

**Alberta Elks Association Conference
Hanna, Alberta
June 9, 2016**

President Keith McKinnon called the 89th Annual Conference of the Alberta Elks Association order at 6:01 p.m. in regular form.

Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer Don Rush Alberta Elks Association Officers present: President Keith McKinnon, Immediate Past President Blaine Kyle, 1st Vice President Lyle Ozouf, 2nd Vice President Ron Townrow, 3rd Vice President Vic Schmidt, Esquire Darren Scott, Inner Guard Barb Evans, Tyler Kelly Sanford, Chaplain Merv Sagert – absent with cause.

Presentation of Colours by the Brother Esquire and Patrol team.

Reception of Past Provincial Presidents in attendance: Robert Larsen AEA 1991-92, Joan Hannah ARPLA 1995-96, Opal MacMillan ARPLA 1996-97, Jim McLeod AEA 1996-97, Nick Henger AEA 1997-98, Bill Ward AEA 1998-99, Ken Neumann AEA 1999-2000, Duane Romuld AEA 2000-01, Denis Ellingboe AEA 2001-02, Noel Pell AEA 2002-03, Roy Poisson AEA 2003-04, Duane Felt AEA 2006-07, Don Neal AEA 2007-08, Bob Shave AEA 2011-12, John Christie AEA 2012-13, Gail Schrock ARPLA 2012-13, Leonard Shain AEA 2013-14, Blaine Kyle AEA 2014-15

Past National Leaders: Roland Gagnon 2002-03, Robert Larsen 2012-13, Jim McLeod 2013-14, Bill Ward 2006-07, Duane Romuld 2009-10, Duane Felt 2014-15

Grand Exalted Ruler represented by: Brother Denis Ellingboe Grand Leading Knight.

Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers: Brother Denis Ellingboe Grand Leading Knight and Brother Kevin McBeth, Executive Director of Grand Lodge Canada were escorted to the altar and introduced

Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen or Members: Kelly Sanford – Marketing, Barbara Evans – Judiciary, Leonard Shain – Charities, Lynda Petten - Membership

Words of Welcome to the conference attendees from:

Conference Chairman and District Deputy: Vern Thuroo, Hanna Elks welcomed everyone.

Deputy Mayor Kruse - greetings on behalf of the Council and welcomed everyone to check out the community. Great raves about the Elks of Hanna.

M.L.A representative: Special Areas Board Chairman - Jordan Christiansen recognized groups such as the Elks and the great work being done in this area.

President Keith McKinnon thanked everyone for attending as well as Hanna for hosting the conference.

Visitor - Larry Mazure brought greetings on behalf of the newly elected B.C. Provincial President, Vaino Pennanen.

President Keith McKinnon then excused the Visitors that may not want to stay for the business session about to begin.

Preliminary report of the Credential Committee and call for Quorum

Barb Evans, Whitehorse #306/Ron Townrow, Didsbury #514 moved that the first credential report be received for information and determined there was a quorum. CARRIED

Moment of silence for departed members observed at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome all first time attendees and appoint executive “buddies” for conference.

Appointment of “The Earl” – Chris McQuaig, (district deputy): This member asks questions in regards to “why certain things happen” during the conference, to help new attendees understand what is going on. The Provincial President picks someone on the executive to answer or a member he feels qualified to answer the question.

Question by The Earl: “What is the difference of report that is received and one that is accepted?” 1st Vice President Lyle Ozouf answered “No idea”

Secretary-Treasurer Brother Don Rush response to this question was:

“Received is for information Accepted is all the recommendations listed in that report are agreed to along with the report.”

Presentation of the Budget (for purpose of tabling)

Moved by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481/Duane Rumold, Brooks #77 that the budget be tabled until Saturday morning for discussion. CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes from the Last Conference as printed and distributed.

Moved by Nick Henger, Red Deer #85/Steve Varga, Didsbury \$514 accept the minutes of the 88th Annual Conference of the Alberta Elks Association.

CARRIED

Correspondence: None for presentation.

Reports from the Officers of the Alberta Elks Association

President – read his in the conference book.

