
Alberta
Elks
Association

88th Annual
Conference

MEDICINE HAT,
ALBERTA

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Proceedings



88th Annual Conference Proceedings
Alberta Elks Association
Held at Medicine Hat, AB
June 4, Thursday 6:00 pm

President Blaine Kyle Opened the 88th Annual Conference of the Alberta Elks Association in regular form.

Roll Call: President Blaine Kyle, Immediate Past President Leonard Shain, 1st Vice President Keith McKinnon, 2nd Vice President Lyle Ozouf, 3rd Vice President Ron Townrow, Esquire Vic Schmidt, Inner Guard Darren Scott, Tyler Barbara Evans, Chaplain Kelly Sanford, Chairman of Trustees John Christie, Secretary-Treasurer Don Rush

Presentation of Colors: Brother Esquire Vic Schmidt and the Patrol Team presented the colours.

Reception of dignitaries: 1st Vice President Keith McKinnon presented the following all at once -

Past Provincial Presidents (AB Elks & AB Royal Purple Lodges Associations): 1991-92 Robert Larsen, 1996-97 Jim MacLeod, 1997-98 Nick Henger, 1998-99 Bill Ward, 1999-2000 Ken Neumann, Duane Romuld, 2002-03 Noel Pell, 2003-04 Roy Poisson, 2005-06 Ken Fedoruk, ARPLA Marjorie Dowell, 2006-07 Duane Felt, 2007-08 Don Neal, 2008-09 Ken Komarnisky, 2011-12 Robert Shave, 2012-13 John Christie, ARPLA Gail Shrock, 2013-14 Leonard Shain.

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

Grand Exalted Ruler: 2014-15 Duane Felt

At this time GER Duane Felt was Officially Welcomed and recognized.

Introductions:

Conference Chair: Brother Don Borrowman, Secretary-Treasurer of Medicine Hat Elks welcomed everyone and encouraged those present to take advantage of the various facilities in Medicine Hat.

District Deputy: Brother Duane Romuld of District 13 thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to take in the events planned for this Conference.

M.L.A.: Drew Barnes, Member of the Official Provincial Opposition Wildrose Party Cypress-Medicine Hat Riding, thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to the Order and the Province.

Grand Exalted Ruler Duane Felt: Acknowledged the host committee's hard work putting this conference together, the Alberta Elks Provincial Executive for their past year of service, thanked P.G.E.R. Jim McLeod for his advice and acknowledged the following Grand Lodge Committee representatives: Leonard Shain – Chairman for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, Kelly Sanford – Grand Lodge Publicity, Gordon McLeod – Chairman of Forward Planning. Thanked the other PGERs present (Roland, Robert & Duane) for their friendship and mentoring. Year of transition for the Elks and the Royal Purple, we must look forward not back there is a lot of work yet to do. Thanked all members for making this a memorable year.

Mayor of Medicine Hat: Deputy Mayor Les Pearson – 2 important things to say: we are a city with a sunshine state of mind it is not dry- just humid; visit our national level museum of history –

Medalta. Thanked the Elks for their service to the various communities in Alberta; without your dedication somethings wouldn't happen.

President: Blaine Kyle thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this conference. Encouraged members to ask questions, take part in discussions, renew and make new friendships.

At this time President Kyle excused those visitors that wished to leave as the Association would be entering the business portion of the conference.

President Kyle recognized the following;
Grand Leading Knight Dominic Leach
Saskatchewan President Morris Kuzman

Preliminary report of the Credential Committee: 11 Provincial Officers, 89 Delegates, 100 Total Voting Members, 1 Visitors, 101 Total Members Present, 55 Lodges represented, 14 Districts represented *Thus a Quorum was declared* **MOTION** Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park #481 and seconded by Meagan Fuller, Fort Saskatchewan #399 that the first Credential report be received,, **CARRIED.**

President Kyle called for a moment of silence for our departed Brothers and Sisters by calling up the entire assembly.

President Kyle asked for the business of the conference that everyone to approach the microphone, state their name, Lodge, number and then proceed to speak.

President Kyle recognized both the Elks and the Royal Purple Elks in attendance for their first time (19).

