

**PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS****LIVING**

Term	Name	Home Lodge	Installed At
1978-1979	Vern Hoff	Campbell River	Surrey
1979-1980	Walter Barron	Langley	Vancouver
1980-1981	Jim Hurst	Port Coquitlam	Williams Lake
1986-1987	Terry Neuenfeldt	South Vancouver	Victoria
1987(Honorary)	Morice Kapustianyk	Langley	
1988-1989	Noel Martel	Terrace	Osoyoos
1990-1991	Laurie Belsher	Cranbrook	Chilliwack
1991-1992	Mike White	South Vancouver	Kamloops
1993-1994	Dennis Wagner	Vernon	Vernon
1992-1993	Wayne Herod	Vanderhoof	Prince George
1994-1995	John Yaslovasky	Penticton	Courtenay
1995-1996	Gary Gee	Langley	Penticton
1996-1997	John Jones	New Westminster	Langley
1997-1998	Paul Nolan	Prince George	Williams Lake
1997(Honorary)	Don Kidd	Penticton	
1999-2000	Al Edwards	North Surrey	Campbell River
2000-2001	Ed MacNaughton	Port Coquitlam	Mission
2001-2002	Pat Kearns	Kelowna	Terrace
2002-2003	Frank Keillor	Kelowna	Salmon Arm
2003-2004	Denis Heppelle	Nanaimo	White Rock
2004-2005	Jerry Wernicke	Chilliwack	Prince George
2005-2006	George Hopkins	Revelstoke	Osoyoos
2006-2007	Jim Murphy	Chilliwack	Kamloops
2007-2008	Arnie Zimmerman	Williams Lake	Vancouver
2008-2009	Larry Mazur	Kamloops	Williams Lake

**PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS****DECEASED**

J.P. Murphy (1928-1929)	Geo. Roadnight (1929-1930)	Thomas Hill (1930-1931)
W. Mason (1931-1932)	Walter Harris (1932-1933)	Robert Storie (1933-1934)
John Sutton (1934-1935)	Mobly Stewart (1935-1936)	J.B. Paine (1936-1937)
Harrison Piele (1937-1938)	C.A. Vaughan (1938-1939)	A.J. Follis (1939-1940)
J. Roberts (1940-1941)	P.C. Paine (1941-1942)	A. Hinson (1942-1943)
J.R. Homes (1943-1944)	E. Handlin (1944-1945)	J.C. MacDonald (1945-1946)
Doug Smithers (1946-1947)	J. Robertson (1947-1948)	W.J. Cousins (1948-1949)
Reg. Hook (1949-1950)	Art Webb (1950-1951)	W.J. Alton (1951-1952)
D.H. Currie (1952-1953)	D.K. Robinson (1953-1954)	W.J. Francis (1954-1955)
V.A. Taylor (1955-1956)	G.T. Kinkade (1956-1957)	G. Art Van (1957-1958)
H.R. Geddis (1958-1959)	Art Dodsworth (1959-1960)	Doug Moore (1960-1961)
Bill W. Thompson (1961-1962)	Ken Riley (1962-1963)	H.R. Gunderson (1963-1964)
Cec. Wright (1964-1965)	Bruce Weese (1965-1966)	George Henry (1966-1967)
Neil McKerracher (1967-1968)	Ted Carnegie (1968-1969)	W.C. Wood (1969-1970)
Gar Bruce (1970-1971)	Ed Rowell (H) (1970)	Dave Seymour (1971-1972)
Jack Sharples (1972-1973)	Dave Minto (1973-1974)	Vic. Dyck (1974-1975)
Peter Zeleny (1975-1976)	Ralph Laird (1976-1977)	Stan Fleming (1977-1978)
Frank Favali (1981-1982)	Jim Foffonoff (1982-1983)	Clem Frechette (1983-1984)
Ernie Sales (1984-1985)	Mike Shiskin (1985-1986)	N. Schellenberg (1987-1988)
Ed Anderson (1989-1990)	Don Carlson (H) (1991)	Andy Anderson (H) (1994)
Henry Chung (H) (1997)	Doug Manson (1998-1999)	

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## HOUR OF ELEVEN

### To Our Members:

**The Clock of their day has stopped...across its face the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven...our period of recollection.**



Aldergrove No. 66:	Thomas Scott (3438), Henry Frank (3417/685)
Burnaby No. 497:	Norm Spackman (151)
Chilliwack No. 48:	Don MacKay (9085), Wm Chrystal (32671)
Clearwater No. 499:	Neil L. Fitzsimmons (3046)
Cloverdale No. 335:	Foster Boles (12312)
Delta No. 531:	G Ross Laidley (10917)
Grand Forks No. 493:	Sam Dudoff (7257)
Kamloops No. 44:	John Milton (1222)
Kelowna No. 52:	Grant Main (55079), Theresa Kirk (60271), Donald McDougal (2531), Robert Hammond (8333), Pierre Potvin (4257)
Langley Elks No. 259:	Patrick Fairue (4921), Naomi Barron (65168)
MacKenzie No. 547:	Evelyn Bryan (55774), Sandra Waddell (61762)
Mission No. 30:	Barclay wood (1529), Trevor Edwards (1513)
North Kamloops No. 469:	Charles McMillan (7118), Alex Chapman (7086)
Oliver No. 267:	Millie Morfitt (721), Harold Dawson (5014)
Parksville-Qualicum No. 469:	Ina McGraw (54847)
Penticton No. 51:	William Kaines (2317), Harry Faulkner (2140), Dave Jordan (2179), Ken Krienke (45817), Gerard Lautard (6446)
Prince George No. 122:	Walter Veld (32952), Roy L. Hostetter (4109)
Quesnel No. 298:	Jacob Neufeld (5648)
South Vancouver No. 55:	Albert Tabes (2803)
Vernon No. 45:	Peter Zelany (1473)
Victoria No. 2:	Charles Monty Jasper (53180)
White Rock No. 431:	Archer Ferris (30), Wilbert Kennedy (6414), Fred Huhtala (720)



**B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011**

President	Deb Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
Immediate Past President	Bob Baker	Vancouver	No. 1
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Al Cormons	Duncan	No. 69
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Jacqueline Allain	White Rock	No. 431
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Deyette	Aldergrove	No. 66
5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259

**B.C. ELKS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2010-2011**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:**

Don Kidd, Chairman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Larry Mazur	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 376-0581
Jim Murphy	White Rock	No. 431	(778) 888-4854

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Denis Heppelle, Chairman	Parksville-Qualicum	No. 589	(250) 758-5595
Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Roy Nehra	White Rock	No. 431	(604) 538-2709

**LODGE ADVISORY:**

Jerry Wernicke, Chairman	Chilliwack	No. 48	(604) 824-5517
Arnie Zimmerman	Cariboo	No. 239	(250) 392-5451

**RITUAL:**

John Yazlovasky, Chairman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 492-2046
Mike White	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-2426

**CONFERENCE PLANNING**

Don Kidd, Chairman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

John Yazlovasky, Chariman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 492-2046
Bev Wernicke, Sports	Chilliwack	No.48	(604) 824-5517
Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259	(604) 856-3559
Kay Heuer	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 741-8308
Nancy-Dawn Ashberry-Gullason	Cache Creek/Ashcroft	No. 262	(250) 457-6755

**SPORTS COMMITTEE:**

Bev Wernicke	Chilliwack	No. 48	(604) 824-5517
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**SPECIAL SERVICES:**

Roger Butler	Port Coquitlam	No. 49	(604) 584-9379
Cam Ross	Aldergrove	No. 66	(604) 583-6010
Clarence White	Port Coquitlam	No. 49	

**ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE FUND FOR CHILDREN, BC DIVISION:**

Don Kidd	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Sally Hurst	Port Coquitlam Royal Purple		

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES WRITER:**

Office Staff

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Deb Sallenback	Langley	No. 259	(604) 856-3559
Al Cormons	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 722-3294
Jacqueline Allain	White Rock	No. 431	(604) 805-3437
Bob Baker } *	Vancouver	No. 1	(604) 984-6313
Larry Mazur } *	Kamloops	No. 44	(604) 376-0581
Tom Kirk	Smithers	No. 240	(250) 847-2823
Mike Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Norm Elliot, Executive Admin.	Aldergrove	No. 66	(604) 513-0155
Don Kidd, Judiciary	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Denis Heppelle, Finance	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 758-5595
Al Edwards, Facilitator	White Rock	No. 431	(604) 569-5651

}\* (Larry Mazur will stand in for Bob Baker if he is unable to attend meeting)

### OPENING CEREMONIES

The Official Opening of the B.C. Elks Association Conference was duly and properly opened by the BC Elks President, Bob Baker with the assistance of the Provincial Officers. Present and occupying stations were:

President	Bob Baker
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Deb Sallenback
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Arnie Zimmerman (Acting Vice President for Conference)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Dina Wolansky
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Al Cormons
5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Jacqueline Allain

### INTRODUCTIONS:

#### PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Hurst	(1980-1981)	Gary Gee	(1995-1996)
Don Kidd H	(1997-1998)	Denis Heppelle	(2003-2004)
Jerry Wernicke	(2004-2005)	Arnie Zimmerman	(2007-2008)
Larry Mazur	(2009-2010)		

#### SITTING GRAND LODGE OFFICERS:

Jerry Wernicke, Grand Loyal Knight

### PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

(To be delivered to Lodges not in attendance by their Regional Director)

**Vern Hoff Membership Trophy** presented to **Cloverdale Elks No. 335** for the most increased membership. Membership Increase 8 members or 50%

**Vic Dyck Camp Directors Trophy** presented to **Vancouver Elks No. 1** for the highest contribution to the Camp Society per capita. Total contributions: \$27,042.07, Membership: 44 and per capita donation \$614.88. Presented by Arnie Zimmerman, Camp Committee Chairman to Bob Baker.

**Bill Cousins Trophy** presented to **Terrace Elks No. 425** for highest per capita amount to the Fund For Children. Total Contribution: \$9,075.00, Membership 25, Per Capita: \$363.00.

### ADDRESS OF JERRY WERNICKE

Welcomed Delegates. I am here to represent the Grand Exalted Ruler, Brother Duane Romuld. He would like to thank all of you for your hospitality during his visits to the Lodges in British Columbia. He would like me to promote to you his theme "Friends Good Friends and Family."