Amendment - 41 Lodge meetings and 5 district meetings

Immediate Past President Blaine Kyle: nothing to add

1st Vice President Lyle Ozouf: nothing to add

2nd Vice President Ron Townrow: nothing to add

3rd Vice President Vic Schmidt: nothing to add

Esquire Darren Scott: nothing to add

Inner Guard Barb Evans: nothing to add

Tyler Kelly Sanford: verbal attended Medicine Hat conference, national convention in Whitehorse, two district meetings

Chaplain Marvin Sagert: absent; nothing further to add

Moved by Brian Read, Whitehorse #306/Ron Townrow, Didsbury #514 to receive the reports as presented. CARRIED

District Deputy Reports:

District #1: nothing to add

District #2: nothing to add

District #3 – lost but will be included in the minutes; Russel Napier

District #4 – no report and not in attendance

District #5: nothing to add

District #6: nothing to add. Read a paragraph out to the delegates and encouraged them to pass it on – encourage and take responsibility.

District #7 – no report

District #8: nothing to add

District #9: nothing to add

District #10: nothing to add

District #11: nothing to add

District #12: nothing to add

District #13: nothing to add

District #14: nothing to add

Moved Mel De Paoli, Stavely #112/James Zimmer, Heisler #305 these reports be received for information. CARRIED

Committee Reports from Chairmen (have one person move the reception of the reports as printed and distributed, allow comment by author).

Chairman of the Trustees Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481: nothing to add.

Judiciary Chairman Nick Henger, Red Deer #85: resolutions and uncirculated resolutions Friday.

Publicity – read by Chairman Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77, continues to work with Lodges for membership and publicity of functions; encouraged members to pass on ideas for publicity.

Forward Planning: nothing

Membership Chairman Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481: nothing further to add

Advisory – Chairman Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 thanked Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 and Barb Evans, Whitehorse for their help on this committee.

Walk for Children Chairman Diane Wilson, Breton Royal Purple Elks #285:

Estimated total is \$25,000. Thanked everyone who donated.

Habitat for Humanity: nothing

Curling: nothing

Darts: nothing

Website: nothing

Sickness & Distress: nothing

Ritual: nothing

The Earl asked the Judiciary what is your job. Response from Judiciary Chairman Nick Henger "Making sure everything is legal and correct."

Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Daniel Stotz, Medicine Hat #412 moved to receive the reports. CARRIED

President Keith McKinnon explained why he had two secretaries – Brother Don Rush is retiring after this conference and Sister Lynda Petten will be taking over.

Kevin McBeth, National Office Executive Director introduced himself and shared words of encouragement.

Roy Poisson, Coronation #362 – regalia room has limited supplies and encouraged everyone to shop as soon as possible. Older inventory is reduced.

Ken Neumann, Pincher Creek #474 disappointed that nothing was on the website regarding the conference. Chairman of the Website Rick Doell, Settler #92 explained that everything regarding the conference was on the website since January. Encouraged everyone to contact him if they cannot find something on the site.

Gordon Macleod, Sherwood Park #481 stated that we as members are responsible for the website and if not happy with it, it is up to ourselves to make suggestions.

Nick Henger, Red Deer #85 silent auction items for sale and where they are located.

Gerry LePrieur, Stavely #112, Raffle Chair – encouraged everyone to purchase raffle tickets; draw will be made on Saturday night at the banquet. The Licensing Officer from Gaming will be present.

Lodge closed at 7:36 p.m. following Hour of Eleven.

Lodge Visitation, Travelling Gavel and Community Service reports are included in reports booklet and trophies are awarded during elections or good of the order.

Discussion of reports and questions will be held until business sessions Friday and Saturday.

11 O'clock service to close session by Provincial President Keith McKinnon

June 10, Friday 8:00 A.M.

Credential Committee Report # 2

Moved by Roy Poisson, Coronation #362/Lyle Ozouf, Edmonton #11, to receive credential report. CARRIED

Floor was turned over to Trustees of the Alberta Elks Foundation for the purpose of holding their Annual Meeting. This is reported under a separate set of minutes

June 10, Friday 10:00 A.M.

Resolutions - the Provincial Judiciary Committee will proceed with the Resolutions.

Association Resolution #1 moved to Foundation meeting.

Uncirculated Resolution #1 – Therefore be it resolved that effective immediately the position of Tyler in the Alberta Elks Association executive be eliminated
And Further be it resolved that all references to this position be removed from the Bylaws and Regulations of the Alberta Elks Association and all duties pertinent to this position be reassigned.

Moved by Daniel Stotz, Medicine Hat #412/Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 to consider the resolution. CARRIED

Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 to accept.
CARRIED

Uncirculated Resolution #2 –Therefore be it resolved that effective immediately the Immediate Past Provincial President serve as the Chairman of the Trustees and all sections of the Bylaws and Regulations be amended accordingly.