Position of "The Earl" was introduced last year to ask questions of the executive on behalf of the membership, Meagan Fuller of Fort Saskatchewan was appointed by the President.

Presentation of the Budget (for purpose of tabling):

MOVED BY John Christie, Trochu # 166 and seconded by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 that the Budget be tabled until Saturday morning session, **CARRIED.**

Minutes from the Last Conference were previously printed and distributed: **MOVED BY** Keith McKinnon, Didsbury #514 and seconded by Brian Reid, Whitehorse #306 be approved as circulated, **CARRIED.**

Correspondence: Secretary Rush reported there was none.

Reports from the Officers of the Alberta Elks Association:

President: President Kyle read his report and the highlights were: the new Vision Statement for the Elks "To be the Best Volunteer Organization in Canadian Communities"; thank you to all members; welcome to all the Royal Purple Elks lodges; member responsibilities; visits made.

Past President: Past President Shain reported his report was on page 8 and he had nothing to add.

1st Vice President: 1st VP McKinnon reported his report was on page 8 and 9 and he had nothing to add.

2nd Vice President: 2nd VP Ozouf reported his report was on page 9 and he had nothing to add.

3rd Vice President: 3rd VP Townrow reported his report was on pages 9 and 10 and he had nothing to add.

Esquire: Esquire Schmidt reported his report was on page 10 and he had nothing further to add.

Inner Guard: IG Scott reported his report was on pages 10 and 11 and he had nothing to add.

Tyler: Tyler Evans reported that her report was on page 11 and she had nothing to add.

Chaplain: Chaplain Sanford reported that her report started on page 11 and ended on page 12 and she had nothing to add.

Chairman of the Trustees: Trustee Chairman Christie encouraged everyone to read the Financial Review on page 33 and continue reading to the end of page 36 (budget).

MOVED BY Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 and seconded by Margo Ward, Didsbury #514 that these reports be received, CARRIED.

District Deputy Reports;

District #1	District #5	District #9	District #13
District #2	District #6	District #10	District #14
District #3	District #7	District #11	
District #4	District #8	District #12	

Nothing was added by anyone for these reports on pages 12 to 17.

MOTED BY Russell Napier and seconded by Shellene Fakir, Didsbury #514 that all the District Deputy reports be received, CARRIED.

Committee Reports from Chairmen.

Judiciary	Publicity	Curling
Forward Planning	Membership	Darts
Advisory	Walk for Children	Sickness & Distress
Habitat for Humanity	Website	Ritual

Update from Walk for Children chairman Randy Bask - just over \$16,000.00 raised; introduced school walks and we had 10 schools participate, roughly 2,000 children walked. If you have donations send them to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer as these are still being accepted.

Darts chairman Maggie Carter gave a verbal report. 10 people participated in the Provincial darts.

Community Service Report Chairman Vic Schmidt reported that there have been report forms just submitted so there maybe adjustments to make.

Regalia Room chairman Roy Poisson gave a verbal report. Highlights – each year for the last 3 to 4 years the Alberta Conference has out sold all the other provincial conferences combined, out of province visitors were encouraged to buy as we have NO PROVINCIAL SALES TAX

The Earl, Megan Fuller asked the following: “How often are the Bylaws looked at for revision?”

Judiciary chairman Nick Henger responded by saying that the Bylaws are reviewed after every Conference as they must be submitted to Alberta Corporate Registries and to Grand Lodge for approval, so therefore every year.

MOVED BY Nick Henger, Red Deer #85 and seconded by Don Neal, Didsbury #514 that a Certificate of Appreciation be prepared recognizing the services and hard work of Brother Wayne Cheesman as the District Deputy Trainer and that Brother Blaine Kyle present this at his earliest opportunity, CARRIED.

Presentation by Publicity chairman Kelly Sanford in regards to The Elks and the Walk for children. Ideas were tossed around about how to revamp this program and the results were to approach schools. 1st Step: contact a Superintendent of schools to endorse a voluntary program about the Walk, mail-outs to families in regards to the Walk and the Elks. 2nd Step is contact the Deputy Minister of Education and hopefully he will get on board and a directive will be sent out to ALL schools to participate.

Updates:

Tabs for Tots chairman Nick Henger reported he has 6 items for Silent Auction and his truck is available for collecting tabs (just see him).

