can only find success with the support and enthusiasm of every Lodge and every Member. We will be counting on you in the coming year!

This past year I attended both the Fall and Spring meetings for District 1 & 3, stopping in our travels to visit a number of our lodges along the Alaska Highway. I was also able to attend the Grand Lodge Convention, the Association Executive meetings and of course, Provincial Conference. I have worked on a review of the Governance structure, Association Regulations and Bylaws and my report to the Executive will be forthcoming for discussion on how we can be more efficient and financially accountable to our member Lodges.

**e) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Kelly Sanford**

It has been an honour serving as your 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President this year. While the year has gone by quickly, my enthusiasm for the Order has grown this year as I watched our Strategic Plan come to life.

The Alberta Elks Executive met with the District Deputies, Foundation members, and committee chairs to make this much needed Plan happen. While the members-at-large might not see the results instantly, I promise we are working hard behind the scenes developing a strong leadership and reachable goals. I believe we are going in the right direction.

Although it was delayed, I am very excited about the Elks Newsletter that we started. I have high hopes this helps open the lines of communication and keeps all Elks informed of coming events, things that have happened around the Province and that the membership knows what the Executive and Committees are working on. We do hope that this is a way to keep all members informed regardless of your activity on social media.

Congratulations to all involved that worked hard to get our Alberta Elks Foundation float into the Grey Cup parade in November. You did an outstanding job!!

This year, with the support of my fellow Executive members, we were also able to launch the First Annual Toy Drive for the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital. This is a project near and dear to my heart but more than that, it is a project that all Lodges and members can become involved in that takes us back to the basics of what the Elks do best - helping children.

**f) Esquire Diane Wilson**

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as Esquire for the Association this past year. I am continually learning more about the workings of the Association.

I participated with the Executive and the District Deputies in two strategic planning meetings this year. The meetings were a new look at the Association's direction and goals for moving forward. I also participated in the conference calls with the Executive and attended the District 4 & 5 meeting in Westlock where District 4 elected to run the upcoming year without a District Deputy.

I was Liaison for Districts 8 and 13 and kept in contact with the two great District Deputies who were well organized and kept current with their reports.

I have also sat on the Sustainability and Relevance Committee for the Association and would like to thank the other members of the committee for their support and hard work this past year.

Our Association is made up of amazing wonderful people who give willingly and freely of their time and volunteer so much to make a difference in the lives of children and their families. Every member should be giving their self a pat on the back for the great work they are doing.

**g) Inner Guard Don Borrowman**

Welcome to the 2019 Conference here in Drayton Valley. I hope that you have a great time renewing old friendships and perhaps learning a bit more about the Association and how it works.

I was elected to the position of Inner Guard at last year's Conference and it has been a rewarding experience. Throughout the year, I had two districts and District Deputies to look after and am glad to say they have been helpful in getting all of their paperwork in.

As well this year, the Executive started on Strategic Planning for the future of the Elks. I was fortunate enough to get onto the Membership Committee and we have been meeting throughout the year trying to come up with new ideas to help us with keeping the members we have and retaining newer ones. These ideas will be brought to the conference floor so hopefully we can learn something from them. This Committee is just a start as we move forward to try and attract new members and involve the ones we have.

As well as the Membership Committee, I attended all the conference calls the Association had set out. They are also quite a learning experience. Thanks for placing your trust in me to help the Order out and hopefully, I can help once again.

## **h) Chaplain Faye Rever**

I wish to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to work on the Alberta Elks Association Executive by voting me in as the Chaplain at last year's Provincial Conference held in Fort Saskatchewan.

I attended and participated in the Strategic Planning session held in Nisku in August, part of the mid-term meeting in September and the monthly conference call meetings. I was part of the Relevance and Sustainability Committee as well as having input into the Walk for Children and getting my Lodge to volunteer to host the North Walk this year. I mailed out approximately 24 sympathy cards on behalf of the Alberta Elks Association.

I have enjoyed working with Vic Schmidt and his team on the Alberta Elks Association over the past year. This year has been a great learning opportunity for me and I would be honoured to continue serving on the Executive in the future.

**Moved by Brad Biette, Brooks, seconded by Al Gummesen, Fort Saskatchewan to receive the reports as presented. CARRIED**

## **15. District Deputy Reports**

### **a) District Number One – Doug Becotte**

Greetings fellow Elks and Royal Purple Elk members. Another year in Elkdom is coming to a close. It was a pleasure having GER Potter at our District 1 & 3 Fall Meeting, along with Alberta Elks 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Barbara Evans at our Elks District 1 & 3 Spring Meeting. They both brought forward great information on new thoughts the Elks are looking at bringing forward.

Members thanked them for coming and appreciated meeting them in person. Lodges gained information and asked questions; always pleasing to share good news stories with fellow Lodges.

North Zone Walk for Children was held in Alberta Elks District 2 at McLennan hosted by the McLennan Royal Purple Elks. Pledge sheets were sent. If a member was unable to attend, they could hold a function in support of their Lodge, school, etc.

We must advertise our Order and let the public know who we are, along with what we do for our communities. Many great results happened with our Elks Foundation, Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, hearing aids, stuttering, fire victims, handicapped, etc.

Treat all members with respect, reconnect with the reason why we are Elks – that of helping others as well as maintaining friendships and creating new ones. We cannot go back; we must always look forward.