Brother Jim Hurst reported that we had a quorum

**MOTION: DINA WOLANSKY (Kamloops No. 44)/DEB SALLENBACK (Langley No. 259):** To accept the Minutes of the 2009 B.C. Elks Conference held in White Rock, BC. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: DINA WOLANSKY (Kamloops No. 44)/ALCORMONS (Duncan No. 69)** To accept the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of B.C. **CARRIED**

**2010 - CREDENTIALS REPORT – 2010**

**Region No.1**

Burnaby	No. 497	0
Mission	No. 30	0
Port Coquitlam	No. 49	2
South Vancouver	No. 55	0
Squamish	No. 119	0
Vancouver	No. 1	3
Agassiz	No. 311	0

**Region No.2**

Alberni Valley	No. 101	2
Campbell River	No. 373	0
Courtney	No. 60	0
Duncan	No. 69	1
Lake Cowichan	No. 293	0
Nanaimo	No. 26	1
Parksville- Qualicum	No. 589	2
Victoria	No. 2	0

**Total Delegate Region No. 1 5**

**Total Delegates Region No. 2 6**

**Region No.3**

Aldergrove	No. 66	1
Chilliwack	No. 48	2
Cloverdale	No. 335	0
Delta	No. 531	0
Langley	No. 259	2
White Rock	No. 431	1
Princeton	No. 280	0

**Region No.4**

Grand Forks	No. 493	0
Kelowna	No. 52	0
Keremeos	No. 56	0
Oliver	No. 267	0
Osoyoos	No. 436	0
Penticton	No. 51	3
Trail	No. 50	0
Vernon	No. 45	0
Westside	No. 592	0

**Total Delegates Region No. 6**

**Total Delegated Region No. 4 3**

**Region No.5**

Ashcroft/Cache Creek	No. 262	2
Cariboo	No. 239	1
Clearwater	No. 499	0
Kamloops	No. 44	4
Lillooet	No. 467	0
Merritt	No. 441	0
North Kamloops	No. 469	0
Revelstoke	No. 453	0
Salmon Arm	No. 455	0

**Region No.6**

Houston	No. 533	0
McBride	No. 247	0
MacKenzie	No. 547	0
Prince George	No. 122	0
Prince Rupert	No. 342	0
Quesnel	No. 298	0
Smithers	No. 240	2
Terrace	No. 425	0
Vanderhoof	No. 473	2

**Total Delegates Region No. 5 7**

**Total Delegates Region No. 6 2**

**Total Voting Delegates: 29**

**Total Visitors (Non-Voting) 1**

**Total at Conference 30**

**RE – Cap of Attendance At Conference**

BC Elks Association Officers	<u>6</u>	Grand Exalted Rulers	<u>0</u>
BC Elks Past Presidents	<u>7</u>	Grand Lodge Officers	<u>1</u>
		Past Grand Exalted Rulers	<u>1</u>

**MOTION: JIM HURST (PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49)/ARNIE ZIMMERMAN (CARIBOO NO. 239):**  
to receive the Credential Report. **CARRIED**

**REGION NO. 1**

Port Coquitlam No. 49 Douglas McIntosh, Jim Hurst (PPP)  
Vancouver No. 1 Bob Baker (Pres), Albert Gullason, Nancydawn Ashberry-Gullason

**REGION NO. 2**

Alberni Valley No. 101 Evelyn Johanson, Rudolph Johanson  
Duncan No. 69 Al Cormons (4<sup>th</sup> Vice Pres)  
Nanaimo No. 26 Kay Heuer  
Parksville-Qualicum No. 589 Stan Perry, Denis Heppelle (PPP)

**REGION NO. 3**

Aldergrove No. 66 Norm Elliot (Ex Admin)  
Chilliwack No. 48 Jerry Wernicke (PPP/GLK), Bev Wernicke  
Langley No. 259 Deb Sallenback (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres), Gary Gee (PPP)  
White Rock No. 431 Jacqueline Allain (5<sup>th</sup> Vice Pres)

**REGION NO. 4:**

Kamloops No. 44 Larry Mazur (Immed PP), Donna Mazur, Dina Wolansky (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres),  
Mike Wolansky  
Penticton No. 51 Don Kidd (PPP,PGER), Joyce Sutherland, Noreen Brooks

**REGION NO. 5**

Ashcroft/Cache Creek No. 262 Elmer Wall, Joan Hoffman  
Caribou No. 239 Arnie Zimmerman (PPP)

**REGION NO. 6**

Smithers No. 240 Tom Kirk (Sec), Grant Gibson (ER)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2010 -2011**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Deb Sallenback, Langley No. 259	
	Nominated By:	Gary Gee, Langley No. 259	BY ACCLAMATION
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Dina Wolansky, Kamloops No. 44	
	Nominated by:	Jerry Wernicke, Chilliwack No 48	BY ACCLAMATION
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Al Cormons, Nanaimo No. 26	
	Nominated by:	Norm Elliot, Aldergrove No. 66	BY ACCLAMATION
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Jacqueline Allain, White Rock No. 431	
	Nominated by:	Denis Heppelle, Nanaimo No. 26	BY ACCLAMATION
<b>4<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Nominated:	Dave Deyette, Aldergrove No. 66	
	Nominated by:	Don Kidd, Penticton No. 51	
	Nominated:	Dave Sallenback, Langley No. 259	
	Nominated by:	Mike Wolansky, Kamloops No. 44	BY VOTE: BROTHER DAVE DEYETTE
<b>5<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Dave Sallenback, Langley No. 259	
	Nominated by:	Mike Wolansky, Kamloops No. 44	BY ACCLAMATION

**MOTION: MIKE WOLANKSY (KAMLOOPS NO. 44)/TOM KIRK (SMITHERS NO. 240):** That the Ballots be retained in a sealed envelope and destroyed in 30 days. **CARRIED**  
**CONFERENCE 2011**

**MOTION: DON KIDD (PENTICTON NO. 51)/AL CORMONS (DUNCAN NO. 69)** That Conference 2011 will be hosted by Penticton Elks No. 51. **CARRIED**

**CONFERENCE 2012**

**MOTION: MIKE WOLANSKY (KAMLOOPS NO. 44)/DINA WOLANSKY (KAMLOOPS NO. 44)** That Conference 2012 will be hosted by Delta Elks No. 531. **CARRIED**

**DONATIONS TO THE ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN’S CAMP SOCIETY OF B.C.**

Courtenay Royal Purple	500.00	Peter Howard	200.00
White Rock Elks	4,000.00	Chilliwack Elks	950.00
Penticton Elks	4,500.00	Ukranian Women’s Association	100.00
Nanaimo Elks	1,000.00	Aldergrove Elks Pledge	15,000.00
Kamloops TABS	14.00		
Sheriffs Fines	250.50		
		Total Donations	\$26,514.50

**MOTION: TOM KIRK/GARY GEE:** That the Sheriffs Fines be donated to the Elks Recreation Children’s Camp Society. **CARRIED**

**DONATIONS TO THE BC FAMILY HEARING RESOURCE SOCIETY**

White Rock Elks	1,000.00		

**ELKS OF CANADA STRATEGIC PLANNING  
 PRESENTED BY JERRY WERNICKE AND DEB SALLENBACK**

**DEFINITION OF LEADERSHIP**

*“Leadership is action that inspires, motivates, and creates positive outcomes within our membership”*

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

**July 1, 2002:** The Presidents/Grand Executive met for the first time as a group in Yellowknife, NT. At the time there was a confrontational attitude between the Leaders (Presidents and Grand Executive) in the Order. CONFLICT DEFINITELY EXISTED. The Grand Executive dissolved the old Forward Planning Committee structure and realized that the Presidents and Grand Executive needed to be on the same page with one goal-the SURVIVAL OF THE ORDER. A new Forward Planning Committee was formed consisting of the GRAND EXECUTIVE AND ALL PRESIDENTS. At the time, some people felt this large of a body would never work.

**September, 2002:** A team-building facilitator was brought in and the Forward Planning Committee became cohesive. They worked on the District Deputy issue-determining who should be responsible for the District Deputies and the Grand Executive/Presidents came up with a District Deputy solution. Members saw the Presidents/Grand Executive working well together. The Forward Planning Committee’s efforts resulted in the transfer of responsibility of the District Deputies to the Provinces. At their February, 2003 meeting the Committee recommended and it was accepted that the Order NOT have a Forward Planning Committee for 2003-04 unless a need was recognized as a result of the Grand Lodge Convention or at the call of the Grand Executive.

**October, 2004:** Brother Dave Hurley, Grand Inner Guard, asked the question “*are you satisfied with the status quo?*” This resulted in the Feedback Form Discussion Paper which was sent to all Elk members. Brother Hurley coordinated the Feedback form process.

**February, 2006:** The Presidents/Grand Executive hammered out ten (10) main issues and took them to the 2006 Convention. The Grand Executive/Presidents developed a Feedback presentation for the 2006 Convention.

**July, 2006:** Ten (10) resolutions were presented to the 2006 Convention and all ten (10) were adopted with only minor amendments to a few of the resolutions.

**February, 2007:** The Grand Executive and Presidents held a Strategic Planning Workshop in Regina entitled “Navigating Our Future Together:”. An external facilitator led the group through discussion on our Vision, underlying obstacles for the Elks, and where we wanted the Elks of Canada to be in five (5) years. Seven (7) strategic actions were developed to deal with the Elks of Canada’s underlying obstacles and to realize our shared vision.

**June, 2007:** At the June Grand Executive meeting a Strategic Planning session was held to discuss, prioritize, and make plans for the 2007 Convention. The seven (7) strategies identified in the February 2007 workshop were grouped into four (4) strategic areas. These strategies were identified as Strengthening, Leadership, Promotion, and the Opening the Purple Door.

**July, 2007:** A Strategic Planning session was held with the delegates at the 2007 Elks National Convention to further analyze and provide feedback for the Grand Executive to use in their future planning sessions.

**October, 2007:** At the October Grand Executive meeting a session was held to establish the “Elks of Canada Strategic Plan”, as attached. Their input from the delegates was a key component of this plan. Based on feedback from the Grand Executive/Presidents Strategic Planning sessions and the Delegates Session the Grand Executive decided not to include the Opening of the Purple Door action in the final Strategic Plan. This item will be dealt with as a separate issue and will require additional discussions with the Supreme Executive.

**February, 2008:** Review of the final version of the “Elks of Canada Strategic Plan” at the February 2008 Grand Executive/Presidents meeting: There was unanimous consensus of all those in attendance to accept the document as presented.

**June, 2008:** Ongoing review of the “Elks of Canada Strategic Plan” at June 2008 Grand Executive meeting. Sub-committee formed to update timelines. Once ratified by Grand Executive the final version will be included in 2008 Convention Report Book.

**July, 2009:** Review by Grand Executive at their June meeting and refocusing/updating plan. Sub committee struck to make recommendations and update plan which was accepted by Grand Executive. As the Strategic plan is the “responsibility” of the Grand Executive, planning will be 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item on all future Grand Executive and Committee meetings. A subcommittee of the three Knights will be established to maintain focus on the Strategic plan.

**November, 2009:** Grand Executive approved amendments to wording and timelines as recommended by the Marketing Committee.

**January, 2010:** The Grand Executive accepted the recommendation of the Members Services Committee to add to the last action on page 1 of the Strategic Plan the words “lodge activities”.

**February, 2010:** The Grand Executive and Presidents held a meeting to review and updated the Strategic Plan.

**ACTION AREAS**

STRENGTHENING	Strengthening Strategy-Deals with strengthening our role in the community and the life of our volunteers. The ability to assess the needs of our communities and to recognize the different types of volunteers we have are part of this area. Recognizing
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	these "needs" through assessment will provide us with the information to build success.
LEADERSHIP	Leadership Strategy-Deals with building better Leaders at all levels of our Order. The need for training our Leaders at the Lodge, DD/RR, provincial and national levels are all key components. Along with training we also need to make sure that everyone gets the same message at all levels about what we need to do to change for the future.
PROMOTION	Promotion Strategy-Deals with promoting our Order. Increasing the public's knowledge of the Elks of Canada will involve both our current promotional material and the use of a marketing committee. We need to take stock of what is currently available, create a marketing plan, and improve communications with our current members.