Don Borrowman Conference chairman reported that there will be silent Auction item(s) for the Conference Committee as well. At this time he also gave some updates in regards to the Conference.

Roy Poisson Regalia Room chairman reported his hours were incorrect in the book. His hours are: "If I am awake and you have money to spend; find me and I am Open for Business"

President Kyle brought everyone's attention to the Committee form in the Report Booklet as well as that like all Conferences there are rules so there is a "Sheriff" in the audience who collects fines for any errors (Darren Scott is your Sheriff).

Success stories in regards to Royal Purple Elks Lodges – John Christie, District Deputy for District #10 was asked to address this. This District received 4 Royal Purple Elks Lodges, all work well with their Brother Elks, District Deputy elect is a Royal Purple Elk – Jean Frere of Trochu, we had to step outside of our comfort zones but we make this work.

11 O'clock service to close session: Past President Shain asked the question- "What is the hour?" President Kyle then proceeded to do the 11 O'clock Service.

Meeting was recessed by President Kyle.

June 6, Friday 8:00 A.M.

Credential Committee Report # 2

Annual Meeting of the Alberta Elks Foundation (minutes under separate report)

Election of Foundation Trustees is to be held at regular time for elections.

Resolutions – President Kyle asked the Provincial Judiciary Committee to take charge of the meeting and proceed with the Resolutions.

Resolution #1: To amend Article 11.3 deleting "Committee Chairmen and Committees" PASSED.

Resolution #2: that Article 14.1 be amended to read:

" Article:14.1- All Committees, unless otherwise specified, shall be nominated or recommended by the President at the Pre Conference Executive Meeting and ratified by the Association Executive at the Post Conference Executive Meeting, provided however, that at the discretion of the President, the Chairman only shall be nominated by the President or the Association Executive and appointed by the Association with the power in the Committee Chairman to appoint their own committee members, except where otherwise expressly provided."

Amendment #1: **MOVED BY** Jim McLeod, Sherwood Park #481 and seconded by Ken Neumann, Pincher Creek #474 that the word "incoming" be inserted prior to the word President at the Pre-Conference Executive Meeting, CARRIED.

Amendment #2 **MOVED BY** Barb Evans, Whitehorse #306 and seconded by Paige Hartley, Whitehorse #306 that the word "Chairman" be changed to "Chair", DEFEATED.

Amendment #3 **MOVED BY** Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 and seconded by Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 that the words starting at "provided however....." to "..... expressly provided." be deleted, CARRIED.

Resolution #2 As amended Article: 14.1- All Committees, unless otherwise specified, shall be nominated or recommended by the incoming President at the Pre Conference Executive Meeting and

ratified by the Association Executive at the Post Conference Executive Meeting, voted on and CARRIED.

Resolution #3

- 14.2.1 Advisory Committee -appointed as ad hoc when necessary.
- 14.2.4 Sports Committee –appointed as an ad-hoc committee when necessary
- 14.2.5 Ritual and Patrol Committee -Ritual assigned to the Inner Guard
- 14.2.8 Audit Committee -covered under Article #21
- 14.2.10 Historian Committee - covered under the duties of the Historian.
- 14.2.11 Habitat Committee -appointed as an ad hoc committee when necessary

CARRIED.

Resolution #4 – Article #12.6, the duties of the Esquire be amended to include “acting as a member of the Mid Term Review Committee”, CARRIED.

Resolution #5 - The Past Provincial Presidents Conference registration fees are paid for a maximum of Three (3) years following their term as Immediate Past Provincial President and to begin with the 2016 Conference, CARRIED.

Resolution #6 – The Grand Lodge budget \$8,000.00 per year for the travel cost of the Provincial Winners to attend the Canadian ELKS Curling.

Motion to consider: **MOVED BY** Al Dalmag, Red Deer #85 and seconded by Don Borrowman, Medicine Hat #412, CARRIED.

Resolution Defeated.

Judiciary announced there was an uncirculated resolution to be dealt with at the convenience of the President. President Kyle resumed the chair.