Moved by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481/Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 to consider the resolution. CARRIED

Moved by Duane Romuld, Brooks #77/Michael Wilcox-Kelly, Crossfield.#416 to accept. CARRIED

Uncirculated Resolution #3 – Therefore be it resolved that Section 12.2.1, 12.3.2 and 12.3.3 be amended to include the Vice Presidents to be a part of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Ron Townrow, Didsbury #514/Roy Poisson, Coronation #362 to consider the resolution. CARRIED

Moved by Margo Ward, Didsbury #514/Chris McLean, Wainwright #22 to accept.
CARRIED

Judiciary Chairman Nick Henger stated because all of these are Bylaw changes they must be approved by Grand Lodge Executive as well as Alberta Registries, therefore these will be at least a year before they take effect, even if they say “immediately”.

Uncirculated Resolution #4 – Therefore be it resolved that the Alberta Elks Association bestow the position of “Honorary Past President” on Brother Don Rush.

Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481 to consider the resolution. CARRIED

Motion by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481 to accept. CARRIED

June 10, Friday 1:00 PM

Credential Committee Report #3

Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Barb Evans, Whitehorse #306 to accept credential report. CARRIED

Election of Officers

Give charge to Past Presidents for election scrutineers.

Association Officers

Introduction by Nick Henger of President Elect - Lyle Ozouf (elected as per 2014 resolution)

1st Vice President – Ron Townrow – Nominated by Duane Felt, Accepted and elected by acclamation

2nd Vice President – Vic Schmidt - Nominated by Gordon McLeod, Accepted and elected by acclamation

3rd Vice President – Darren Scott - Nominated by Bob Shave, Accepted and elected by acclamation

Trustee – remove for next year (Past President Blaine Kyle will serve this position for the 2016-17 year)

Esquire – Barb Evans - Nominated by Duane Felt, Accepted and elected by acclamation

Inner Guard – Kelly Sanford - Nominated by Duane Romuld, Accepted and elected by acclamation

Tyler – Merv Sagert - Nominated by Bob Shave, Accepted by letter to President and elected by acclamation

Chaplain - Michael Wilcox-Kelly - Nominated by Bill Ward, Accepted and elected by acclamation

Selection of site for Future Conference The assembly Accepted bid as presented by Wainwright Elks for June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2017

Foundation Trustees Nominations:

Margo Ward Nominated by Bill Ward and accepted

Don Borrowman Nominated by Ken Neumann and accepted

Ken Komarnisky Nominated by Nick Henger and accepted

Duane Felt Nominated by Leonard Shain and accepted

Nathan Sanford Nominated by Duane Romuld and accepted

Roland Gagnon Nominated by Ian Sundquist and accepted

Noel Pell Nominated by Don Neal and accepted

Roy Poisson Nominated by Don Rush and accepted

Gail Schrock Nominated by Jean Frere and accepted

Margo Ward, Don Borrowman, Duane Felt, Roland Gagnon and Gail Schrock elected by ballot.

Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Darren Scott, Breton #402 that the ballots be held for 30 days then destroyed. CARRIED.

Reports (continued) from the Standing Committee Chairmen and presentations (during elections)

Tab for Tots – Trophy for Tabs - District #1 – 402 pounds

Tab for Tots – Trophy for metals other than tabs – District #9 – 3,174 pounds

Bill Hilz – highest contribution to the Foundation – Stavelly Elks #112 (5th consecutive year)

Bob Manning – highest per capita – Edmonton Elks #11

Prov. Inter-District Visitation

Inter-District Visitation – 1st Place - Sexsmith Royal Purple Elks #226

Prov. Community Service

Community Service –1st place for size Hythe Royal Purple Elks, 1st place for size Grande Prairie Elks and 1st place for size Red Deer Elks

Travelling Gavel – Camrose Elks

Expansion Award – no award presented this year

Special Presentations by President Keith McKinnon: Fez with the title “Honorary Past President” and a cheque of \$2,500.00 for a trip to Jasper for his years of service to the Order to Brother Don Rush
Presentation to Past President Blaine Kyle: His Past President’s fez, certificate, and jewel.