### **STRENGTHENING ACTIONS**

*Deals with strengthening our role in the community and the life of our volunteers. The ability to assess the needs of our communities and to recognize the different types of volunteers we have are part of this area. Recognizing these "needs" through assessment will provide us with the information to build success.*

- Develop program to help Lodges market to family members, new people in community (i.e. Welcome Wagon), and specific persons or target groups. The Lodge Evaluation Form and Community Survey tools will identify the local needs/focus. Program will help Lodges reach target groups while fulfilling the needs identified. Target date: 2011.
- Develop program to help Lodges build relationships in their community by identifying and seeking out local groups whose mandates are similar to ours (i.e. youth groups) such as YMCA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Brownies/Girl Guides. Food "feeder" groups for the Elks. Target dates: 2011.
- To develop tools to assist the Lodges in taking the first step of contacting their local community groups, eg. "Letter of Introduction". Target date: 2011.
- Lodge Evaluation form to be revised and will be part of the Lodge Assessment toolkit and distributed by mail, Canadian Elk, E-tracks (e-mail newsletter). Target date: Fall: 2010
- Community Survey tool to be revised for Lodges so they can determine the "needs" of their community. Also to be part of the Lodge Assessment toolkit and distributed by mail, Canadian Elk, E-tracks. Target date: Spring 2011.
- Lodge Assessment toolkit to be discussed and promoted on every Lodge visit by the President, Grand Executive member, and DD/RR/etc. (where applicable)
- Lodge Evaluation form and Community Survey tool to be incorporated into the Leadership Recognition Program being created by the Member Services Committee. Target date: July 2011.
- Develop plans and programs/tools to promote the benefits of "Fraternalism" through:
  1. Inter-Lodge visits
  2. Conventions/Conferences
  3. District Meetings
  4. Sports.
  5. Lodge Activities

Provincial/Territorial Associations are to take the lead in promotion "fraternalism" through their visits and their DD's/RR's/etc. Target date: 2010-2011 President's Term

**STRENGTHENING**

**Responsibility**

**Timeline**

<b>Strengthening Action #1</b>	Revise Lodge Evaluation form and ensure that it is discussed and promoted on ever Lodge visit by the President, Grand Executive member and DD/RR/etc where applicable)	Grand Executive Prov/Terr Associations MSC	Target Date Fall 2010
	<b>Update</b> Revised Lodge Evaluation form to be part of the Lodge Assessment Tool Kit along with the Community Survey. The Presidents have committed that they will discuss this kit at each of their Lodge visits and ensure their DD's/RR's/etc (if applicable) do the same. Grand Executive members who visit a Lodge will also include it in their discussions. The kit will be distributed using all the methods currently available (eg. Mailings, Canadian Elk, E-tracks). Key questions identified to be forwarded to MSC		
<b>Strengthening Action #2</b>	Revise Community Survey tool for Lodges so they can determine the "needs" of their community. To be discussed and promoted on every Lodge visit by the President, Grand Executive member and DD/RR/etc (where applicable)	Grand Executive Prov/Terr Associations MSC & Charities Committees	Target Date Spring 2011
	<b>Update</b> Revised Community Survey tool to be part of the Lodge Assessment Tool Kit with the revised Lodge Evaluation form. The Presidents have committed that they will discuss this kit at each of the Lodge visits and ensure their DD's/RR's/etc. (if applicable) do the same. Grand Executive members who visit a Lodge will also include it in their discussions. The kit will be distributed using all the methods currently available (eg. Mailings, Canadian Elk, E-tracks.)		
<b>Strengthening Action #3</b>	Incorporate the Lodge Evaluation form and Community Survey tool into the Leadership Recognition Program being created by the Member Service Committee	MSC National Staff	Target Date July 2011
	<b>Update</b> The leadership Recognition Program should include the completion of the Lodge Evaluation form and Community Survey tool as components of the program. One possible example might be if a Lodge completes the Lodge evaluation, the Exalted Ruler, or officer responsible, or member that takes it on as a project gets a credit in the Leadership Recognition Program.		
<b>Strengthening Action #4</b>	Develop program to help Lodges market to family members, new people in community (Welcome Wagon) and specific persons or target groups.	MSC & Marketing Committees	Target Date 2011
	<b>Update</b> Lodge Evaluation form and community survey tool will identify where the local needs/focus should be. Once identified a program is necessary to help the Lodges market to specific target audiences within their community.		
<b>Strengthening Action #5</b>	Develop program to help Lodges build relationships in their community by identifying and seeking out local groups whose mandates are similar to ours (i.e. youth groups) such as YMCA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Brownies/Girl Guides	MSC & Marketing Committees	Target Date 2011
	<b>Update</b> For areas that aren't able to participate in a HFH project other groups within the community should be identified. Relationships should be explored at all levels. Youth groups with a formal structure like the Boy Scouts makes them a good "feeder" group for the Elks.		
<b>Strengthening Action #6</b>	To develop tools to assist the Lodges in taking the first step of contacting their local community groups, eg "Letter of Introduction"	MSC National Staff	Target Date 2011
	<b>Update</b> An example of one of these tools is a "Letter of Introduction" for the Lodges to use. To be created and placed on the Elks web site. Lodges will be encouraged to use it as the first step in developing a relationship within their community. The "Good Ideas" area of the website is to be expanded and be the focus of emphasis so that Lodges try out other projects that may work for them.		
<b>Strengthening Action #7</b>	Develop plans and programs/tools to promote the benefits of "fraternalism" through: (1) Inner-Lodge Visits (2) Conventions/Conferences (3) District meetings (4) Sports (5) Lodge Activities	Prov/Terr Associations MSC	Target Date 2010-11 President's Term
	<b>Update</b> The Provincial/Territorial Associations will take the lead in promoting "fraternalism" through their visits and their DD's/RR's/etc. (where applicable). It is a ground up process and has to start with the face-to-face of the Presidents and DD's/RR's/etc. The MSC will assist where needed and possible.		

### LEADERSHIP ACTION

*Deals with building better Leaders at all levels of the Order. The need for training our Leaders at the Lodge, D/RR, provincial and national levels are all key components. Along with training we also need to make sure that everyone gets the same message at all levels about what we need to do to change for the future.*

- Definition of Leadership developed by Grand Executive and Presidents. "Leadership is active that inspires, motivates and creates positive outcomes within our membership."
- Mailing to Lodges sent March 1, 2010 delivering new definition and a request for feedback by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. List of available Leadership material included.

- Develop program to identify potential leaders within our Order. Training session to be held with Presidents at 2010 convention. Their role in identifying potential leaders to be covered and focus on new definition. Presidents will ensure their DD's/RR's/etc. (where applicable) are informed of their role in identification process. Potential leaders to be forwarded to Member Services Committee.
- With feedback from Lodges (April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 deadline) all existing internal Leadership material and educational tools will be updated to reflect new definition of "Leadership". Target date: June 12, 2010
- External leadership material and educational tools will be monitored by national office on an on going basis to determine feasibility.
- The Member Services Committee will develop a Leadership program that will be effective, well used and respected in the non-profit community. Will start with a seminar at the 2010 national convention to obtain feedback from the delegates on a proposed program.
- Formal announcement of Leadership program at 2011 National Convention

<b>LEADERSHIP</b>		<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Leadership Action 1</b>	Define Leadership and explain to membership	Grand Executive/ Presidents	Target Date Feb. 2010
	<b>Update</b> Completed: To be included with new printing of Strategic Plan at the beginning of March 2010. The Grand Executive and Presidents defined Leadership to mean "Leadership is action that inspires, motivates and creates positive outcomes within our membership. This will be incorporate into our Leadership Program and materials.		
<b>Leadership Action 2</b>	Deliver new definition of Leadership to Lodges and determine best process/format of our Leadership material. Obtain feedback from our membership. Goal is to increase usage of current and future educational tools. New definition of Leadership with brief outline and reformatted list of available Leadership material to be sent to the Lodges.	Grand Executive Prov/Terr Assoc's National Staff	Target Date March 1,2010
	<b>Update</b> Mailing to the Lodges to be sent out by March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010 with a reminder letter following on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . Deadline for responses will be indicated as April 15, 2010. The Presidents have agreed to explain the new definition on the remaining visits and will key in on the need for feedback from the Lodges by April 15. The list of current Leadership material included in the mailing will be discussed and what material/training might be preferred		
<b>Leadership Action 3</b>	Develop program to identify potential leaders within our Order. Pres & DD/RR's/etc to identify future leaders on their report forms which will be forwarded to Member Services Committee for follow up.	MSC Prov/Terr Associations National Staff	2010 Convention
	<b>Update</b> Training session to be held at 2010 Presidents training to focus on change to forms and need for them to collect names of future leaders on their visits. Forms to have place to indicate names of future leaders and discussion on new Leadership definition to be part of training session. Presidents will be required to ensure their DD's/RR's/etc. (where applicable) are informed of this responsibility. Associations will have to change their forms to allow Collection of names to be part of this process.		
<b>Leadership Action 4</b>	Revise and update all existing internal Leadership material and educational tools to reflect new definition of "Leadership"	MSC National Staff	Target Date June 1, 1010
	<b>Update</b> With feedback provided from the Lodges (Action No. 2) the existing internal Leadership material will be revised with the new definition of Leadership as the new focus. New material will be part of Presidents training sessions at the 1010 National Convention		
<b>Leadership Action 5</b>	Access current leadership material and educational tools available externally.	National Staff	Target Date Assessment On-Going
	<b>Update</b> The staff will monitor and assess external Leadership material and educational tools available. Rather than creating new material/ tools in house, using existing ones may prove more practical. Will be an on-going process.		
<b>Leadership Action 6</b>	Develop a Leadership program that will be effective, well used and respected in the non-profit community	MSC	Target Date January 2010 Next Review Date July/10
	<b>Update</b> A seminar will be held at the 2010 National Convention to obtain feedback from the delegates on what our Leadership program should include, what exactly we want/need, and what is missing. The Member Services Committee will facilitate the seminar.		
<b>Leadership Action 7</b>	Announcement of Leadership plan at 2011 National Convention Deliver Leadership Program.	MSC Grand Executive	Target Date Sept 2010

**PROMOTION ACTIONS**

*Deals with promoting our Order. Increasing the public’s knowledge of the Elks of Canada will involve both our current promotional material and the use of a marketing committee. We need to take stock of what is currently available, create a marketing plan, and improve communications with our current members.*

- The Marketing, Member Services Committees and the Grand Executive will determine our image-our Focus. We need to decide on the image we want to portray to the general public and the product we want to sell. Ongoing.
- The Member Services Committee will develop a mentoring program that ensures our new members are aware of the benefits of membership, keeps them interested and active and provides them with support. Target date: September 2010.
- The Marketing Committee and the Grand Executive will revisit our current marketing material to ensure it is user friendly and focuses on the Lodge Publicity Director as a key component of the external marketing plan. No target set at this point.
- We have a variety of projects and goals in our Lodges, at the Association and national levels. The National Charities Committee is to develop a method of marketing for all these various charitable efforts in an effective manner so that our efforts are realized by the general public. On going.
- Marketing Committee to review current relationship with Habitat for Humanity to find some measurable statistics to determine effectiveness of the program. Target date: September 2010
- We need to get/keep our current members active and involved in projects. The Marketing Committee will identify and develop partnerships and/or projects with our possible high profile partners as Habitat for Humanity may not be feasible for all areas. Target date: February, 2011
- Marketing Committee will reassess current internal and external marketing tools looking at them from a lodge perspective. What the Lodge can/will use – make Lodge orientated. Target date: October 2010.
- Marketing Committee and Grand Executive will continually focus membership at all levels of the Order on the necessity of “marketing”. Have to ensure the general public is aware of the benefits of membership and the services we provide. Ongoing.
- The Grand Executive and Associations will continually monitor our membership to identify individuals with an expertise/training in the marketing area. Ongoing.