Provincial President from Saskatchewan – Brother Morris Kuzman said a few words highlights were: “People are People, Lot of Fun in Elkdom, Lot of Good Work in Elkdom, Where ever you see a child in need you will see an Elk rolling up their sleeves.”

President Kyle recessed for lunch at this time.

June 5, Friday 1:00 PM

President Kyle resumed sessions and called for Credential Committee Report #3:

President Kyle then turned the chair to Past President John Christie who called on all past presidents as scrutineers for the Election of Officers.

Association Officers – Past President John Christie presided over this area of Elections.

President by acclamation (according to Bylaws) Keith McKinnon, Didsbury #514 – Introduction by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514

1st Vice President & President elect for the next term: Lyle Ozouf, Edmonton #11- nominator Nick Henger, Red Deer #85 Elected by acclamation.

2nd Vice President: Ron Townrow, Didsbury #514 - nominator Duane Felt, Calgary #7 Elected by acclamation

3rd Vice President: Vic Schmidt, Westlock #330 nominator Don Neal, Didsbury #514 Elected by acclamation

Esquire: Darren Scott, Breton #402 - nominator Bob Shave, Breton #402 Elected by acclamation

Inner Guard: Barbara Evans, Whitehorse #306 – nominated by Ken Fedoruk, Grande Prairie #285 Elected by acclamation

Tyler: Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77- nominator Duane Romuld, Brooks #77 Elected by acclamation

Chaplain: Merv Sargent volunteered – nominator if necessary Peggy Allan, Sherwood Park #481; elected by acclamation

Selection of site for Future Conference: Secretary-Treasurer Rush reported no official paperwork in his hands. He has received an indication that Hannah Elks have interest in 2016, Vegreville Elks have indicated they are interested in 2017 and Fort Saskatchewan Elks have indicated they might be interested for the 2018 Conference. The Executive will ratify the Hannah bid once all the necessary paperwork is in.

Election of Trustees for the AB Elks Foundation 2015-16: Past President John Christie chaired this area

Margo Ward, Didsbury #514 – nominated by Bill Ward, Didsbury #514

Don Borrowman, Medicine Hat #412 - nominated by Ken Neumann, Pincher Creek #474

Roland Gagnon, Westlock #330 – nominated by Ian Sundquist, Stavelly #112

Daniel Stotz, Medicine Hat #412 – nominated by Don Neal, Didsbury #514

Noel Pell, Slave Lake #379 & Red Deer #85 – nominated by Ken Fedoruk, Grande Prairie #285

David Allan, Sherwood Park #481 – nominated by Don Rush, Crossfield #416

Elected Trustees are: Margo Ward, Don Borrowman, Roland Gagnon, Daniel Stotz, and Noel Pell

MOVED BY Nick Henger, Red Deer #85 and seconded by Brian Reid, Whitehorse #306 that the ballots be held for 30 days then destroyed, CARRIED.

President Kyle resumed the chair and Reports continued: from the Standing Committee Chairs:

Prov. Inter-District Visitation: Chairman Kelly Sanford reported that 4 Lodges submitted forms on travelling / Inter-District Visitations. 1st goes to Whitehorse, 2nd goes to Red Deer, 3rd goes to Brooks

Prov. Community Service: Chairman Vic Schmidt reported that Don Neal did the tabulations as Vic wasn't available due to health. Lodges 1-49 Members 1st Camrose, 2nd Didsbury, 3rd Valleyview; Lodges 50-99 1st Fort Nelson, 2nd Hannah, 3rd Brooks; >100 1st Stavelly, 2nd Red Deer, 3rd Calgary 67 Lodges participated or turned in paperwork out of the 108 Lodges in the Association

MOVED BY Vic Schmidt, Westlock #330 and seconded by Don Neal, Didsbury #514 that the Community Service Report be incorporated into the minutes, CARRIED.

President's Club Award

Expansion Award: President Kyle announced the top five Lodges – starting with the 5th place winner: 5) Delburne +1 = 2% 4) Hardisty +1 = 5% 3) Rosalind +6 = 12% 2) Coronation +2 = 20% 1) Sherwood Park +14 = 30%

Cheque Presentations: Cheques donations to the Alberta Elks Foundation, ISTAR, Tabs for Tots, Fund for Children, Alberta Elks Association equaled \$29,273.84

At this time President Kyle asked the members to fill out the Grands Executive Survey that Sister Kelly Sanford was passing out, and please leave it on the table. Secretary-Treasurer Rush asked the committee Chairman to hand in the names they wished for certificates so he could do them up.