Remember – all questions in Elkdom can be answered either by your fellow member, Secretary, Exalted Ruler, District Deputy, Liaison Officer, Provincial President or Grand Exalted Ruler. An answer will be found.

b) District Number Two – Mike Irla

First of all, I would like to thank the Lodges for allowing me to visit their Lodges this past year. This was a new and rewarding experience to visit and see how the other Lodges operate in their community. Elkdom is still present in their communities regardless of the size of each Lodge.

This past year I attended the Provincial Conference in Fort Saskatchewan and later attended a workshop in Red Deer and sat on the Relevance and Sustainability Committee. The Committee's focus was to revive the Walk-a-thons in the zones and possibly have the funds raised remain in the Province. We had numerous teleconference calls to ratify the issues at hand. District #2 did accept the Walk-a-thon for the North Zone to be held in McLennan on May 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

I did not quite complete all my visits to all Lodges and hope to complete all of them in the following year. I have a clear understanding of all Lodge activities throughout the year. I found that some communication with Lodges requires updates on a regular basis at the Provincial and National level.

District meeting was held in Valleyview on April 27<sup>th</sup>. All but two Lodges attended. Thank you to all Lodges for their year-end reports and look forward to my visits in the coming year.

c) District Number Three – Russel Napier

District Deputy duties are to keep communication between Lodges in his/her Districts open. I accomplished the following:

- 12 official visits and 6 unofficial visits
- Installed Honored Royal Lady in Hythe Royal Purple Elks
- Attended Provincial Conference in Fort Saskatchewan
- Attended Strategic Planning session in Red Deer
- District Spring meeting in Dawson Creek
- District Fall meeting in Ft. St. John
- Assisted community activities (bingos, Elks ticket sales, kids Christmas party, charity dinners, Salvation Army bells, school meals for over 800 children, assisted with Santa Claus Christmas Party, assisted Rotarians with annual food drive)
- Attended Walk for Children in McLennan on May 4<sup>th</sup>

Lodges have difficulty maintaining membership or attendance can join a neighboring Lodge or affiliate with Brother/Sister Lodges, maintaining your same rules of order. This works as all Lodges work for our common goal.

Six Lodges in the District with most opening and closing in the short form and/or round table meetings. These are ok but please try the regular form. It is an experience in itself and lets newer members get to know Elkdom and bring pride and knowledge into the Lodges.

I hope you give your full support to the new incoming District Deputy for the 2019-2020 year. Thank you for your support that you have shown me over this last term. I enjoyed it and enjoyed true Brother/Sisterhood and meeting each of you on this level.

d) District Number Four – Roland Gagnon

Since being appointed as District Deputy after the conference in 2018, I have visited all of the Lodges in my District once and as I write this report, I am scheduled to do the Installation of Officers in the month of May.

I have found that all of the Lodges in my District are all very active in their communities by doing various projects. Unfortunately, our membership has not increased.

We had our Spring District Meeting with District #5 hosted by Westlock #330. It was attended by approximately fifty members of both Districts. At this meeting, District #4 voted to do away with the District Deputy position.

I had the pleasure of travelling with Brother Vic on some of his official visits and was pleased to see that these Lodges were also very active in their communities. I would like to thank all of the members who made my year very enjoyable.

e) District Number Five – Meghan Pollard

I was blessed to be installed as District Deputy for District 5 in my community of Fort Saskatchewan. Serving as member of the host committee for the Provincial Conference was both supremely fun and A LOT of work! I am truly thankful to ALL the members of District 5 who stepped up and supported the Lodge in this undertaking, without you all, I know we would not have had such an amazing Conference.

In July I attended the National Convention in Regina, hosted by the Regina Elks Lodge and members of the Saskatchewan Elks Association. It was a lot of fun and always great to see friends both near and far. The opportunity to connect and share ideas with the many unique areas across Canada allows us to grow as an Association and increases our awareness of what our lodges do in Communities across the country. I attended the Bulldog Corn Maze, hosted by the Esterhazy Elks with my children in tow and we had a grand adventure swimming through the corn maze in late July.

At the beginning of October, I attended an 80-year pin presentation with the Rosalind Elks Lodge #209 for Brother Allan Bowie who is 102-years old and long-standing member of the lodge. I learned some incredible history from Brother Allan as well as spent some time chatting with him about how the Elks have changed his life. We have so many amazing members in our Association, that an opportunity to speak to them and share memories is something I cherish.

I began my official visits to the lodges in District 5 in October, managing to visit all 8 lodges in the district between Thanksgiving and early November. I am happy to report that I was welcomed with open arms to all the Lodges and was greeted by smiles and helpful hands at every visit. Thank you for that, as a newly elected official it was so fantastic to be received and helped out as I stumbled through learning the ropes.

My second round of visitations began in March, and I was excited to see that many of the Lodges had expanded in numbers since my last visit in the fall. It was nice to meet some new faces and share some new ideas around the table. While we have had a few hiccups this past year, overall the lodges remain strong and united in their community dedication.

Ritual continues to be very important to the membership of District 5, and very apparent during our District Meeting in April, hosted by the Westlock Elks Lodge. The Lodge put on an amazing event and it was wonderful to see the 52 members from District 4 and 5 in attendance that day. I am very proud to see the spirit of Elkdom still alive in even our newest members across the Association. I was able to attend the North Central Walk for Children in May and am happy to see the committee try and grow this member driven event into more community minded atmosphere.