<b>PROMOTION</b>		<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Promotion Action #1</b>	Reassess current marketing tools looking at them from a Lodge perspective. What the Lodges can/will use-Lodge orientated - Internal - External	Marketing Committee	Target Date Oct.2010
	<b>Update:</b> Our current marketing tools are to be reassessed with a Lodge up focus. This means considering what a Lodge can/will use and what would be effective for them. An easy to use format would also have to be part of the reassessment. It is to be a new look at what Lodges use to promote themselves (eg. Promotional wear that Lodges use to promote themselves externally and internally). Membership retention will also be a key focus in the reassessment.		
<b>Promotion Action #2</b>	To instill in the membership at all levels of the Order the <b>necessity</b> of “marketing” the Elks of Canada to ensure the general public is aware of the benefits of membership and the services we provide.	Marketing Committee Grand Executive	Target Date Ongoing
	<b>Update:</b> The Leaders of our Order have to continually focus our members, at all levels, on the importance of marketing. This area has to be the continual focus of the Marketing Committee and the Grand Executive to ensure that this focus is continued.		
<b>Promotion Action #3</b>	Conduct inventory of membership to identify members with promotional/marketing background	Grand Executive Prov/Terr Associations	Target Date Ongoing
	<b>Update:</b> The Leaders of our Order have to continually monitor our membership to identify individuals that have		

	expertise/training in the marketing area.		
<b>Promotion Action #4</b>	Determine if the current charitable goals of the Elks of Canada are still relevant and clear	Charities Committee	Target Date Ongoing
	<b>Update:</b> We have a variety of projects and goals in our Lodges, at the provincial/territorial level, and at the national level. The goal is to develop a method of marketing all these various charitable efforts in an effective manner so that our efforts are realized by the general public.		
<b>Promotion Action #5</b>	Review current success with Habitat for Humanity relationship	Marketing Committee	Target Date September,2010
	<b>Update:</b> Review our current relationship with HFH and find some measurable statistics to determine the effectiveness of the program.		
<b>Promotion Action #6</b>	Identify and develop partnerships and/or projects with other possible high profile partners that may meet present non-affiliate Habitat for Humanity locations.	Marketing Committee	Target Date February, 2011
	<b>Update:</b> We need to et/keep our current members active and involved in projects so that we can reduce the number of members leaving the Order. Other partnerships with high profile organizations need to be part of our plan as HFH may not be feasible for all areas.		
<b>Promotion Action #7</b>	Determine our Image-our Focus. Decide on the image we want to portray to the general public and the product we want to sell	Marketing & MSC Committee Grand Executive	Target Date Ongoing
	<b>Update:</b> Suggested that we need to concentrate on our strengths and differences across Canada. We have to think more globally such as bring the "proud caretakers of our communities."		
<b>Promotion Action #8</b>	Develop an internal marketing plan specifically directed to our new members.	MSC	Target Date September,2010
	<b>Update:</b> Focus on the new members and their 1 <sup>st</sup> year of membership. Develop a program that explains the benefits of membership, keeps them interested and active, and provides them with support. Providing projects for them and developing a mentoring program would be part of this plan.		
<b>Promotion Action #9</b>	Develop External Marketing Plan	Marketing Committee Grand Executive	Target Date
	<b>Update:</b> Revisit our current marketing material to ensure it is user friendly. Focus on the Lodge Publicity Director position as it is a key position in our efforts to market the Elks locally.		

### RECAP

- Ongoing process since July, 2002 when Presidents and Grand Executive met for the first time as a planning body. Over the subsequent years a Strategic Plan was developed and is reviewed and revised as required.
- The Strategic Plan consists of three (3) specific action areas:
  - (1) Strengthening Action
  - (2) Leadership Action
  - (3) Promotion Action
- February 5, 2010 the Grand Executive and Presidents met in Regina and reviewed and updated the Strategic Plan.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

**MOTION: ARNIE ZIMMERMAN (CARIBOO NO. 239)/AL CORMONS (DUNCAN NO. 69):** That Joe Weidenbruch be made an honorary Elk. **CARRIED**

**MISSION ELKS** –Deb Sallenback read out an article sent in by Mission Elks No. 30 on their annual Easter Egg Hunt and how successful it has been for them in their community. This will be sent to the Marketing Committee.

**TEASING AND BULLYING PROGRAM**-Brother Gary Gee brought up the problem of bullying in the schools and felt that is was a good program for the Membership Committee and members to be involved in- The Pink Shirt Program with the Teasing and Bullying Program as well as the Elks Lodges. Originally the

Teasing and Bullying Program from I-Star was turned down by the Education Minister. At this time, it would require getting up to date information from I-Star and approaching the Ministry to approve the information.

**MOTION: GARY GEE (Langley No. 259)/DEB SALLENBACK (Langley No.259) That all reports be accepted en bloc. CARRIED**

### **REPORT OF THE B.C. ELKS PRESIDENT – BOB BAKER**

Brother and Sister Elks

I would like to thank all of the Officers of the B.C. Elks Association Executive for stepping up and covering the duties that I should have done. As most members are aware I have been diagnosed with several types of cancer and was not able to perform all of my duties as President.

I had great hopes of doing a bang up job this year but it was not to be.

I do thank all of the members of the Elks in B.C. that came to my aid and made my year as good as it turned out to be.

I cannot say enough about Bonnie and Norm and all of the assistance that they gave me. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

There is still much to be done with the Elks in B.C. and Canada and I look forward to all of us getting behind the new Executive Officers and giving all of the positive support to them that we are capable of.

Again, I thank you all, every effort was made on my behalf to better the Elks was greatly appreciated

Fraternally, Bob Baker, President, B.C. Elks Association

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2009-2010**

The B.C. Elks Association Executive extends a very hearty welcome to all and congratulates everyone for thinking out of the normal box by attending this Conference on a cruise ship. This year has been a rather busy one, busy for many reasons. We hope your year has been a success.

We trust that everyone in attendance will take every opportunity to be involved and help to conduct the business of the Association in a forthright and successful manner. We do believe that this cruise will be a memorable, happy and social experience for all of us.

#### **Lodge Advisory:**

The Lodge Advisory Committee has been around for several years now and has been very busy as a resource for the Lodges. This year we had many requests for assistance, many were finalized, some are still on going. The L.A.C. is there for the use of all Lodges by a written request to the Office or a recommendation by the Regional Rep. We hope that if your Lodge has a problem or needs assistance you will give us a call.

#### **Conference Planning:**

We would like to welcome everyone to our Out of the Normal Box Conference on the Zuiderdam Cruise Ship. So that we can all hopefully enjoy some of our time on the cruise the meetings will be short 2 to 3 hours twice a day. These meetings will be casual so that we are all comfortable and the Installation of Officers will have the Officers and anyone else that would like wearing regalia. We will be inviting the

public to sit in on the Installation of Officers and we are hoping that some will attend. You will each be receiving a golf shirt with the BC Elks Association Logo as part of your registration fee. The meetings will be held in the Half Moon/Hudson Room with a cocktail party happening in the Crow's Nest.

There has been one bid received to host the 2011 Provincial Conference in Penticton and the committee has been arranging hotels and meeting places.

### **Finance:**

The Finance Committee provides to the Association and Camp Society, overall financial guidance, assistance and consultation on the budget process, recommendations regarding planning and policies relating to finances and administration and continued monitoring of the financial affairs. So as to comply with these duties and responsibilities the Finance Chairman attends the Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings as a non-voting participant. He will listen to the debate and participate in the discussions when topics have financial implications on current or future operations.

The committee consists of an appointed Chairman, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and the President, with one of the committee members having financial or accounting background. The Executive Administrator acts as a resource person on this committee.

### **Membership and Sports:**

The Sports Committee has been working hard and Lodges are coming forth to sponsor BC Elks Sports Activities. However, participation by lodges over the past few years has declined drastically. Our newest Lodge Cache Creek/Ashcroft No.262 organized a Curling Bonspiel on Saturday March 13, 2010 and unfortunately due to lack of lodge participation had to cancel at the last moment. Agassiz Lodge No.311 sponsored the B.C. Provincial Dart Championships from March 18-March 21 2010 in Harrison Hot Springs. Courtenay Lodge No.60 will host the Darts Championship in 2011. BC Elks provincial Bowling Roll Off will be sponsored by Chilliwack No.48 on Saturday May 1, 2010.

Inter lodge sports needs to be revived and expanded so that our membership can benefit from the enjoyment of the camaraderie of fellow Elks and Royal Purple with a little light hearted competition thrown in. Let's expand out sports at the inter-lodge level. Perhaps, cribbage, horseshoes, golf etc. can get members from various lodges together. It's a shame that we have had to cancel so many Curling Bonspiels.

Congratulations go out to all the Lodges that have been willing to sponsor the above events and to the members that have participated.

### **B.C. Association Building**

With B.C. Elks Office and Warehouse Building mortgage now paid in full the rentals generated assist the Association with cash flow thereby eliminating the need to increase the Association portion of members assessment fees. Our tenant Power Point who has been with us since the beginning has purchased a similar unit to ours in the same complex. They maintain the lease with the Warehouse portion however did not need the office portion. We looked at trial bases of using the additional office space by the Association and the Camps Society including meeting facilities for the various Committees this proved not to be viable due to very limited use. The upper office space is now leased to another tenant generating a further 1200.00 per month to the Association. The lease is on a month to month basis this would enable us at a later date to lease both the upper office space and warehouse to potential renters should the warehouse become vacant.

### **Administration**

The overhead costs continue to be maintained at a conservative level and was reduced by 5% over 2009 total costs. There are no perceived changes planned at this time. There is a need however to consider update of one of the offices computers used by the Executive Administrator cost of which has been budgeted for year ending March 2011.

## **Programs**

### **Dream Lottery**

With the withdrawal of the Dream Lottery fundraising program and the challenges raised by the B.C. Government in direct access programs etc. the Executive is pursuing alternative ways to raise funds for the Camps. It is more important than ever the Lodges continue to support their camps in a very positive way. It is projected we will be exposed to a short fall in revenues over expenditures unless we can be successful in raising more funds than budgeted through the support of the Lodges.

### **Conference 2011**

We have received a bid from the Penticton Lodge and a letter of interest from Delta Lodge to host the 2011 conferences. We have had discussions with Delta to have them consider 2012 as Penticton is well on its way with 2011 and have provided a formal Joint Bid Package with the Royal Purple District No. 7 for same. This bid is under review and will be presented at the 2010 conference for acceptance.

### **B.C. Elks Magazine**

We have for a number of years asked the various lodges and membership to please submit to the Office articles of interest happening in their Lodges, Communities and Membership and while we received some information we do not receive sufficient articles to warrant the expense of issue of magazine on a Bi-Annual basis. The magazine is commissioned when we receive sufficient material to achieve an economical viable issue.

### **Other Programs**

1. Co-Pay Program-Association assist in lodge advertising up to \$150.00 per advertisement.
2. B.C. on the Move submission of information provided by Lodges who wish to have circulated to other lodges.
3. Membership awards to members who bring in new members.
4. Government liaison with Gaming Division and other regulatory bodies who may be involved with our organization.

The B.C. Association Executive asks all members to get involved in the business of the Association and look for many more ways to take advantage of every opportunity to serve the Order. We will only be better if you as a member get to work to help the cause. There are many tasks to be done. May we all work together to keep the Elks on the road to being the best and most, successful charity of its kind in B.C. and Canada.

Let's hope we have a very memorable experience for everyone at this "Out Of The Box Conference."