President Kyle turned the meeting over to the Judiciary for the Uncirculated Resolution:

Chairman Nick Henger reported that the Judiciary Committee has ruled this resolution redundant as Resolution #3 was passed.

Good of the Order

Brother Keith McKinnon addressed the assembly. Highlights of his speech were: Thank you to everyone who has faith in him, learn from past mistakes and move forward, theme for the year “Remember the Children”, introduction of Executive and Committee Chairs, there are obstacles to overcome and it won’t happen overnight, introduce new thinking, focus on why we joined, and our members – new & old.

Other Speakers: Sister Maggie Carter finished the Alberta Elks Foundation business that was not completely during the morning session.

Roy Poisson Regalia Chairman please pay “tabs” from the regalia room as it was being packed up that afternoon.

Darren Scott “Sheriff” listed off people and fines they need to pay for. Encourage all those present to donate to the Fund for Children.

Presentation by Publicity Chairman Kelly Sanford in regards to the Puck Drops. Need at least 40 workers to make this happen. This year we will be doing one in Calgary (Hitman) and one in Edmonton (Oil Kings) and no matter where you are please purchase tickets as they can be used for the inner city kids program sponsored by the WHL

Up next was Bill Ward for Forward Planning as Chairman Gordon MacLeod was unable to attend this Conference. In keeping with the National and Provincial leaders’ baseball themes this year this is what we came up with. First base: Finding your community needs focusing on areas that excite community members and fits into the values and needs of the Elks. Second base: Building your team focusing on building beneficial relationships with community groups; enabling and encouraging people to become involved with your project. Third base: Learning a Shared Thing focusing on establishing expectations that not everything will be a money making success but encouraging people to become involved in whatever way they can. Not just making money but going outside of your comfort zone, growing, learning new things, having fun increasing your membership. Home plate: Replenishing your Dream by focusing on establishing a vision, a dream for your Lodge and community. Sharing, encouraging, and enabling. Members of the committee expanded on these areas; Hope Hartley at first base – get recognized not just handing out cheques be pro-active in finding out your community needs; Shelly Fakir at Second base – Find out the skills of your members, have a vision so people can get on board, encouragement, establish ground rules: Gus Westra at Third base – No “I” in TEAM so work together, share success stories with other Lodges, promote your ideas; Maggie Carter at Home Plate – Vision; encourage everyone to participate no matter how small, welcome ideas do not shoot someone idea down even if it was tried before.

Presented a few Awards at this time: Darren Scott, Chairman of Ritual Competition Announced: Camrose -3rd place, Three Hills - 2nd place, Acme – 1st place. Patrol travelling competition Breton-Drayton Valley was the only lodge submitting forms.

Barb Evans, Chairman for Traveling Gavel This runs on a calendar year and is broken down into Lodges 1 – 50 members and over 50 members: Fort Saskatchewan was the winner in the 1 – 50 member category and Sherwood Park in the over 50 member category.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl”: When there is motion on the floor and someone says “Question” why does all discussion stop on the motion? Judiciary Chairman Nick Henger that the word “Question” is another way of calling for the vote.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl”: What is a quorum and what qualifies? Did we have one last night? President Kyle replied saying we have to have so many delegates and so many lodges represented and so many elected officers present. Brother Henger, Judiciary Chairman replied that in the Alberta Elks

Bylaws under appendix it states under 8.4: a minimum of 25 members representing 10 Lodges including 3 Officers of the Association legally constitutes a quorum. President Kyle stated that yes we had a quorum last night.

June 6, Saturday 8:00 AM

Budget ---- presented by Trustee Chairman: President Kyle asked for a motion to lift the budget before Chairman John Christie proceeded.

MOVED BY Keith McKinnon, Didsbury #514 and seconded by Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 to lift the budget from the table, **CARRIED**. John Christie, Trustee Chairman brought everyone's attention to the financial review on pages 33 & 34. **MOVED BY** Bill Ward, Didsbury #514 and seconded by Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 that the financial review is received, **CARRIED**.