I would like to thank Sister Diana Worsley, my assistant this term, for travelling with me. You have been an amazing companion during my travels and a supreme secretary! I look forward to this next year and our adventures.

Thank you to the members of my home lodge Fort Saskatchewan. To those members that travelled with me as well, Brother Gordon McLeod, Brother Leonard Shain, Brother Jim McLeod and Brother Ron Ingram-Johnson, thank you for taking time away from family to join me on the adventures and share your knowledge with the membership of District 5.

Thank you for a great year, I have enjoyed my time as District Deputy and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

f) District Number Six - Don Pilisko

My travels this year was a bit trying as being in the farming profession, I was unable to attend my first visits until the late fall. My Lac La Biche visit was unfortunately cancelled due to bad fog in the area. I was able to do a first visit phone call with Lac La Biche. Second visits were just as interesting with the long spell of cold weather in January and February. My observations of the Lodges were a comparison to farming. In one area, farming practices are

different than in other areas, yet in the end all come to the same end product that they are trying to strive for. What I am trying to say is that every area is different and that there is not one fix all solution for all farmers. To me, it seems the same holds true in Elkdom.

What works for one club may not work for anyone else. Each club knows what they have to do to survive in this climate. Hopefully, what comes around goes around and that volunteerism will one day be the go-to movement and communities and people will realize that working together for a common good will prevail like our past Elks once enjoyed.

Our District Meeting went very well with 34 members present followed by a good meal and social. I am returning for a second term and hopefully I can straighten out some of the bumps I encountered along the way.

I would like to close by thanking Myrnam, Hairy Hill, St. Paul, Lac La Biche, Vegreville and Elk Point Lodges for having me as their District Deputy.

g) District Number Seven - No District Deputy elected

h) District Number Eight - James Zimmer

Another year of District Deputy has come to an end and another good year was had in District #8. Most of the Lodges in the District have initiated new members or reinstated ones who have come back to the organization. Rosalind led the way again by initiating six new members in February. Sadly though, Lodges have also had members pass away.

The Lodges continue to be a vibrant presence in their communities and contribute greatly to the overall sustainability of those communities. Without their donations and volunteering, many communities would be hurting.

I am very pleased with the attendance of members at meetings and District events. We will continue to grow as an organization by the active participation of members.

A very special event was celebrated in Rosalind with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Allan Bowie as a member of the Elks. Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter and Provincial President Vic Schmidt both presented Allan with plaques for his service and I presented him with a pin on behalf of the District. The afternoon was well attended with many stories of "the good old days".

I am pleased to announce that Brother Shawn Andrews of Round Hill Elks will be my successor and I will assist Brother Shawn on this journey. I have been District Deputy for seven of the past nine years, a position I have enjoyed greatly.

I would like to thank the Provincial Association for all their help during my time as District Deputy. Also, to the Lodge members for all their support and friendship throughout my term - you made my job both rewarding and enjoyable.

- i) District Number Nine – Noel Pell – no report submitted
- j) District Number Ten – Lynn Williams

Well, my second-year winds down and I can say I thoroughly enjoyed it. I was warmly welcomed at every Lodge and feel my district is doing well in member recruitment.

I attended Provincial Conference in Fort Saskatchewan where I was re-installed. I became a part of the Sustainability and Relevance committee at the Strategic Planning session held in Red Deer with our focus on the walk-a-thon. I took part in conference calls for this. In total, I put on 3,652 kilometres and had some interesting roads this winter.

Sadly, our district lost twelve members. I had the privilege of doing the memorial service for two of our Brother Elks. It was with pleasure to attend 90-year celebrations for Three Hills Elks #190 and Acme Elks #216. I took in the Gals and Glitter night at the Acme Royal Purple Elks #103. We held two ritual competitions in the District. It is always nice to see this performed.

I would like to thank my Assistant, Sharon Davis, for travelling with me and thank the Lodges for well run meetings and great lunches.

- k) District Number Eleven – Dale Kent

My terms as District Deputy have been very rewarding and inspirational. As can be expected, there are good (and not so good) experiences. My visits to the Lodges in the district have given me an insight to the struggles that they face. As with many Lodges in Alberta, all District 11 Lodges are having the same problems. I am not so much a promoter of new recruitments as I am to praising the members that come to meetings regularly ready to serve their communities. These are the ones that really keep ELKDOM alive. Hats off to all of you!!

Being District Deputy is a somewhat time-consuming effort with a good measure of personal satisfaction attached to it which makes it all worthwhile. As I said at the beginning of the report, I have enjoyed being District Deputy and find it very rewarding. I salute everyone who steps up and takes on this endeavour now or in the future. Have fun enjoying the adventure.

- l) District Number Twelve – Joan Hannah

Call me the Elks procrastinator as I have been putting off writing this report for some time. I want to say a big thank you to District 12 for all the hospitality and courtesies shown to me this past year. Thanks also to Sister Terry Read for travelling with me. My night time driving is not great and she was a godsend to me.

As I made my visits, I brought greetings from Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter and Provincial President Vic Schmidt. I talked about the goings on in the Association such as the Alberta Elks Foundation and Tabs for Tots. The Association raffle is still on-going so please get out and sell, sell. I also spoke on increasing membership. I had a very nice visit with GER Ron Potter and his wife Deb when they visited Crossfield Lodge #416.