Fraternally, B.C. Elks Executive 2009-2010

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFERENCE MESSAGE OF DUANE ROMULD, GRAND EXALTED RULER ELKS OF CANADA</b></p>
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Greetings to the Delegates of the BC Elks Association Conference. Please accept my sincere apologies for not being in attendance at your Conference this year. Due to scheduling conflicts I was not able to attend as it is not possible to be in two places at once.

Each of you are to be commended on taking time out of your lives and in many cases away from your family to be in attendance here to help your Association and the Elks of Canada improve and grow.

Not matter if this is your very first Conference, the first Conference you have attended in some time, or the latest in a long string of Conferences, your presence is important and your input valued. As leaders, and you surely are by your attendance at Conference, you have demonstrated that the advancement of your Association and of the Elks is of utmost importance to you.

The Conference and socials associated with it will allow you all time to renew friendships and make new ones. It will also afford you opportunities to find out how other Lodges operate, raise funds, types of socials they hold, and what they do after or during the meeting to entice their members to attend meetings.

This has been an amazing year for me as your Grand Exalted Ruler, one that I know I will always remember. I would like to thank all of the members of our Family the Elks and Royal Purple for this incredible experience. My theme for the year has been **Friends and Family** which is what I believe is the basis of our membership and what we become as members of the Elks and Royal Purple.

Your hosts have worked hard in putting on this Conference. Please support them and take the time to thank them for a job well done. I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention in Yellowknife later this summer. I know our hosts there have been working very hard as well to prepare events for everyone to enjoy.

Fraternally, Duane Romuld, Grand Exalted Ruler, Elks of Canada

### **REPORT OF THE B.C. PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

Worthy Brother President, Members of Executive, and Delegates,

Since our last conference the Past Presidents have met only once and that was on the occasion of the institution of our newest lodge Ashcroft-Cache Creek. Several Past Presidents participated in the institution ceremony and did a fine job.

The Past Presidents Association is a group of members who are still very active in our Association and lodges and are always willing to be of assistance if asked to help. We are not here to run the Association; we are here to give advice and help if so requested, however, we do feel our Leaders at times on all levels could use some assistance and we would gladly help if asked.

We, the Past Presidents Association, are happy to be of any assistance be it Association business, nominations, Lodge business, leadership, just ask for our assistance and we will try our hardest to help.

We hope you have a good, productive, meaningful conference and we look forward to assisting you in the future.

Fraternally, R. Jerry Wernicke, Chairman

### **DIRECT DONATIONS TO THE B.C. FAMILY HEARING RESOURCE SOCIETY APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010**

We have been advised that the following donations were received direct from the following Lodges for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. This is in addition to the \$120,000.00 donated by the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. .

**ELKS**

Agassiz	50.00	Aldergrove	500.00
Burnaby	5,200.00	Campbell River	1,000.00
Chilliwack	200.00	Cloverdale	1,500.00
Delta	3,000.00	Mission	300.00
Kamloops	2,500.00	Langley	2,000.00
North Kamloops	3,000.00	Oliver	1,100.00
Osoyoos	1,000.00	Parksville/Qualicum	1,000.00
Port Coquitlam	250.00	Prince Rupert	1,500.00
Revelstoke	500.00	Salmon Arm	1,000.00
Smithers	1,000.00	Squamish	205.00
Vancouver	27,100.00	White Rock	1,000.00
Fort Nelson	509.81	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,414.81</b>

**ROYAL PURPLE**

Ashcroft	100.00	Aldergrove	200.00
Fort Nelson	1,000.00	Kamloops	2,000.00
Kelowna	1,500.00	Keremeos	500.00
Lillooet	300.00	Merritt	500.00
Mission	300.00	Nanaimo	3,000.00
North Surrey	2,000.00	Oliver	550.00
Port Coquitlam	2,500.00	Prince George	300.00
Prince Rupert	2,000.00	Princeton	25.00
Quesnel	1,000.00	Salmon Arm	2,050.00
Smithers	125.00	Terrace	2,000.00
Vancouver	30.00	Vernon	500.00
Westbank	465.15	Williams Lake Prov. Office	151.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,096.86</b>		

Total Elks Lodges	= \$ 56,414.81
Total Royal Purple Lodges	= \$ 23,096.86
Elks and Royal Purple Fund For Children:	= \$120,000.00
Elks Walkathon Proceeds 2009	= \$ 6,770.17

**GRAND TOTAL: \$206,281.84**

This year the Annual Walkathon was held at Campbell Valley Park in May, 2010 and raised just over \$11,000.00

**BC ELKS DONATIONS – BILL COUSINS TROPHY  
April 1st, 2009 to March 31st, 2010**

**Highest Per Capita Contribution to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children in British Columbia -  
\$.00 Div by members equals \$.00 Per Member**

Lodge	No	Contribution	Membership at March 31, 2010	Per Capita
Vancouver	1	2,198.48	44	49.97
Victoria	2	2,470.00	46	53.70
Nanaimo	26	790.00	35	22.57
Mission	30	50.00	113	.44
Kamloops	44	3,649.82	37	98.65
Vernon	45	2,000.00	46	43.48
Chilliwack	48	6,375.10	33	193.18
Port Coquitlam	49	9,643.63	64	150.69
Trail	50	300.00	3	100.00
Penticton	51	9,930.00	267	37.19
Kelowna	52	10,965.00	152	72.14
South Vancouver	55	250.00	16	15.63
Keremeos	56	25.00	27	.93
Courtenay	60	4,045.00	78	51.86
Aldergrove	66	1,190.00	33	36.06
Duncan	69	2,000.00	230	8.70
Alberni Valley	101	5,360.00	20	268.00
Squamish	119	1,025.00	24	42.71
Prince George	122	10,335.00	76	135.99
Cariboo	239	1,500.00	20	75.00
Smithers	240	843.96	29	29.10
McBride	247	0.00	16	0.00
Langley	259	2,050.00	43	47.67
Cache Creek/Ashcroft	262	100.00	13	7.69
Oliver	267	1,825.00	87	18.81
Princeton	280	0.00	16	0.00
Lake Cowichan	293	500.00	14	35.71
Quesnel	298	640.00	19	33.68
Agassiz	311	0.00	17	0.00
Cloverdale	335	3,100.00	24	129.17
Prince Rupert	342	1,045.00	14	74.64
Campbell River	373	2,070.00	32	64.69
<b>Terrace</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>9,075.00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>363.00</b>
White Rock	431	2,635.00	131	20.11
Osoyoos	436	1,130.00	42	26.90
Merritt	441	1,000.00	40	25.00
Revelstoke	455	1,100.00	24	45.83
Salmon Arm	455	3,385.33	35	96.72
Lillooet	467	1,035.00	21	49.29
North Kamloops	469	6,125.00	23	266.30
Vanderhoof	473	2,000.00	21	95.24
Grand Forks	493	792.40	15	52.83
Burnaby	467	7,820.00	37	211.35
Clearwater	499	25.00	28	0.89
Delta	531	5,000.00	14	357.15
Houston	533	0.00	14	0.00
MacKenzie	547	0.00	57	0.00
Parksville-Qualicum	589	4,450.00	66	68.94
Westside	592	100.00	17	5.88
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>132,048.72</b>		

**REPORT OF THE ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE FUND FOR CHILDREN  
BC MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
CONFERENCE 2010**

Worthy President & Members:

The following report is presented on behalf of the SHRL Sally Hurst and the writer, and at the time of preparation, April 30<sup>th</sup>, serves as a partial report only since we have yet to receive the national statistics from Grand Lodge Office. We are optimistic however the stats will remain favourable to B.C. as they have done over the years. If they should arrive between now and the Conference, we will advise via a handout.

Lodges contribute approximately 90% of our funds and are our life-blood. It is realized Lodges are faced with many demands, both locally and various provincial projects which, of course, we strongly support. Unlike many other projects, our national charity has a distinctive 2-way advantage: Lodges support the Fund and the national charity supports the Lodges by providing personal assistance funding when requested.

Although not in possession of the necessary stats at this time, we are aware that donations are down this year. In attempts to improve upon this situation, GLO has announced that members now have the opportunity and convenience to donate on line via credit card, thus expediting the process. Contact [www.elks-canada.org](http://www.elks-canada.org) for further details.

One thing we are assured of is that financial support for our Hearing Resource Centre remains the budget at \$120,000.00.

Through the National Scholarship Program, the Fund continues to support 16 scholarships on an annual basis. Eligibility is open to students enrolled in the last two years of a Masters Program in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. You can obtain more information through Grand Lodge Office

Lodges retain our strength and the Fund intends to honour and assist them in any way possible, allowing them to “blow their own horn” by obtaining local publicity as concerns personal assistance provided by the local Lodge.

We must repeat our annual plea requesting more care in the completion of the application forms. Things are vastly improved from the past but there are still cases where the required information is incomplete, thus necessitating follow-ups from Agnes at Grand Lodge Office. Payroll information or Income Tax verification several years old is not sufficient. Current information is mandatory. If the application refuses to provide same, then the application should be refused, so please bear this in mind.

Another point of interest. Some Lodges appear under a misapprehension that once assistance is provided in a particular case it becomes an on-going case eligible for continuing Assistance. This is not the case. The Fund is intended to provide interim or temporary assistance to families requiring aid on a short term basis so as to alleviate current financial difficulties. Recurring request for funding are subject to a complete review and report at the local level, particularly as to changes in financial status.

Our sincere thanks to all Lodges for your contributions which has allowed the Fund to provide assistance to needy families for over 50 years. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted, Don Kidd, Chairman, Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children-BC Division

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judiciary Committee

Don Kidd

Worthy President and Members, on behalf of Brothers Larry Mazur, Jim Murphy and the writer, we submit the following report:

At the time of preparing the report, early April, the majority of regional meetings have not yet been held, thus we have no idea whether or not some resolutions may be forthcoming. To date we have only one lodge resolution which deals with the registration fee on the cruise. There is a strong indication of resolutions pertaining to the Camp Society forthcoming, but that is not certain at this date.

This doesn't mean we haven't been busy as the following will indicate; providing updates on the two major projects which were brought to your attention last year.

### **1. RESTRUCTURE, REGIONALIZATION, REORGANIZATION**

Early reports indicate the two year pilot project is progressing well. We still have a year to go, but in the meantime all Provincial Officers have accepted the onus and responsibilities placed upon them. With the exception of one region, all have made their official visits and we are working on that other region.

Some locations are still opposed to the changes for a variety of reasons, but the history of the District Deputy Program over the past few years indicated that a major change was necessary. This was authorized at our 2007 Conference, confirmed again at the 2008 Conference, and receiving Grand Lodge blessing and approval.

We request your cooperation as we enter year two of this pilot project which will be presented for finalization at our 2011 Conference, likely with some minor modifications to geographical boundaries in a few Interior Regions.

We reiterate our statement of last year where we pointed out how imperative it is that we obtain the cooperation of all Lodges in implementing these proposed changes which we felt will be most beneficial to all. Do not let parochialism stand in the way.

### **2. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS/POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

We have now completed our very intense and exhaustive study and review, particularly as relates to the Policy and Procedures Manual. No changes were made in the content and intent of the current By-Laws, although some internal readjustment and relocation was done so as to provide better continuity and understanding. The Regulations contained within the By-Laws were revamped, particularly as to committees.

This exercise involved incorporating many sections from the Policy and Procedures Manual into the Regulations themselves, thus removing much repetition and ambiguities encountered in the past which required reference to two publications, one of which, the P.P.M. was not available to the Lodges. Now all is together within the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations.