**Alberta Elks Association
Budget
4/1/2015 - 3/31/2016**

INCOME

Membership Fees	95,650.00
Office Recovery	500.00
Misc. Donations	3,000.00
Walk for Children	18,000.00
Special Projects	10,000.00
Regalia Sales	100.00

TOTAL INCOME

127,250.00

EXPENSE

Travel Expense

Executive Travel	
President's Travel	1,200.00
Officer Travel	4,200.00
Grand Lodge Delegates	3,000.00
Other Travel	600.00
District Deputy Travel	
Lodge Travel	9,000.00
TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSE	18,000.00

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Meeting Expenses

Conference Expense	
Executive	12,500.00
District Deputies	10,000.00
Committees	7,000.00
Booklet and Proceedings Cost	500.00
Other Conference Expense	3,000.00
Mid Term Expense	
Executive	6,500.00
District Deputies	3,000.00
Committees	1,500.00

Committee Expenses

Executive	1,000.00
Forward Planning	5,000.00
Membership	5,000.00
Sports; Curling	-
Sports; Darts	-

	Walk for Children	500.00	
	Publicity	5,000.00	
	Regalia Room Expenses		
	TOTAL MEETING EXPENSES		60,500.00
Administration	Insurance Expense	2,600.00	
	Accounting & Legal Expense	4,500.00	
Secretary and Office	Telephone/Internet	2,100.00	
	Postage	1,500.00	
	Photocopier	1,500.00	
	Office Supplies	500.00	
	Honorarium	5,400.00	
	Officer Regalia	700.00	
	Transfers		
	Walk for Children	18,000.00	
	Bank Charges	120.00	
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		36,920.00
Other Expenses	Special Projects	10,000.00	
	Misc. Expense	400.00	
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		10,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSE			125,820.00
NET LOSS/GAIN			1,430.00

MOVED BY Vic Schmidt, Westlock #360 and seconded by Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 that the budget as amended be accepted, CARRIED.

President Kyle assumed charge of the meeting.

Presentation by Leonard Shain for the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children: Highlights of presentation: At this point in time no name change foreseen; 2nd logo (unless directed otherwise by delegates at the National Convention) – child in the middle (children are the center of what we do), butterfly (to signify transformation) surrounded by a heart (this is what being an Elk is all about).

Fund for Children received a Speech & Hearing Award; this was awarded outside of the United States for the first time.

Provides support to provincial programs, awarded 16 scholarships for speech and hearing programs; donations are down – so please consider our national charity; plug for Facebook and website.

Cheque presentation by Alberta Elks Foundation Trustee Chairman Maggie Carter.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl”: Why isn’t the Secretary-Treasurer elected? President Kyle and Immediate Past President Shain responded by stating that is what the Bylaws state and we have always done it this way. Also there is a little bit of consistency as this is a maximum of a five year term. If you think there is confusion now just imagine if this position changed yearly?

Past Presidents report: Past President John Christie reported as the Chairman was unavailable there was no meeting but those present did agree that if asked they would provide advice and assistance.

Good of the Order (continued)

MOVED BY Diane Wilson, Breton #285 and seconded by Randy Bask, Beaverlodge #249 that a 2015-2016 Walk for Children be held, CARRIED.

Miscellaneous Business: Presentation by Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481 and Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 did a short presentation on the “Caroline Cart”. Sherwood Park was approached by a family about putting a cart in their local Save-ON-Foods store and since the first one, in less than a week Save-On-Foods bought 10 more. CTV asked if they could film the presentation, by Wednesday it had made

all of the Canadian CTV networks, down into the United States and even into Europe. Next it went to their Facebook page, Global News contacted the Sherwood Elks wanting to do an additional presentation and in less than a week this was major news. Kelly Sanford contacted Loblaws, Safeway, Sobeys and even Walmart to see if they were interested. The results were Loblaws and Walmart will do it themselves if they are approached by a family. Safeway & Sobeys would like to partner with the Elks and be a part of this event. Brother Keith McKinnon was the demonstration “model” for the cart, demonstrating that not just children can use this cart – adults can too.