District Meeting was well attended and I would like to thank Past Grand Exalted Ruler Duane Romuld for doing my Election of Officers. I was re-elected as District Deputy for a third term and nearly resigned after receiving a not so nice phone call from our Provincial President the next day. After some serious thought I decided to stay on for one more year as I didn't want to disappoint my District. Being District Deputy is a very rewarding job and we are all volunteers. Many more members should consider taking this position. Sister Terry Read will be my Assistant District Deputy and again, my driver.

Many, many thanks to Sister Shelley Fakir, Secretary-Treasurer for District 12. She always kept me on track when sometimes the train got on the wrong track.

Remember Brother and Sister Elks - we become more attractive not by our looks but by our kindness, love, respect and the loyalty we show.

i) District Number Thirteen - Brad Biette

A big thank you to all the Lodges of District #13 for welcoming me into their Lodges for my first and second visits.

Thank you to the Brothers and Sisters of the Brooks Lodge that accompanied me on my travels to the Lodges in the District.

While all Lodges are active in their communities and are always willing to lend a hand, membership continues to be a focal point.

Our District Meeting was held in Bow Island this year and I tip my cap to that Lodge on a job well done hosting the meeting. It was a well attended meeting with one Lodge being absent. It was great to see some faces (new and old) that you may not get to see on a regular basis. Brothers and Sisters - be proud of your accomplishments and the support you give to your communities. It makes your cities or towns succeed with your contributions.

j) District Number Fourteen - Aurel Beaudin

When I was elected District Deputy, I didn't expect it to take up so much of my time especially when you plan on being a Snowbird. Utah has been our home away from home for the past ten years. Elkdom work never ends, even in the summer when we are busy with all kinds of community work and parades.

I have enjoyed my first year as the District Deputy and plan for one more year. This is the reason for having as Assistant District Deputy, especially when both of us go south in the winter and we all know about health reasons.

I learned a lot from each Lodge, seeing their ideas and the way they interact. It was nice to meet the members that have lots of experience and shared their knowledge. I notice the ritual seemed to be important in some Lodges but not all.

All our seven Lodges are doing well, trying their best and doing lot of community work. We are working very hard at getting one of our Lodges back on its feet with younger people attempting to be more active. Travel within our District is a long road as we are very spread out. I am trying to visit as many as possible. Sometimes I think that we should attempt to do our visits over the internet using Skype or Facetime technology. An idea to keep in mind!!

Thank you to everyone for their help and the information. I look forward to seeing you and meeting the new members in Drayton Valley at the Conference.

**Moved by Duane Romuld, Brooks, seconded by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park to receive for information the District Deputy reports. CARRIED**

## **16. Committee Chair Reports**

### **i) Membership – Gordon McLeod**

This year your Membership committee was assigned two primary tasks: assisting troubled lodges and the strategic initiative of Membership Retention.

Although we know that there are troubled lodges no lodge reached out to the membership committee in 2018/2019. One lodge was identified by your executive when it announced its intention to turn in its charter. As part of your executive's review of the situation, a second lodge in the same community was identified as 'in trouble' and a committee member was assigned to investigate and assist. The executive contacted the lodge to find out what could be done and with help from publicity is working on putting a plan together.

Two lodges were identified by district deputies. The first lodge has a Past Provincial President aiding and the last update I received indicated that progress was slow. Regarding the second lodge an initial assessment/investigation is underway.

Past Membership chairs have reported the same issue –troubled lodges are not coming forward/asking for assistance. Which begs the question why? I have some thoughts on the matter such as:

- Few past successes which may have contributed to lodges believing that little if anything can be done and the notion of 'why bother call the Association'.
- Minimal/poor communication of what we did when we were successful
- Lack of a defined intervention strategy

I am sure that there are other reasons. I would encourage the membership to push your executive to focus on this situation so that we:

- Understand why lodges are not reaching out for assistance before they are in 'deep' trouble
- Can develop an intervention strategy
- Track, support and report on our efforts

The second task of Member retention has resulted in a number of positive developments which will be presented during the conference and include among others:

- Delivery of an elevator speech
- Delivery of Leadership training to members as part of our conference
- Updated District Deputy report to focus on reporting on lodge activities related to membership retention
- Delivery of Member involvement through Projects ideas repository
- A Liaison Officer report that will enable trend reporting to the membership
- A simple way for lodges to calculate their impact on the communities they serve

It has been a district privilege to serve as your Membership chair and I would like to thank the members of the Membership committee and those who served on the membership retention initiative. Your committee members were: Aurel Beaudin, Dale Kent, Darren Scott, Don Borrowman, and Barbara Evans. Without your hard work and dedication nothing would have been accomplished.

ii) Ritual/Patrol Teams – Ron Ingram-Johnson

First of all, I would like to thank our Provincial President, Vic Schmidt for appointing me as the Ritual / Patrol Team Chairperson for the past term. It has been a very enjoyable year as I was able to travel around the Province quite a bit with Vic which gave me the opportunity to see the ritual being done in several Lodges and I might say, quite well done in some of them. Unfortunately, I only received seven ritual competition forms from the whole Province which was quite disappointing. I saw some Lodges do it quite well but for some reason did not compete.

I would like to thank the three District Deputies who had some of their Lodges participate – Meghan Pollard, District #5, Lynn Williams, District #10 and James Zimmer, District #8. I would also like to thank the judges who helped out.