The proposed changes were presented to the Executive at their March meeting and approved. As these were regulatory only, they require no resolution. Once the required reprint is completed, it will be presented to the Conference for information and approval. (2011 Conference)

If in the process of our ongoing review we discover minor changes may be required to our By-Laws, appropriate resolutions will be prepared and presented to the Conference for approval in the normal manner, set for 2011 Conference.

### **3. MISCELLANEOUS**

The only other item of major concern to our committee involved the need for judicial proceedings against a member arising from written complaints filed with the President.

This necessitated a hearing involving the full Executive Committee along with the Executive Administrator, the outcome of which resulted in the resignation of the member involved. Details of such proceedings are considered as private and confidential, thus will not be released.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

The B.C. Elks Association retains a well earned recognition as the most progressive and enterprising Association in the country. The success of our restructure and updating of our Constitution and By-laws can do nothing but enhance our status. With the co-operation of all members and Lodges regardless of location, we can continue to be a source of pride.

Respectfully submitted, Don Kidd Chairman

Worthy Brother President, Members of Executive, Brother & Sister Elks

During the past year this committee has addressed some concerns in a few lodges.

We can only give assistance when requested by the lodges to the B.C. Elks Association.

Our purpose is to provide assistance to not only troubled lodges, but any lodge, to ensure proper fiscal records, and controls are in place and compliance with the lodge and Elks of Canada Constitution and By-Laws are being followed.

We seem to always have some lodges with concerns, however, not all members will come forward and ask for assistance. We are not here to be the bad guys, we only want to ensure proper lodge decorum is maintained at all times, and we would like to assist your lodge if so requested.

The Lodge Advisory Committee has several resource people throughout the Province who could be available to your lodge. Just give us a formal notice. We thank all who have helped us over the past year.

Respectfully submitted, R. Jerry Wernicke

**Membership Committee****Paul Nolan**

Paul Nolan, Chairman  
 Bev Wernicke  
 John Yazlovasky-PPP

Tom Essary – Committee Secretary  
 Nancy-Dawn Ashberry-Gullason  
 Al Cormons – BC Elks Representative

Worthy BC Elks President and members of the Executive, Brothers & Sister Elks:

At our last committee meeting we were asked by the Forward Planning committee to change our job description. We started a newsletter called the Connector which was produced by Bev and Nag. Unfortunately, this was not approved by the Association thus not circulated as it had the same information as the Elks On The Move. Our budgeted restraints stopped us from having a second committee meeting. We may have a conference call to finalize our committee and if so the minutes of such will be at the Conference.

In BC there are 55 Lodges, of which 49 are in the BC Elks Association. We have as of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 32 of 49 reports submitted.

Region No.1	6 out of 7	Now completed
Region No.2	0 out of 8	Vancouver Island – partially completed
Region No.3	4 out of 6	Now Completed
Region No.4	6 out of 10	Now Completed
Region No.5	9 out of 9	*** Good work!
Region No.6 A & B	8 out of 9	*** Houston under Trusteeship

Up until December 31<sup>st</sup> we have 2360 members total in BC. We also lost 48 members in 2009. We have Lodges that are doing very well, some staying the same and a few failing real bad. I feel these Lodges should be really looked at, and it is a great cost to try and keep them afloat.

It has been a pleasure to have worked on this Committee the past three years and to work with great Sisters and Brothers. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Thank you Bonnie for keeping me on the straight and narrow and to the Executive for their assistance.

I have had a few more Dictionary terms on the real meaning of the word “Fraternal”. It still does not bring in the word “Women” so just think....Is “Fraternal” one of the proper words for our Organization.

Yours in Elkdom, Brother Paul Nolan, Membership Chair

Worthy Brother President, Bob Baker, B.C. Elks Executive, Brother & Sister Elks:

### **Funspiel**

In September, we solicited some of the lodges who have participated in the Funspiel in the past, to see if there was interest in either hosting or participating in a Funspiel this year. The new lodge Cache-Creek/Ashcroft was willing to host and we attempted to spur interest for a Funspiel in November. There was no interest shown. Again in March we set a date, however, there was not sufficient interest to pursue further. Unfortunately, there is very little interest in curling so this will be our last attempt at rejuvenating the Funspiel.

### **National Curling**

National Curling was hosted by Red Deer Lodge March 24 – 27, 2010. We were fortunate to have representation from one of our Lodges in B.C. Revelstoke Lodge No.453 entered in the Men's Division with a team consisting of Don Osachoff, James McKenzie, Trevor McAlonan, and Clancy Boettger. Our team did not place in the winners circle, but came away with nothing but praise for the outstanding sportsmanship & competition displayed at the Nationals. Better luck next year guys!! And a big thank you for representing B.C.

### **Provincial Darts**

Agassiz Lodge No.311 hosted Provincial Darts in Harrison on March 18 – 21, 2010. A super job by Jack Kramer and his many volunteers for hosting such a great Provincial playdown. A team of 16 players will be travelling to represent B.C to Espanola Elks Lodge in Ontario May 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winners and good luck in your competitions. They are: Agassiz – Eileen Kramer; Campbell River – Nicole Sumnor, Josie Bezair, Wayne Garbe, Dave Wilson; Courtenay – Ernie Linden; Duncan – Cindy Menzies, Colleen Soles, Sean McBride; Mission – Nolan Jorgen; and Penticton – Gail Pylypiw, Flo Wiseman; Missy Kolby, Armajit Jhas, Darren Hallter, Dennis Arychuk. GOOD LUCK – and enjoy the competition. The Provincials next year will be hosted by Courtenay.

### **Provincial Bowling**

At the time of writing – this event has not yet taken place. Provincial Bowling is being hosted by Chilliwack Elks No.48 on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Plans are underway & I'm sure everyone will have a fun-filled weekend. Rule changes are anticipated to reduce the number of Elks or Royal Purple on a team – currently it consists of 3 – and this number will likely be reduced to 2. This will hopefully encourage others to participate.

I don't know the fate of sports in our Province. It seems we have a lack of interest in participating, either because of the aging membership, or too many things on our plates. Getting together once a year with our fellow members from other lodges is a great way to communicate and keep your friendships active, and attract new members.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Wernicke, Chair

## **REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORTS**

⇒Regional Director No. 1

**Al Cormons**

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

**Vancouver No. 1:** This Lodge has recently sold its building and now has an office, board room and a small lounge located on West Broadway. This lodge operates its meetings as a round table and lodge business is conducted as a committee of the whole by the executive. The membership is elderly, many are snowbirds

and some are out of province residents including Americans. Fund raising plans include a Walkathon in May. Vancouver No.1 is financially very secure with the sale of its Lodge building and its investments. This lodge would like and would benefit from a younger local membership.

**Mission No. 30:** This Lodge is a good sized lodge with 119 members. They own their own building and have a very active lounge. Fund raising generally centers around the use of their Kitchen Trailer to support many community events. In addition, the upstairs hall is rented and the Ladies of the Royal Purple offer a catering service. They interact with many other community service organizations in sponsoring local events. Recently, they hosted the Region No. 1 Spring Meeting.

**Port Coquitlam No. 49:** This is a very active Lodge with 82 members. They own their lodge building in downtown Port Coquitlam and rent out two halls as major revenue makers. Fund raising is very active with the Hunter's Game Dinner being their "crown jewel" to support their charitable activities. Membership recruitment is active using an unofficial motto of "Help first join later". Port Coquitlam can be considered a successful well rounded lodge.

**South Vancouver No. 55:** This Lodge uses the traditional ritual at their meetings. Although small in membership, the active members seem to work very hard in re-establishing themselves. They have bingos downstairs, hall rentals and rent part of their parking lot for revenue. They have just been registered under the BC Society Act which should help them in some of their legal issues.

**Squamish No. 119:** This Lodge of 28 members is very active in the community which appreciates their involvement in supporting the Winter Olympics, Carnival and Logger's Sports using their portable kitchen. They pride themselves in making inter lodge visits and the International Travelling Elk. In return, they are very good hosts to all who visit them. They jointly own their building with the local Masons Lodge. This is a good small lodge that strives to contribute to charities and their community.

**Agassiz No. 311:** This is a small Lodge that does its business as a committee of the whole in round table fashion. They have a very active lounge that attracts dart players and other locals. They sponsored the BC Elks Provincial Dart Tournament at Harrison Hot Springs this year. Locally, their fund raising centers around supporting community events with their beer trailer. They use word of mouth for recruitment and ask non members to help out in their fund raising activities as a precursor to asking individuals to join the lodge. This lodge is very active and fulfills an important function in the Agassiz locality.

**Burnaby No. 497:** This Lodge has many elderly members and meets regularly in the Odd fellows Hall. Since selling their building, they are financially very secure. They cooperate fully with the local Royal Purple Lodge. They support local charities and Elks Charities in a very big way. A monthly newsletter goes out to members informing them of meeting dates and upcoming business including recruitment of new members. As most lodges, they would like to see younger members join and continue the lodge's support of children and youth.

Fraternally, Al Cormons, Regional Representative No.1

<b>Regional Director No. 2</b>	<b>Al Cormons (Acting)</b>
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Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

These reports are from information gathered by visits, Spring Regional Meeting Reports and telephone calls. I thank all Lodges from Region No. 2 for their cooperation.

**Alberni Lodge No. 101:** has had many difficult discussions this past year including one in which to hand in their charter or continue as a small lodge with an ageing membership. Prior to their AGM, they have made substantial contributions to charity including the Elks and Royal Purple Fund and Camp Elkhaven. At their AGM, the Lodge decided to carry on and have elected a new Executive. Best wishes go out Alberni in their

quest to increase their membership and to continue to be an important fraternal organization in their community.

**Campbell River No. 373:** Campbell River Lodge is in the process of reorganizing after executive resignations. In the past 3 months the lodge and its business procedures have been improving. Fourteen members out of thirty-five attended the most recent meeting. This lodge still has a bingo account and they are currently reviewing their charity budget. The revitalization of this lodge can be best described as a “work in progress”.

**Courtenay No. 60:** This lodge although still doing well finds it difficult to attract table officers. Some newer members are showing interest in leadership and its hopeful that the chairs can be filled. Courtenay Lodge has a lounge and during the past year sales have slipped. However, they are still in a profitable position. A budget for charities will be discussed at an upcoming meeting as they still have a bingo account. They have been a good supporter of Camp Elkhaven. Next year, they are scheduled to host the BC Elks Dart Championships.

**Duncan No. 69:** The Duncan Lodge is an active organization in the greater Cowichan community donating to many local charities. The lodge has an active Lounge where many sports activities take place such as darts and texas holdem poker. They raise charity money through meat draws and steak nights along with other special activities. This lodge is a large one in membership. However, attendance at meetings is minimal. The lodge is undergoing a slow process of self-assessment and a review of procedures and reorganization would help them enjoy their successes of the past.

**Lake Cowichan No. 293:** This is a very small lodge that has a big heart for the Lake Cowichan community. They have donated to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund besides local charities. Recruitment of new members is slow but those who do join are active. They meet in the small Lions Hall and enjoy dinner socials from time to time. At their AGM, a full slate of officers were elected. They have a long-term plan of 20 years for their budget and expenses.

**Nanaimo No. 26:** The Nanaimo Lodge has completed 16 months of meeting at Legion No. 10 and this transition has been quite satisfactory. The lodge holds joint fund raising activities with the Legion including their “Club 300”, flea market, penny jar and helping with the meat draws. Recently, some former members have rejoined the lodge and that has been a good sign. The Nanaimo Lodge which does not have a bingo or direct access grants donated substantially last year locally and to Elks Charities. For the year 2010-2011, the charities budget has been expanded by 50%. This Lodge is always looking for new members or old ones who might wish to rejoin.

