2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes
OLDS, ALBERTA
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025
8:00 A.M.

1. **Call to Order**

   Meeting called to order at 8:06 am by Bill Ward.

2. **Introduction of Trustees**

   Bill Ward- Chairperson

   Al Gummensen – Vice Chair

   Gerard Hermary - Trustee

   Terry Read – 1st vice association

   Darren Scott - trustee

   Monica Krull -Secretary/Treasurer

3. **Approval of Agenda**

   5G) Add Casino

   8C) should be T4T 2025-01 for $4250.00

   8D) remove

   8F) PA 2025-01 Bow Island $5000.00

   8G) GA 2025-05 Pincher creek $5000.00

   Moved by Bob Shave, seconded by Lynn Williams, to accept the additions/approval to agenda, CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes from the last Conference as distributed

   Moved by Lenord Shain, seconded by Duane Romuld, to accept the meeting minutes from the conference, CARRIED

5. **Reports**
   a) Chair Report
      - As presented in the conference booklet
   b) Raffle Chair Report (Margo Ward)
      - Last year $37,242.00 commission to lodges, $31,478 to the foundation
      - Sale 6200 books so far this year, 4 lodges still have to hand tickets in, this year 6 books were lost, improvement than last year.
      - Commission cheques will come to the lodges in the coming weeks, please deposit them as soon as possible
   c) Tabs for Tots Chair Report (Nick Henger)
      - There have been improvements for how tabs have been collected
      - Congratulations to Brooks for their innovative collection program
      - Congratulations to Carstairs for their school program partnership, as well as Olds for their similar school program

- Red Deer meals on wheels, donation program almost at 27,000 trays collected
- New program in Vulcan, ATB tabs collection drive it will run from May-September, Duane Felt followed up and gave information to the ATB branches. Members encouraged to thank their local ATB branches and feel free to ask at your local Branch.
- Roy from Coronation, went to the golf course and he collects the recycling for the tees and the lodge gets the tabs and the golf course gets the cans.
- Sherwood Park Duane, went to a mico brewery and when cans are damaged that cannot be filled they were previously being thrown out, and in the last year 142.5 lb of unusable cans were collected and turned in for T4T. - Sherwood Park hospital is asking for boxes to collect cans for the program.

d) Mighty Lil Elk Report (Kelly Sanford)
- New website for a donate option for families who have received bags
- 30 bags here today, $33/each if you want them this weekend see Kelly and it will avoid shipping costs.

e) Float Report
-As presented in the conference booklet

f) Elks - ISTAR Impact Summary
As presented in the conference booklet
- Al attended an event of U of A to promote ISTAR program
- ISTAR is well supported by the Elks, looking forward to containing to do so

G) Casino report
- Calgary casino $82,995.30 profit
- Third Q of 2026 is the next casino

Moved by Vern Thuroo, seconded by Gord Moon, to accept the reports as presented, CARRIED

6. Review of Audited Financial Statements for 2024-2025

- Covered in AGM booklet

Moved by Darren Scott, seconded by Leonard Shain, to accept the financial reports as presented, CARRIED

Question about office space expense, it was covered by Bill ward that this covers the cost of the secretary/treasurer working form home office space. This change was made due to AGLC. This is funded through the general account, but it does need to be that way.

7. Resolutions

RESOLUTION #1 - The following changes are recommended by the Trustees and will be addressed at the Foundation AGM………

FOUNDATION BYLAWS:
7. Voting Privileges
7.1 At all ~~Annual General~~ meetings of The Foundation, attendance, representation and voting privileges shall be extended to all members of The Foundation.
10.5 ~~Twenty-five (25) voting members in good standing representing ten (10)~~

~~Lodges, including a minimum of three (3) Officers of the Foundation, shall~~

~~constitute a quorum.~~ Twenty-five (25) voting members in good standing shall

constitute a quorum, at least two of who must be Trustees.

12. Officers and Directors

12.2 The Board of Trustees shall have five (5) elected Trustees, plus the duly elected 1st Vice President of the Association, all of whom shall have voting privileges. With the exception of the 1st Vice of the Association, other ~~voting~~ members that currently sit on the Association Executive shall not be eligible to stand for election to the Foundation Executive.

Submitted by the Alberta Elks Foundation Trustees

Moved by Jim McLeod, seconded by Leonard Shain, to approve the #1 resolution as presented, CARRIED

Approved

RESOLUTION #2 – Following an audit by "Alberta Society" the following changes are necessary to move these duties from the Regulations to the Bylaws and will be addressed at the Foundation AGM………

12.7 Duties of the Board of Trustees

12.7.1 During the interim between meetings of The Foundation, take general charge of its property, the direction of its affairs shall be the governing body of The Foundation and shall perform such other duties as may be necessary to protect the interests and promote the objectives of The Foundation.

12.7.2 Have control of the finances of the Foundation, recommend ways and means for raising funds to defray the expenses of the Foundation, set aside the same, when received, for payment of such demands as are properly chargeable to it, and shall report all its acts to the next Annual Meeting.

12.7.3 Devise a system of financial accounting to safeguard, promote and protect the interests and welfare of The Foundation.

12.7.4 Be responsible for assessing the validity of all bills or accounts that have been paid from the funds of the Foundation.