The Earl’s first question: “What is the hour of 11? When did it start? Why do we do it?” President Keith McKinnon asked PGER Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 to answer this question, even though he is not on the executive. Brother Ward’s answer: “I don’t know when it started. Listen carefully it talks about loyalty, fraternity, how we should treat others. We do it as a tribute of our members and a tribute to our Order. It can be done at any time, omitting “it is the hour of 11” and simply stating “it is the hour”

The Earl's second question: When you have a motion on the floor and you say "The question has been called" What does that mean? Brother Keith McKinnon answered this by stating that this means it is time for the vote.

President Keith McKinnon made a presentation to Alberta Elks Foundation Chairman Don Borrowman of the pin proceeds for his pin that he collected on his visits - \$445.00.

Other presentations of cheques were made at this time.

Hockey Discussion:

Need support in both manpower and purchasing tickets. Do not have to be members of your Lodge but must be 18 years of age. Tickets were \$20 each. With Red Deer Rebels can do chuck-a-puck but have to supply our own pucks; no 50/50 available.

Suggestion – possibly do 50/50 in Calgary with funds going to ISTAR Fast Fund in Calgary – will need to be checked into. Exposure for the Elks is good but if you are not willing to work don't complain about the event should we go ahead with it/them.

Motion by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481/Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 that the Alberta Elks Association proceed with the Calgary Hitmen hockey game this year, purchase of 300 tickets. CARRIED Recorded Vote - Opposed – Steve Varga, Didsbury #514 and Jay Smith,

Motion by Opal McMillan, Hythe Royal Purple Elks #106 /Lorene Rose, Grande Prairie #51 that we continue with the Edmonton Oil King game, with the help of the northern lodges and with one fund-raiser. CARRIED

Louise Higginbottom, Trenville Royal Purple Elks #248 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday – shaving her head for Fund for Children.

Good of the Order:

Grand Exalted Ruler Dominic Leach was unable to attend so Grand Leading Knight Denis Ellingboe brought greetings and thank you for the invitation.

Incoming President: Lyle Ozouf addressed the Assembly: Theme for his year is "Elks in Motion"

Meeting recessed at 4:17 p.m.

June 11, Saturday 8:00 AM

Budget ---- presented by Trustee Chairman Leonard Shain:

Secretary-Treasurer Don Rush reviewed the auditor's report. Informed the membership about the name change of the auditor.

Unexpended funds in a line item are not carried over.

Moved by Ron Townrow, Didsbury #514 /Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 to receive the auditors' report as presented. CARRIED

Moved by Vic Schmidt, Westlock #330/Lyle Ozouf, Edmonton #11 to lift the budget from the table. CARRIED

Moved by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514/Harvey Schultz, Ponoka # 561 to remove \$3,500 from the District Deputy Mid-term line item. MOTION DEFEATED

"Forward Planning" name has been changed to "New Lodge Development".

Moved by John Christie, Trochu #168/Patrick Milligan, Heartland #597 to increase the Walk for Children from \$500 to \$1,500. MOTION DEFEATED

Change Accounting & Legal Expense to \$4,200 (actual figure)

Change Walk for Children to \$25,000.

Moved by Keith McKinnon, Didsbury #514/Michael Wilcox Kelly, Crossfield #416 to create a line item for Storage Unit rental of \$400.00. CARRIED

Budget Changes:

Walk for Children - \$25,000

Calgary Hitmen - \$7,500 (net estimate)

Regalia Sales - \$460

Increase Total Revenue - \$121,460

Total Income - \$121,460 Total Expense - \$113,700 Net Income - \$7,760

Alberta Elks Association
Income And Expense Comparison
4/1/2015 - 3/31/2016
Accounting Method: Cash