The seven Lodges that participated were – Breton #402, Heisler #305, Rosalind #209, Camrose #70, Round Hill #71, Trenville #324 and Acme #216. Thank you so much for your participation. It is very much appreciated.

Hopefully next year we will have a few more. Let's work just a little harder and keep the ritual going in our great Order.

iii) Publicity – Meghan Pollard

This past year as the Association Provincial Publicity Chair has been an enjoyable one. While I have yet to accomplish all of the goals set out by the Association and the Members, I feel like I have had many successes to share with you all over this past year.

I found myself fully immersed in the Associations inner workings as soon as the conference ended. Right out of the box I was handed control of the Association Facebook Page

by Brother Leonard Shain. I'm pretty sure it was soon as my name was allowed to stand on the conference floor, thanks for that! I made that one of my goals for the term and made it a priority to promote the Association pages and unite the information into one focused page allowing us to share within our network the events and activities of the lodges.

Since last July, we have seen the page grow from approximately 300 "followers" to over 400 who routinely check into the page. We have added 12 Association website pages which assists us all in locating up to date information regarding those lodges. I was also able to track down and share over 38 lodges who host a Facebook page to share on social media what is happening in their communities. It's been a great way to connect and encourage participation across the board. I'm hoping for this to continue to grow as more Lodges join the Social Media Network and expand their reach.

In September I was part of the Strategic Plan development and attended the Meeting hosted by the Association in Red Deer. As a committee we came up with some awesome ideas, one being our involvement in the 2018 Grey Cup Parade in Edmonton. With some ingenuity and a lot of phone calls and emails, we were able to enter the Association Float in the Grey Cup Parade and have our members walk giving The Alberta Elks Association some fantastic national coverage promoting what we do as an Association.

It is my hope that this becomes a regular commitment for the members to promote The Elks in Alberta and across Canada. Many thanks to all of the members who helped make that happen, especially Sister Diana Worsley, Brother Neil Pollard, Brother Ian Sundquist and especially Brother Leonard Shain for helping ensure the float had overnight accommodations!

MANY thank you go out to all of the members who walked with us that day, I cannot express how much I truly appreciate all of your support! A big shout out to our Grand Exalted Ruler Brother Ron Potter for transporting Charlie from Regina for us, I really appreciate it. Thank you to my son Nathaniel for proudly wearing Charlie in the parade and helping us promote WHY the Elks are so #Awesome, I am so proud of all he did that afternoon, stopping to shake hands or take photos with the kids, it was amazing to see.

The Elks DO make a difference in our communities and being a part of the Grey Cup Parade allowed us to see that up close and personal. We had a unique ability to hear people call out to us, or comment "Oh Hey it's The Elks!" often with a story as to why they know us. Due to the success of the Grey Cup Parade the Association and Foundation are looking to have the float in more Provincial events and we are always looking for others to join us on committees to plan these types of events, it does take a Village to make an organization like the Elks be successful.

I'd like to thank Brother Vic Schmidt for asking me to be a part of the Association Executive this year as well as all of the members who I had the pleasure of working with this past year. We have an amazing group of people in our Association and we need to keep growing our community engagement and sharing our knowledge with our membership, they

all have a common goal to not only serve but to volunteer in their community and help families in need. Many congratulations to those who will be stepping into Association roles this term, I wish you nothing but continued success! I hope to be able to serve this Association in the future, and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

iv) Website – Lynda Petten

At the memberships' request, the Alberta Elks Association and Alberta Elks Foundation worked together to have a new website developed through Vital Effect out of Camrose. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the site – you will find it very easy to use!!

How do I get to the site? Google “Alberta Elks Association or Alberta Elks Foundation” and the new site will come up. At the top of the main page are two categories – Alberta Elks Association and Alberta Elks Foundation. Click on either one.

There, you will find -

- Lodge Contact information – it is imperative that your Lodge check to see that the information shown on these lists is correct. If not, please use the “Lodge Directory Information” form, complete it and submit it to the Association Office. This Directory is updated on a monthly basis to keep information current.
- Executive and District Deputy lists
- Forms - most of the Association forms are fillable. Note that you have to download the form before you can fill it out. Once completed, you can save it to your computer, scan it and submit it to the office. If you complete it from the website and submit, it comes as a blank form.
- Conference information – registration forms, hotel information, minutes
- Bylaws and Regulations
- Events - The Events calendar on the website shows the President's visits, Walk for Children dates and other events a Lodge may wish to promote. Should your Lodge wish to add something to this area, send it to [elks.secretary@abelks.org](mailto:elks.secretary@abelks.org).
- And so much more.

The Alberta Elks Foundation portion of the website includes –

- Grant application forms. These forms will be changed to be fillable this summer and posted on the website for use this fall.
- Raffle information, including the winners of each draw
- Bylaws and Regulations
- Photo Gallery
- Conference information

This website is for you, the members of the Alberta Elks Association, and can only be an accurate and useful tool if you use it and provide input. Information will be added as quickly as possible.

v) District Deputy Facilitator – Duane Romuld

The District Deputies this year had issues as all District Deputies have had in the past. Additional information or assistance was found when required. All reports are found on the Alberta Elks website and all reports are now to be submitted on line. This was an issue for a number of District Deputies. It was simply a case of getting used to the forms and how they work. Other issues were that some of the forms did not work or may have been missing. We are continuing to work on the website and things are improving.