12.7.5 Ensure that satisfactory insurance has been obtained on the Secretary-Treasurer and other members handling Foundation funds.

12.7.6 Submit a report to the Annual Meeting of its activities during the term of office and a Financial Report for the twelve-month period of April 1st to March 31st inclusive.

12.7.7 During the Annual Meeting introduce a bill known as the Budget, making appropriations in respect to each of the several objects for which the Foundation has to provide out of the moneys found to be in the Treasury and estimated to be coming in during the current twelve-month period of their fiscal year.

12.7.8 Have general authority over all funds and property belonging to or handled by the Foundation.

12.7.9 Receive, examine, consider, and review all applications for grants from the Foundation, where required, shall submit them to the Annual Meeting with its recommendations.

12.8 Powers of the Board of Trustees

12.8.1 To prescribe forms and regulation governing all applications for grants from the Foundation.

12.8.2 To receive, examine, consider, and review all applications for grants not exceeding the sum of $2,000.00, and in its discretion, to award the grant, refuse it, or refer it to the Annual General Meeting with comments and recommendations.

12.8.3 To prescribe forms and regulations governing all applications for payment of expense of administration of the Foundation, and not to exceed the maximum permitted herein.

12.8.4 To administer separate bank accounts designated for Special Projects.

12.9 Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

12.9.1 Keep a true record of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting and all the meetings of the Board of Trustees and make sure that such records are accurate and complete.

12.9.2 Have charge of all records, books, and papers, documents of the Foundation under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

12.9.3 Be the custodian of all titles, deeds and other evidence of titles, or liens, and insurance policies and documents of the Foundation.

12.9.4 Be the custodian of the Seal of the Foundation.

Submitted by the Alberta Elks Foundation Trustees

Moved by Jim McLeod, seconded by Duane Romuld, to accept the resolution as presented, Approved

RESOLUTION #3 – the following changes are necessary to address the duties of the Raffle Chair and will be addressed at the Foundation AGM………

FOUNDATION REGULATIONS:

6.3 Foundation Raffle Committee

The Chair shall provide an approved current copy of the rules and regulations for the sale of the raffle tickets including a list of prizes and draw dates for attachment to the Foundation Regulations.

The term of the Chair shall be from the time of initiating the raffle application until completion of ~~all~~ ALL ~~the~~ reports and approval processes for that raffle. The Chair shall be reimbursed a fee which shall be established annually by the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting, and payable monthly for the use of personal facilities to conduct the annual raffle.

- Took out the reference to the actual amount so the regulation does not have to be changed every year.

Submitted by the Alberta Elks Foundation Trustees

Moved by Duane Romuld, seconded by Leonard Shain, to accept the resolution as presented, Approved

RESOLUTION #4 – the following changes address the changes to the Foundation awards and will be addressed at the Foundation AGM………

13. AWARDS

~~Certificates will be presented to Lodges at the Annal General Meeting based on the following criteria: members number 1 – 25; 26 - 50; and more than 51 members~~

Certificates will be presented to Lodges at the AGM based on the following criteria: members numbering 1 – 30; 31 – 60; and more than 61members.

Submitted by the Alberta Elks Foundation Trustees

Moved by Jim McLeod, seconded by Duane Romuld, to accept the resolution as presented, Defeated

8. **Grants**
    a) GA 2024-12 Trenville RPE $ 4,000.00
    Moved by Lynn William, to approve the grant, vote of membership; CARRIED

    b) GA 2024-18 Stavely Royal Purple Elks $ 5,000.00
    Moved by Sharen McLean, to approve the grant, vote of membership; CARRIED

    c) T4T 2025-01 Red Deer Elks $ 4,250.00
    Moved by Nick Henger, to approve the grant, vote of membership; CARRIED

    ~~d) T4T 2025-02 Fernie Elks $ 5000.00~~
    ~~***Application withdrawn by the lodge***~~

    e) Elks Royal Purple Fund for Children annual commitment $5,000
    Moved by Leonard Shain, seconded by Duane Romuld, to approve the grant, CARRIED

f) PA 2025-01 Bow Island $ 5,000.00
Moved by Kelly Sanford, seconded by Leonard Shain, to approve the grant, CARRIED

g) GA 2025-05 Pincher Creek $ 5,000.00
Moved by Charlie Price, seconded by Duane Romuld, to approve the grant, CARRIED

9. Old Business

- No old business brought forward

10. New Business

a) 57th Annual Foundation Raffle
Motion by Margo Ward, seconded Joanne Siemens, to hold the 57th raffle Carried

b) Budget 2025-2026 for approval by membership
Motion by Al Gummensen, seconded Gerry from Didsbury Elks, to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented, Carried

11. Good of the Order

a) Presentation of Fund for Children Donation - $5,000.00
b) Presentation of Other Cheques
c) ISTAR Presentation
d) Acceptance of Donations
   i) Foundation
   ii) ISTAR
   iii) Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children
e) Presentation of Certificates
   i) Bill Hilz
   ii) Bob Manning
   iii) Tabs for Tots Contribution Awards
   iv) Raffle Sales Top Award

Motion by Bill Ward to move the above awards to the later association meeting. Approved by Meghan Pollard Association President.

12. Adjournment