Description	Actual 2015 2016		Budget 2015 2016		Budget 2016 2017
		Amount			
INCOME					
REVENUE					
Membership Fees					
Prior Year Membership Fees	231.00				
2015 Dues	64,666.00		95,650.00		88,000.00
Office Recovery	604.80		500.00		500.00
Walk for Children	16,287.85		18,000.00		25,000.00
Previous Years Special Projects	5,541.65				-
Special Projects					
Calgary Hitmen	11,680.00				
Edmonton Oil Kings	12,924.69	24,604.69	10,000.00		7,500.00
Regalia Sales			100.00		460.00
TOTAL REVENUE		111,935.99	124,250.00		121,460.00
EXPENSE					
TRAVEL EXPENSE					
Executive Travel					
President's Travel	1,500.59		1,200.00		1,200.00
Officer Travel	2,662.07		4,200.00		1,500.00
Grand Lodge Delegates			3,000.00		3,000.00
Other Travel Expense	506.25		600.00		500.00
District Deputy Travel					
Lodge Travel	7,455.91		9,000.00		9,000.00
Other District Expenses	9.98				
TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSE		12,134.80			15,200.00
MEETING EXPENSES					
Conference Expense					
Executive	14,729.27		12,500.00		13,000.00
District Deputies	8,493.68		10,000.00		10,000.00
Committees	5,799.51		7,000.00		7,000.00
Booklet and Proceedings Cost	244.59		500.00		500.00
Past Prov. Presidents	1,280.00				1,000.00
Other Conference Expense	4,994.96	35,542.01	3,000.00		2,000.00
Mid Term Expense					33,500.00
Executive	4,490.42		6,500.00		6,500.00
District Deputies	3,555.13		3,000.00		3,500.00
Committees	350.35	8,395.90	1,500.00		1,500.00
Committee Expenses					11,500.00
Executive	411.46		1,000.00		600.00
New Lodge Development	158.77		5,000.00		500.00
Membership	84.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
DD facilitator					500.00
Advisory	23.85				
Walk for Children	125.23		500.00		500.00
Publicity	795.41		5,000.00		4,000.00
Regalia Room					
Sickness & Distress	188.29	1787.01			100.00
TOTAL MEETING EXPENSES		57859.72			
ADMINISTRATION					
Insurance Expense					
Officer Liability	2,565.00		2,600.00		2,600.00
Accounting & Legal Expense	4,200.00		4,500.00		4,200.00
Secretary and Office					
Telephone/Internet	805.69		2,100.00		400.00
Postage	1,499.56		1,500.00		1,500.00
Photocopier	46.25		1,500.00		1,500.00
Storage					400.00
Office Supplies	315.26		500.00		500.00
Honorarium	5,700.00		5,400.00		5,400.00
Officer Regalia	560.27		700.00		700.00
Transfers					
Walk for Children	16,274.05		18,000.00		25,000.00
Tabs Transfer	989.90				
Foundation Donations	10.10				
Bank Charges					
Service Charges	6.85		120.00		100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		32,972.93			42,300.00
OTHER EXPENSES					
Special Projects					
Hitman Hockey	6,159.18				
Oil Kings Hockey	8,800.00				
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		14,959.18			
TOTAL EXPENSE		105,791.83			113,700.00
Total Income		111,935.99	127,250.00		121,460.00
Total Expenses		105,791.83	125,820.00		113,700.00
NET INCOME		6,144.16	1,430.00		7,760.00
		6,144.16			

Moved by Margo Ward, Didsbury #514/Brian Read, Whitehorse #306 to accept the budget as amended. CARRIED

Past Presidents Association report

Moved by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park #481/Blaine Kyle, Beaverlodge #249 to receive the Past Presidents Association Report. CARRIED

Good of the Order (continued)
Appointment of Auditor (Pivotal Chartered Professional Accountants)

Motion to have Walk for Children

Moved by Diane Wilson, Breton Royal Purple Elks #285/Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481 to proceed with the 2017 Walk for Children. CARRIED

Speech of outgoing President Keith McKinnon

Closing Resolutions

Resolution #1 –
Moved by Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park #481/Duane Felt, Calgary #4 – CARRIED

Resolution #2 –
Moved by Duane Felt, Calgary #4/Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park #481 – CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 11:34 a.m. until installation of Officers and District Deputies.

Officers of the Alberta Elks Association were installed in due form with Grand Leading Knight Denis Ellingboe presiding.

President	Lyle Ozouf	Edmonton	No. 11
Imm. Past President	Keith McKinnon	Didsbury	No. 514
1st Vice President	Ron Townrow	Didsbury	No. 514
2nd Vice President	Vic Schmidt	Westlock	No. 330
3rd Vice President	Darren Scott	Breton	No. 402
Secretary-Treasurer	Lynda Petten	Red Deer	No. 85
Esquire	Barbra Evans	Whitehorse	No. 306
Inner Guard	Kelly Sanford	Brooks	No. 77
Tyler	Merv Sagert	Leduc	No. 156
Chaplain	Michael Wilcox- Kelly	Crossfield	No. 416

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE 2016

CREDENTIAL REPORT

	# 1	# 2	# 3
PROVINCIAL OFFICERS	10	10	10
DELEGATES	99	111	125
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	109	121	135
VISITORS	2	3	14
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT	111	124	149
LODGES REPRESENTED	-	44	45
DISTRICTS REPRESENTED	13	14	14