**Parksville Qualicum No. 589:** This lodge has great support from its members at both their dinner meetings and luncheon meetings. In many ways their good attendance is due to their very active phoning committee. They are very supportive charity wise in the dual communities of Parksville-Qualicum. Support for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund and the Children’s Camps has also been very good. They have established a model relationship with the Qualicum Legion in which they have their meetings and socials. This is a very good lodge to visit as they accomplish many unique projects and are very hospitable.

**Victoria No. 2:** Victoria Lodge No. 2 meets at the C.N.I.B. hall twice a month. They are active in the greater Victoria community fund raising and participating in events such as the May Day parade. The secret of success in this lodge is that they socialize by having dinner and dances plus other activities. They contribute to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund and other local charities. This Lodges practices what Elkdome is all about service to youth and service to community.

⇒ <b>Regional Director No. 3</b>	<b>Jacqueline Allain</b>
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As I was appointed Region Director for the Fraser Valley, District No.3. by the Provincial Executive/ I am representative for six Lodges in the Fraser Valley. 1. No.66 Aldergrove, 2. No.48 Chilliwack, 3. No.335 Cloverdale, 4. No.531 Delta, 5. No.259 Langley, 6. No.431 White Rock

My first visit as a Regional Director was to Delta Elks No.531, on November 18, 2009. Jim Murphy was kind enough to accompany me on this visit. I picked this Lodge, as first on my list to visit, because of it being the smallest. But they are very active in their community. Having no home lodge, and their membership is very low, but they are actively trying to increase their membership..

My second Lodge that I visited on our first snow storm of the season was No.48, Chilliwack. Bookkeeping is in good order and interaction and co-operation amongst the members is excellent. Very good working lodge.

Cloverdale Elks No.335 really rolled out the Red Carpet. A light refreshment was served by the Lodge. They are continuing to do very well, adding new members. Their bookkeeping was in excellent order.

Aldergrove Elks No.66, is actively looking for a new home Lodge. Membership seems stable. Bookkeeping is in excellent computerized order, and my visit went very smooth.

I found that at each Lodge that I visited, I learned something more about this wonderful organization called the Elks. And Yes! Fraternalism does exist in each lodge. I know sometimes it's hard to find. Because of all the different personalities, but on the whole, they are all working towards, giving to charity, giving back to their community, the Elks Camps and the greater good of man.

On April 27, 2010, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President of the BC Elks, Deb Sallenback visited the White Rock Lodge No.431 on my behalf. Since this is my home Lodge.

I still have to visit Langley Lodge No. 259, which I have scheduled for May 11, 2010.

Jacqueline Allain, Regional No.3 Director.

⇒Regional Director No. 4

Larry Mazur

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

**Vernon No. 45:** Vernon Lodge is holding it's own but are concerned about the future. They are afraid that if they have any major work to do on their building they may be in financial trouble. For a second time they asked whether they would be eligible for Government Grants to purchase new tables, chairs and assist with operating costs. Their hall is not used for community groups such as Girl Guides, Scouts etc. so I could not answer their questions. It was suggested that they get a hold of the member from Salmon Arm who apparently has some experience in this matter.

**Kelowna No. 52:** They had their Grand Opening of their new venue on April 11 with approximately 100 people in attendance. When the official visit was made they still had a lot of money from their sale of the old property and had a lot of major bills to be paid. After the meeting a few members voiced their concerns as to whether they will be able to make enough from bar sales and interest on their remaining money to handle operating costs.

**Penticton No. 51:** Penticton has a lot of members but unfortunately they are mostly bar members. They are financially sound and they do have an excellent bar program that should keep them financially sound for some time.

**Osoyoos No 436:** They have settled in their new building are quite happy. Their members are active in the community and they have many ideas on how to keep their members active. Only concerns I had was they did not have any By-laws in effect and their lack of separating income and expense from their liquor sales on their financial report. I did make the suggestion that they consider this and understand my letter was well received by the membership.

**Grand Forks No. 493:** Since October 2008 when they elected a completely new Executive they have doubled their membership. They have purchased a new mobile kitchen that they use as a fundraiser and are very successful. Because of low rent where they have their meetings and membership increase they should be around for a while as a Lodge.

**Westside No. 592:** Westside is a small Lodge and are doing their best. One advantage they have regarding operating cost is the rental of a facility from the City that is very reasonable. Their main concern, along with

membership, is if they do not receive Direct Access funds from the Gaming Commission. This would completely eliminate their ability to donate to charities as requests are received.

**Oliver No. 267:** This Lodge is in the process of renovating their Lodge facility. They have budgeted for this and at the time of my visit are within budget guidelines. In the past couple of years concern has been voiced as to their financial status. I have to say they are in good shape even with the Lounge. Through advise from Don Kidd and John Yazlovasky from Penticton they have acquired the services of the same Accountant that handle Penticton's financial reports on a monthly basis.

**Keremeos No 56:** This Lodge is the only Lodge that owns their own Rodeo grounds. During the meeting that I attended there was much discussion of the improvement of these grounds and the cost involved. All of the funds raised from their annual rodeo, this year 72 years, are reinvested in the Rodeo facility. The operation of the Lodge is paid from proceeds from hall rentals and bingo's etc. This annual rodeo is a community event sponsored by the Elks.

**Princeton No. 280:** With affiliation with the local Crises Centre and a newly formed Coffee House this Lodge is hoping to increase their revenue to pay off outstanding debts and prove to financial institutions that they are financial stable for further loans etc. They are very active with their second hand store, the Crisis Centre and the recently established Coffee House. Their property is still for sale.

Fraternally Submitted by Larry Mazur IPPP/Regional Director Region 4

⇒Regional Director No. 5

Deb Sallenback

Worthy Grand Loyal Knight, Provincial President, Provincial Officers, Brothers and Sister Elks

I would like to thank all of the members of Region 5 for their hospitality and support this past year. I wish you all continued growth in your membership and many successes for your Lodges.

**Cache Creek/Ashcroft No. 252:** Since the re-institution of this Lodge they have dug in with both fee and have gotten involved with activities in the community. Although their meetings are small, the members all participate and put forward the ideas that they have. I wish them continued growth and success.

**Cariboo No. 239:** This Lodge is struggling as they had to take out a mortgage to repair the roof, hall rentals are down which is not helping. They have discussed selling the property next to them to pay down the mortgage which would relieve some of the burden. They are doing weekly meat draws that are well attended and have good attendance and participation at their meetings. I wish tem well in their future endeavours.

**Clearwater No. 499:** This Lodge has had a few bumps in the road, which they have somewhat resolved. They have just had their elections and have a new slate of officers. The new Exalted Ruler has some ideas which he hopes will bring back the fraternalism in the Lodge. They have different activities on the go and the members actively participate in them and they will be hosting the next Regional Meeting in the spring of 2011. I hope their road ahead will be smooth and their successes many.

**Kamloops No. 44:** This Lodge just celebrated 90 years in their community, congratulations and I wish you luck and success for many more years. They sold their building and are currently renting with hopes of buying a building of their own when the time is right. The members actively participate in meetings and are finding ways to actively get the Elks name out and in the homes. Good luck in your future endeavours.

**Lillooet No. 467:** This Lodge is small but they have a good turnout for their meetings, and the members actively participate in discussions. There building has a hall which is available for rental and they hold their meetings in the lower hall. They are financially stable giving donations where needed. I wish them well in their future endeavours.

**Merritt No. 441:** Merritt just celebrated 50 years in their community and they are known and have the support of their community. They do not know if they will be renewing their lease for their camp as they are waiting for other sources to make their decisions as to whether they will want to use the land. I know

this camp meant a lot to the lodge so I hope they are successful in renewing their agreement. I wish them many more years of success in their community.

**North Kamloops No. 469:** This Lodge is small with a few members at their meetings; they have their crib nights which are popular and successful. They are financially stable and contribute to different charities. This year they are assisting the Royal Purple in hosting their Conference and I wish them well.

**Revelstoke No. 453:** This Lodge has round table meetings with 3 officers and has found it to be very successful for them. They have good turnout for their meetings and when they have a new member coming in, the Lodge goes out to dinner and busy the prospective new members dinner. What an excellent way to welcome a new member to your Lodge and for them to get to know the members. I wish the Lodge continued success for the future.

**Salmon Arm No. 455:** Salmon Arm has a beautiful new Lodge that appeals to all that attend. They are starting to get more rentals and with the park there, it is a good spot to have functions such as campouts, etc. They have good turnout for their meetings and have good discussions. They organize work parties to clean up around the park, keep it clean and functional. I wish them much continued success.

Fraternally, Deb Sallenback, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

⇒Regional Director No. 6

Dina Wolansky

**McBride No. 247:** This is a small membership Lodge but work so very well with the Royal Purple. They have initiated 1 new member and reinstated 2 last year. They support the Elks Charities as well as many local needs in the community. Twice a year they invite the public to a dinner which is a nice way to thank the locals for supporting the Elks. The hall has been redone inside and out, it looks so great and the new Elks sign was ready to go up as soon as they could arrange it. The hall is rented out to various groups and includes the kitchen for some occasions. Unfortunately, there was a major power outage for my visit which lasted 8 to 10 hours. We had a beautiful candle light dinner that we all enjoyed and it was amazing to see how much light a whole bunch of tea candles can really give. A Great job to all involved to have dinner made without power.

**MacKenzie No. 547:** This Lodge has excellent attendance at meetings, and has increased with 3 new members. They are very active in the community and support the Elks Charities. This Lodge has a bottle depot at their hall. This not only helps with funds but is a great opportunity to recruit new members. The Lodge has a mobile food kitchen/BBQ and work at many community activities which is a great way to get known in the area. To encourage members they have a meat draw at their meetings, a neat idea.

**Prince George No. 122:** The membership attendance at their lodge meetings is good and has increased with 3 new members. They are very active in the community and support the Elks Charities. The Lodge made a DVD to advertise what the Elks do in the community. In the future they may make another one with the Royal Purple to advertise Camp Elkness. Again the Annual Fruit Drive was organized for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with members from Osoyoos, MacKenzie and Prince George. A huge amount of fruit was exchanged in Kamloops to go to the north and after all the reloading of the fruit everyone enjoyed a BBQ at Lodge No. 44. Congratulations to all involved a great job.

**Prince Rupert No. 342:** Our far northern Lodge is a very hard working group even though membership is small; they support many projects in the community. Elks Charities are well supported by this Lodge. At present they rent a room for the meetings. Many of the Lodge members are still employed, so attendance at meetings is subject to the members' days off. The members hope to improve their membership if or when the economy turns around; there have been many business closures in this community. I wish them the best.

**Quesnel No. 298:** These members also show us that a small Lodge membership can make a difference in a community. There were 3 new members initiated and 1 reinstated last year. They work with other groups to help with events when they are needed. What a great job they do supporting our Elks Charities. The hall is rented to local groups and they organize socials twice a year with entertainment which is well attended by the public. This Lodge may have some new members as the Royal Purple may be turning in their charter; a few ladies have asked them about joining the Elks.

**Smithers No. 240:** The membership at this Lodge is also small like many others in B.C. The Lodge has a great working relationship with the Royal Purple and their moral is high. They support Elks Charities and many other groups in the community. The hall is rented to a dance group which pays taxes, repairs and maintenance. Members enjoy a dinner meeting on the first meeting of the month. The senior's dinner which they host is a very popular event with a full house and they often need to squeeze in another table. Members also host a Mothers Day breakfast on Mothers Day. Great work Brothers.