The Fine Box: Darren Scott, Breton #402, your “Sheriff” reported that \$724.68 has been collected at this time, for the Fund for Children.

Grand Exalted Ruler Duane Felt did a presentation in regards to the “Strategic Plan” – there are basically four areas needing to be addressed: Royal Purple, Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Governance & Structure. The area of Governance & Structure was further broken down into Governance – Ritual & Regalia and Governance – National, Provincial & Evaluating for the Future.

President Kyle resumed control of the meeting at which time he presented the Alberta Elks Foundation Chairman Maggie Carter with the money from the Fine Box. He then had Brother Nick Henger, Tabs for Tots Chairman report on the Silent Auction items - \$361.00 raised for the Tabs for Tots program.

President Kyle then had Sister Barb Evans, Whitehorse #302 do a brief presentation on the National Convention they are hosting in July 2015. Sister Evans gave a brief run down on the events planned for Convention and asked that everyone who is going to please book their hotel room as soon as possible if they haven’t already done so. Do not forget your Passports as you might be going into the States.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl” asked: “How do we pick the members of the Judiciary Committee?” President Kyle responded by stating the Incoming President does this basically by looking at who is already there and if they did a good job. He ask each individual on the committee if they wish to stay.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl” asked: “What Provincial Committees can the new Royal Purple Elks members be a part of and can they be on the Executive?” President Kyle responded by stating they can be on any committee and if anyone nominates them they can be on the Provincial Executive or the Foundation if elected.

Grand Leading Knight Dominic Leach was asked to say a few words. Highlights: thanked everyone for having him, explained why he is an Elk and why he continues to serve. Due to health reasons he will not be traveling this year but on the Grand Executive they will cover the country when it comes to visitations.

President Kyle opened the floor up to members for announcements. A variety of upcoming lodge events were promoted by various members. Names on name tags need to be larger, so a person can read them. Commend the Trustees for the “professional” way they presented the budget and the Executive for a well-run meeting. Presentation of Volunteer Certificate by Grand Exalted Ruler Duane Felt to Ed Heck. Kelly Sanford, Brooks #77 and Leonard Shain, Sherwood Park #481 presented a representative of the Medicine Hat Elks teddy bears and soccer balls they asked that Medicine Hat Elks present them to the schools that participated in Wednesday’s Walk.

Meagan Fuller “The Earl” asked: “When dealing with matters of business, what defines our role structure?” President Kyle, with the help of others, responded: our constitution and bylaws, Robert’s Rules and O. Garfield Jones.

June 6, Saturday 1:00 PM

Installation of Officers: The Installing Officers took place with Grand Exalted Ruler acting as the Installing Officer and Grand Leading Knight Dominic Leach acting as Assistant Installing Officer. Brother Jim MacLeod was the Sergeant at Arms for the Patrol Team which consisted of a mixed group of members from around the province familiar with Patrol work. Officers for the 2015-16 term and installed were: 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; Secretary-Treasurer Don Rush

Installation of District Deputies: The Installation of the District Deputies took place following the Installation of Officers with President Keith McKinnon acting as the Installing Officer and 1st Vice President Lyle Ozouf acting as the Assistant Installing Officer. District Deputies installed for the ensuing term: District #1 – Doug Becotte; District #2 – Lorene Rose; District #3 – Russel Napier; District #4 – Zane Clark; District #5 – Diane Wilson; District #6 – Lawrence Pidluzny; District #7 – Arnold Siem; District #8 – James Zimmer; District #9 – Daniel Leroux; District #10 – Jean Frere; District #11 - Bill Smillie; District #12 – Michael Wilcox-Kelly; District #13 – Don Borrowman; District #14 - Mel De Paoli

Closing Resolutions: The two Closing Resolutions were presented by Judiciary Chairman Nick Henger and passed by those present.

Closing Ceremony: President McKinnon and his new slate of Officers then Closed the Conference according to ritual.

Credential report summary

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	#1	#2	#3
PROVINCIAL OFFICERS	11	11	11
DELEGATES	89	109	110
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	100	120	121
VISITORS	1	2	2
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT	101	122	123
LODGES REPRESENTED	55	55	55
DISTRICTS REPRESENTED	14	14	14