The training has changed a little every year and this year has been no exception. Based on the issues that we did find this year and the items the Executive have identified as needing special attention, changes have been made. This year's training was shortened to make time to allow the District Deputies to attend the Inspiring Community Leaders program that was held here this year at the Conference. They also attended, as they do every year, part of the Executive meeting and an open house held for them so they could meet the members of our Executive. They get to know the people they are reporting to and ask questions on a one-on-one basis.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Association again this year and look forward to the Conference.

vi) Walk for Children – Diane Wilson

Diane Wilson reported that the funds received to date have exceeded funds received in previous years. This year a pilot project was tried with the team winners receiving a limousine ride. Information of setting up a similar project for a Lodge or District will be put on the website under "Lodge Projects".

**Moved by Nick Henger, Red Deer, seconded by Joan Hannah, Didsbury to receive the committee reports for information. CARRIED**

**17. Eleven O'Clock Service** was performed by Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter.

**Meeting recessed at 7:19 p.m.**

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. by President Vic Schmidt.

Past Provincial President 2004 - 2005 Michael Chubey was introduced to the conference.

### **18. Credential Committee Report #2**

Provincial Officers	8
Delegates	115
Total Voting Members	123
Visitors	3
Total Members Present	126
Lodges Represented	45
Districts Represented	14

**Moved by Don Borrowman, Medicine Hat, seconded by Darren Scott, Breton to accept the Credential Committee Report #2. CARRIED**

### **19. Annual Meeting of the Alberta Elks Foundation**

The floor was turned over to the Trustees of the Alberta Elks Foundation for the purpose of holding their Annual General Meeting. The proceedings of this meeting are reported under a separate set of minutes.

### **20. Resolutions**

#### **Resolution #1 - Walk for Children**

WHEREAS: Regulation R17 of the Alberta Elks Association stipulates the Rules for the Walk for Children.

AND WHEREAS: The program has changes over the years regarding the selling of tickets for a draw associated with the program.

AND WHEREAS: There is a desire to allocate the funds raised from this program to go to Children within the jurisdiction of the Alberta Elks Association versus the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That R17.1 be rewritten to read "The net proceeds raised by the annual Alberta Elks Association Walk for Children, after expenses, shall be forwarded to the Alberta Elks Foundation."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Section 17.2 be removed in its entirety.

*Submitted by the Alberta Elks Association Executive*

**Moved by Roland Gagnon, Westlock, seconded by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park the resolution is in order. CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION DEFEATED**

#### **Resolution #2 - Historian Standing Committee**

WHEREAS: The Alberta Elks Association Executive have deemed that the Historian Standing Committee has become redundant.

AND WHEREAS: The activity of this Committee is currently only carried out at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

AND WHEREAS: These duties can be completed by any competent Member present at the meeting.

AND WHEREAS: There is a budgeted line item to cover all of the expenses incurred by this Committee, which if this position is eliminated would result in a partial savings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That effective immediately the Historian Standing Committee of the Alberta Elks Association be eliminated.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Section 14.2.10 of the Bylaws of the Alberta Elks Association and Regulation 9.9.2 of the Alberta Elks Association Regulations be removed in their entirety.

*Submitted by the Alberta Elks Association Executive*

**Moved by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park, seconded by Roland Gagnon, Westlock the resolution is in order. CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

### **Resolution #3 – Picture Taking**

WHEREAS: with the increase in the need for privacy.

AND WHEREAS: permission needs to be obtained prior to taking or publishing of pictures of those minors who are in attendance at Elk functions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the following regulation be added to the Regulations of the Alberta Elks Association:

Regulation 19:

19.01 Where pictures of minors are being taken at any Elks function, the Association or Lodge should ensure that a consent form is completed by the parents or legal guardians prior to any picture being posted or circulated.

*Submitted by District #10*

**Moved by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park, seconded by Roland Gagnon, Westlock the resolution is in order. CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION DEFEATED**

### **Uncirculated Resolution #1**

WHEREAS: The Alberta Elks Association wishes to encourage the participation in the administration of the Association by any Member of the Association;

AND WHEREAS: Members of the Association have indicated their desire to participate in the administration of the Association, without committing to moving through the Chairs to the position of President;

AND WHEREAS: The Executive of the Association recognizes that the time commitment to move through the chairs and accept the duties as Officers over a number of years may be inhibiting members from volunteering to moving into an Officer position;

AND WHEREAS: The Alberta Elks Association Executive wishes to ensure that any Member may be afforded the opportunity to be elected and participate as part of the Executive team to determine if they wish to make the longer-term commitment;

AND WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of the Elks of Canada has designated three positions on the Executive as Directors at Large whereby a Member may serve up to three years as a Director without committing to moving into an Officer Chair;

AND WHEREAS: A Director can, at any time within the three-year period, should they be re-elected as a Director, decide to progress through the Officer Chairs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Alberta Elks Association change the composition of the Executive to include three Directors and the duties of the Esquire, Inner Guard and Chaplain be assigned appropriately to said Directors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That no Director shall serve more than three consecutive years as a Director;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the election of Directors shall be conducted in the same manner as Grand Lodge, following the guidelines and procedures used by the Grand Lodge Bylaws;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Bylaws and Regulations of the Alberta Elks Association be amended to reflect this change.

*Presented by the Alberta Elks Association Executive*

**Moved by Kelly Sanford, Brooks, seconded by Barbara Evans, Whitehorse to consider the uncirculated resolution. CARRIED**

**Friendly Amendment - to read "effective immediately".**

**RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Officers who explained the Strategic Plan to the membership
- Roy Poisson was acknowledged for his years of service in the regalia room
- Provincial President Vic Schmidt presented PGER Roland Gagnon with his 55-year pin

**LUNCH BREAK - 12:00 P.M.**

## **CEREMONY OF INITIATION**

Brother Blake Prior, Irma Elks presented Darcy Hahn, Irma who was initiated by Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter.

## 21. Credential Report #3

Provincial Officers	8
Delegates	117
Total Voting Members	125
Visitors	3
Total Members Present	128
Lodges Represented	45
Districts Represented	14

**Moved by Darren Scott, Breton, seconded by Don Borrowman, Medicine Hat to receive Credential Report #3. CARRIED**

## 22. Election of Association Officers

- a) President Darren Scott (as per bylaw) - introduced by Bob Shave
- b) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Barbara Evans - introduced by Ken Fedoruk - elected
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Kelly Sanford - introduced by Duane Romuld - elected
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Diane Wilson - introduced by Bob Shave - elected
- e) Directors
  - Mike Irla nominated Faye Rever
  - Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park nominated Ian Sundquist, Stavely
  - Duane Felt, Vulcan nominated James Zimmer, Heisler
  - Duane Romuld, Brooks nominated Blake Prior, Irma
  - Ron Townrow nominated Al Gummesen, Ft. Saskatchewan

Successful Directors for 2019-2020 -

- Ian Sundquist, Stavely
- James Zimmer, Heisler
- Blake Prior, Irma

## Election of Foundation Trustees

- Roland Gagnon, Westlock nominated Gerry LePrieur, Vulcan
- Ken Fedoruk, Grande Prairie nominated Nick Henger, Red Deer
- Duane Felt, Vulcan nominated Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park
- Gordon McLeod, Sherwood Park nominated Heather McLeod, Sherwood Park
- Margo Ward, Didsbury nominated George Mosier, Didsbury

All candidates accepted their nominations and were elected by acclamation.

### k) Selection of Site for Future Conference

Brad Biette, Brooks gave a breakdown of their proposal to host the 2021 Provincial Conference, June 2 – 5, 2021.

### 23. Reports from the Standing Committees

- Provincial Inter-District Visitation – no report provided
- Provincial Community Service –
  - 1-25 Category – Edmonton Royal Purple Elks - \$10,573.50
  - 26-50 Category – Westlock Elks - \$7,060.53
  - 51-100 Category – Heisler Elks - \$8,288.30
  - 100 plus Category – Red Deer Elks - \$1,543.88
- Travelling Gavel –
  - 1-25 Category – Camrose Elks – 41.9%
  - 26-50 Category – Round Hill Elks – 27.7%
  - 51 Plus Category – Heisler Elks – 16%
- Ritual –
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rosalind Elks – 91.176%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Heisler Elks – 86.397%

### 24. Good of the Order

#### a) Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter

- Stressed that we as a group are family and we need to look after each other
- Discrimination within the Lodges will not be tolerated
- Leadership training was well received and hopes are to carry it throughout Canada to better develop future leaders to re-vitalize this organization
- Is willing to help Lodges by visiting Councils, going door-to-door but only if a Lodge wishes his help and are willing to pay for the help
- Stated that many know about the Elks organization but most do not know that we look after speech and hearing and helping kids
- We have to continue to work at getting new members but what members in each community wants and needs has to be determined; one size does not fit all
- Each of us needs to be prepared to tell, when asked, what it means to be an Elk
- Stressed modernizing our projects, blow our own horns in the community, show how much your Lodge has donated, make Council members and government officials aware of the amount of money put into the community by your Lodge
- Be very, very proud of who you are but most of all, be very, very proud of what you do!!

b) Incoming Provincial President Darren Scott

- Feels he has a great team to work with him this year
- A man of few words but like to get things done
- Theme - "Membership Retention"
- Encourage members who leave your Lodge to move to another area, to join the Lodge in the new area; help them with contact information

c) Fund for Children Update - Don Gillis

- Across Canada there were approximately fifty applications totalling an estimate of \$125,000 as well as many other grants and scholarships provided
- Edmonton Royal Purple Elks were the highest contributors - \$22,184.67
- The proposed budget is being presented as a deficit budget due to a decrease in contributions
- The committee will be recommending a reduction of \$110,000 to the various programs across Canada

d) Membership Presentation made by Gordon McLeod

e) Whitehorse Convention Presentation by Gary Hewitt

- Conference dates June 4 - 6, 2020
- Hotels have been booked
- Cheaper airfares are being negotiated
- There will be before and after tour packages
- Stavely Lodge will be the cooks for some functions
- Further information forthcoming in the near future

Meeting recessed at 4:07 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Past Provincial President Ron Townrow assumed the Chair due to Provincial President Vic Schmidt being hospitalized.

### **25. Budget (see following page)**

**Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury, seconded by Ken Fedoruk, Grande Prairie to lift the budget from the table. CARRIED**

**Moved by Nick Henger, Red Deer, seconded by Roy Poisson, Coronation to accept the Auditor's Financial Report. CARRIED**

**Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury, seconded by Al Gummesen, Fort Saskatchewan to accept the proposed budget. CARRIED**

### **26. Appointment of Auditor**

**Moved by Nick Henger, Red Deer, seconded by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park to appoint Pivotal LLP of Red Deer as the auditors for the 2019-2020 term. CARRIED**

The meeting was re-convened to the Alberta Elks Foundation meeting to discuss Resolutions #1 and #2. Those minutes are contained in the Alberta Elks Foundation Annual General Meeting Minutes.

### **27. Walk for Children**

**Moved by Diane Wilson, Breton, seconded by Barbara Evans, Whitehorse that the Walk for Children be held in 2020. CARRIED**

	<b>Proposed Budget 2019-2020</b>	<b>Actuals to 31-Mar-19</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2018-2019</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Membership Fees	86,300.00	86,300.00	85,000.00
Office Recovery	0.00	0	500.00
Walk for Children Funds Collected	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Special Projects (Toy Drive)	3000.00	1,700.00	0.00
Regalia Sales	200.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Account Interest	50.00	33.36	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>89,550.00</b>	<b>88,133.36</b>	<b>110,500.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Travel Expense:</b>			
President's Travel	1,200.00	431.05	1,200.00
Officer Travel	500.00	100.00	2,000.00
GL Delegates (1st Vice-President)	500.00	1,792.87	2,000.00
Other Travel Expense	500.00	488.23	500.00
<b>District Deputy Travel:</b>			
Lodge Travel	10,000.00	9,801.25	10,000.00
<b>Conference Expenses:</b>			
Executive	10,000.00	6,701.54	12,000.00
District Deputies	10,000.00	6,446.68	12,000.00
Committees	5,000.00	718.75	3,000.00
Booklet and Proceedings Costs	700.00	599.68	700.00
Past Provincial Presidents	600.00	486.78	600.00
Other Conference Expenses	1,500.00	618.44	1,500.00
<b>Mid-term Expenses:</b>			
Executive	3,500.00	1,570.64	3,500.00
District Deputies	3,500.00	3,994.79	3,500.00
Committees	500.00	296.12	500.00
<b>Committee Expenses:</b>			
Executive	1000.00	808.02	600.00
Membership (incl. Lodge Re- vitalization)	1000.00	761.10	1,000.00
Walk for Children	500.00	0.00	500.00
Publicity	500.00	278.97	500.00
Historian	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sickness & Distress	100.00	0.00	100.00
District Deputy Facilitator	800.00	784.41	800.00
Website	1500.00	3,681.69	3,000.00

Strategic Planning	2000.00	4,972.44	3,500.00
Relevance/Sustainability	150.00	65.94	0.00
<b>Administration:</b>			
Insurance Expense/Officer Liability	2,300.00	2,246.50	2,650.00
Accounting & Legal Expense	4,500.00	4,200.00	4,500.00
<b>Secretary and Office:</b>			
Telephone/Internet	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage/Meter Contract	2000.00	1663.06	1,500.00
Photocopier/Office Supplies	1,000.00	935.96	1,000.00
Honorarium	8400.00	7200.00	5,400.00
Petty Cash	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Officer Regalia	500.00	524.13	500.00
<b>Transfers:</b>			
Walk for Children Paid Out	0.00	4,024.65	25,000.00
Toy Drive Paid Out	3,000.00		
Miscellaneous Transfers	0.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Special Project (Charlie)</b>	10,000.00		
<b>Bank Charges:</b>			
Service Charges	100.00	171.90	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	393.75	100.00
<b>Write-offs</b>	2500.00	1,537.50	2500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>91,850.00</b>	<b>69,796.84</b>	<b>108,150.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>89,550.00</b>	<b>88,133.36</b>	<b>110,500.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>-91,850.00</b>	<b>-69,796.84</b>	<b>-108,150.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-2,300.00</b>	<b>18,336.52</b>	<b>2,350.00</b>

Approved June 8, 2019 at AGM

## **28. Past President's Association Report**

- Ron Townrow, Past President's Association Chair, provided the membership with a report and wished the incoming Executive well. He also reiterated that the Past President's Association are offering their services if needed.

**Moved by Ron Townrow, Didsbury, seconded by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park to receive the Past President's Association report. CARRIED**

## **29. Other Reports**

Kelly Sanford, Brooks thanked the membership for their donations to the Toy Drive.

Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park spoke about the Gowns for Grad and offered his services to help this program set up in other parts of the Province.

Derek Barkley, Echo Bay & North Bay, Grand Exalted Ruler Elect indicated that his theme will be "Thanks for Caring". He emphasized the we, the members, are our own worst enemies. He stressed member retention and most of all, have fun.

The planning committee for the Conference were thanked for a job well done.

## **30. Closing Resolutions**

### **Closing Resolution #1 -**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The assembled delegates and visitors of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Alberta Elks Association, do hereby tender our thanks and appreciation to the Town of Drayton Valley and its citizens and to the members of Breton Elks #402, Breton Royal Purple Elks #285, Drayton Valley Elks #391 and Drayton Valley Royal Purple Elks #196 and the members of the Alberta Elks District #4 and 5 for hosting this Conference.

**Moved by Roland Gagnon, Westlock, seconded by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park. CARRIED**

### **Closing Resolution #2 -**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all legislation, orders, edicts, declarations and resolutions which have been adopted at this 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Alberta Elks Association be confirmed and wherever necessary, the Bylaws, rules and privileges of the Association be amended to give full force and effect thereto.

**Moved by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park, seconded by Roland Gagnon, Westlock. CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.