**Terrace No. 425:** This is also a hard working Lodge that has increased its membership by 2 new members. The Lodge supports the Elks Charities. They also support many community projects and help local children that need hearing aids. Lodge members are making pamphlets to advertise the good work that is done in the community and to ask for new members to join the Elks so they can help others.

**Vanderhoof No. 473:** At the geographical centre of B.C., Lodge No. 473 is another small group but attendance at meetings is great. The Lodge has also had 2 members initiated last year and 1 transfer. They support the Elks Charities and are very active in the community. Posters have been made about "Who Are the Elks" with pictures of children on it they have helped. This looks very nice with all the work they put into it. The walls are adorned with pictures of events which the Lodge has been part of. This is a way to advertise the Elks to all the people who play bingo there. Great job done by all members.

A huge thank you to all Lodges for supporting the Elks Charities and the continuous hard work you do in your communities. As with most Lodges in our province, membership is a priority. We know this is difficult, with businesses closing and huge layoffs in some areas. Our membership is aging and it is difficult to interest younger people to join us. What is sad is that people know how to find us when they need us but still do not have enough interest to join the Elks and to help in our communities.

I had the honor to attend the Ashcroft/Cache Creek Institution on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Isn't it great to see this Lodge become active again?

Lodges in Regions 6 A and B are in financially good condition.

To all Lodges that I have visited, thank you for your wonderful hospitality, no one can do better than Elks. In some Lodges, the Royal Purple has been a big part of hospitality also. To each one of you, thanks and keep up the great work.

Fraternally, Dina Wolansky, Regional Director No. 6A and B

***MOTION: JIM HURST (PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49)/ MIKE WOLANSKY (KAMLOOPS NO. 44)***  
*To accept all Regional Reports en bloc. CARRIED*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REPORT OF THE B.C. FAMILY HEARING RESOURCE SOCIETY</b> <b>Presented by Gary Gee</b></p>
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Thank you members, lodges, volunteers and donors from the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre. We hope that you will have a successful cruise and want to pass on our appreciation for the many ways that you support our work with young deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. Many programs and services would not be possible without your help.

We have prepared a short video for you to see the difference you are making in the world of hearing loss. We also invite you to attend the Elks and Royal Purple appreciation luncheon at the Centre on June 21, 2010 as an opportunity to visit the centre, for our children to present to you, and to join us for refreshments with many of the families we serve on this special day.

By way of update, from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, we provided the following programs and services:

- 188 deaf and hard of hearing children and their families received services
- Over 21,000 hours of service were provided
- 33 cochlear implant children received habilitation
- Over 12,000 hours of group services were received
- 59% are local and 41% are in outreach areas
- Age of referral and age of identification are happening earlier than ever thanks to the newborn screening program, some referrals are for 1 month old babies.
- 38 children transitioned to kindergarten, 32 are preparing to transition this coming fall.
- Our summer group program, Mingle and Play served 250 people in one week
- Training workshops for professionals were provided in Quesnel, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Vernon
- 75 outreach visits occurred
- 68 web camera sessions were conducted over the internet to remote families
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Elks and Royal Purple Walkathon raised over \$10,000 the 9<sup>th</sup> Walkathon is scheduled for May 16, 2010.
- We provided 160 families opportunities to meet other parents and to connect with one another throughout the year.
- We celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 7, 2009 with 250 visitors, including many Elks and Royal Purple members.

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIRMAN, DENIS HEPPELLE</b>
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Worthy Provincial President, Grand Lodge Officers, Provincial Officers, Brother and Sister Elks.

The Finance Committee for 2009 - 2010 was comprised of President Bro. Bob Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Sis Deb Sallenback, and Chairman Bro. Denis Heppelle, with Executive Administrator Bro. Norm Elliot participating as an advisor to the committee. The committee reviews on an on-going basis during the year detailed monthly summaries of revenues received and expenses paid. In addition, it compares actual receipts and expenses to budget provisions. When significant variances do occur, causes and explanation are secured. Observations, explanations and recommendations are submitted to the regular meetings of the B.C. Elks Executive and Camps Board of Directors for information and discussion.

The primary concern continues to be the fundraising to support the operation of the Camps. The Elks and Royal Purple Lodges continue to generously donate, and our Telemarketing program is going well. The new corporate fundraising program has begun and we are hopeful to show some benefit in the next fiscal year. We have not had any success with direct access grants to this point due to our balance sheet asset values. Now that we have completed the Camp Canoe construction perhaps direct access grants will help provide the needed funds. The camp committee continue to closely monitor the required operating costs. There may be some major improvements required at the Camps in the next year which will put a serious strain on the “bottom line”.

There have been questions and concerns expressed over the operation and the sustainability of operating four camps. Without affecting the availability of our Camps to children, and to improve the revenue there have been discussions suggesting expanding the usage of the camps to adult groups, and collaboration with other associations or programs. Other alternatives are seasonal use of the camps to reduce operating costs, and disposal of some or part of our assets. When we review the Camp Society Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2010, I think you will agree there is an urgent need for change.

It is imperative that Lodges continue to support our financial needs through donations and participate in all our fundraising initiatives.

The 2009 - 2010 fiscal year end Financial Statements and the 2010 - 2011 proposed budgets for both the B.C. Elks Association and the Elks Children's Camp Society will be discussed and presented for approval later at this conference. We recommend that the members review the statements and budgets located in the Conference Booklet prior to their presentation.

Fraternally, Denis Heppelle, Chairman, Finance Committee

**MOTION: GARY GEE (LANGLEY NO. 259)/JIM HURST (PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49):** To accept all the Committee Reports En Bloc. **CARRIED**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS**

#### **B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION:**

**MOTION: GARY GEE (LANGLEY NO. 259)/NANCY-DAWN ASHBERRY-GULLASON (VANCOUVER NO. 1):** To receive the 2009-2010 Financial Statements of the B.C. Elks Association. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: GARY GEE (LANGLEY NO. 259)/JIM HURST (PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49):** To accept the BC Elks Association Budget for 2010-2011 as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: DEB SALLENBACK (LANGLEY NO. 259)/NANCY-DAWN ASHBERRY-GULLASON (VANCOUVER NO. 1):** That 50% of any net surplus through revenues be donated to the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of B.C. for the ensuing year, 2010-2011 **CARRIED.**

#### **ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY OF B.C.:**

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259 (GARY GEE)/KAMLOOPS NO. 44 (MIKE WOLANSKY):** To accept the Financial Statements of the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society for 2009-2010. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259 (GARY GEE)/PENTICTION NO. 51 (DON KIDD):** To accept the budget of the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society for 2010-2011. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259 (GARY GEE)/VANCOUVER NO. 1 (NANCY-DAWN ASHBERRY-GULLASON):** That the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee present a balanced operating budget by the 2012 Conference. **CARRIED**



*Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society  
Of British Columbia  
Annual General Meeting  
2010*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY OF B.C. 2010-2011**

Debbie Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
Bob Baker/Larry Mazur	Vancouver/Kamloops	No. 1/No.44
Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44
Al Cormons	Nanaimo	No. 26
Jacqueline Allain	White Rock	No. 431
Dave Deyette	Aldergrove	No. 66
Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259

As well as the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the BC Royal Purple Association

Sharron Makus	Campbell River	No. 189
Mary Bjarnason	North Kamloops	No. 277

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259(GARY GEE)/ VANCOUVER NO. 1 (NANCY-DAWN ASHBERRY-GULLASON:** *That the Board of Directors be: Debbie Sallenback, Bob Baker/Larry Mazur, Dina Wolansky, Al Cormons, Jacqueline Allain, Dave Deyette, Dave Sallenback and the two Ladies of the Royal Purple, the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. CARRIED*

**CAMP USERS REPORT**

(From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010)

Camp Elkhaven	.....	749 campers	27 groups
Camp Elkgrove	.....	1343 campers	52 groups
Camp Elkness	.....	729 campers	18 groups
Camp Elkcanoe	.....	241 campers	7 groups

## CAMP COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011

Dave Deyette, Chairman  
Arnie Zimmerman

Aldergrove No. 66  
Cariboo No. 239

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## CAMP COORDINATORS AND CARETAKERS 2010 -2011

<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Caretaker</b>
Roger Butler	Port Coquitlam No. 49	Elkgrove	Wilma and Jack Marissen
Laurie Meier	Prince George No. 122	Elkness	Martin and Lydia Schmiderer
Ole Cumming	Salmon Arm No. 455	Elkcanoe	Jack and Sheila Bibby
Gordon Picket	Courtenay No. 60	Elkhaven	Stan Perry

### ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY REPORT 2009-2010

The Board of Directors, together with the coordinators, have worked hard to keep our camps well maintained and updated while attempting to keep operating costs down. The children's camps are the major BC Charity, which the Elks and Royal Purple Lodges support.

This year however is a year for concern regarding funding. The Government is cutting funding to many groups which rely on monies from Direct Access. These funds may or may not be available to our Lodges in the future, which could result in a major shortfall to operate all our camps. We have been turned down for funding for the camps by Direct Access because our voting membership is not broad enough, as each Lodge has only one vote. The camp society must raise approximately \$357,000 per year to fund operations for the camps. At one time the Dream Lottery raised on annual basis, up to \$125,000.00. Without the Dream Lottery, this results in shortfall of approximately \$70,000.00. Our major source, not counting the Elks and Royal Purple Lodges, at present, is telemarketing which brings in approximately \$90,000.00. They are also facing challenges, with the down turn in the economy, which has affected the businesses and individuals who donate to charity groups. How can we maintain sustainability to operate our camps?

There will be some difficult decisions to make. We cannot continue to spend more than our revenue. A recommendation was made to close Camp Elkness and Camp Elkcanoe for the 7 winter months for a trial period if the closure enables efficient cost savings. This would include the reduction of Caretakers wages to 7/12 of existing wages. This could save \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year. It is also important that we need to build up our resources, as we are now operating the camps in an overdraft situation. The suggested winter closure will require a meeting with the camp caretakers to discuss a plan that would work for both parties. In the future, as a last resort, we may have to consider the sale of one camp.

There have been suggestions and recommendations to improve the Management of the Camps and a restructure plan is being considered by the Board. If acceptable this plan will be distributed to the membership for consideration.

For the fiscal year of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, it cost \$101.86 per camp per stay at Elkness, Elkhaven costs \$52.15 per camper per stay, Elkgrove costs \$39.61 per camper per stay, Elkcanoe costs \$189.67 per camper per stay.

It has been recommended that we impose a user fee of \$10.00 per person per day/night (19 years and over). A group damage deposit of \$200.00 would apply and would be refunded if no damage occurred. Charges to handicapped adults may be subject to further consideration.

There would have to be a policy in place whenever alcohol is used on the premises, Liquor Liability Insurance would have to be taken out by the users and proof posted so that we would not be liable if anything happens that is liquor related.

Attendance at our camps has not reached the targeted numbers we had hoped for. Even if the camps were used to capacity, we would still lack funds to operate them.

As members of the Elks and Royal Purple we need to meet the challenges and your input is important and welcomed. If your Lodge has a great way to raise funds for the camps, please pass it onto the office so it could be passed onto other Lodges.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Directors, 2009-2010

## **CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ARNIE ZIMMERMN**

Worthy President this is my Camp Report

Since I was appointed as Camp Committee Chairman by our President Bro. Bob Baker I have been quite busy dealing on many issues regarding our 4 camps.

Our Spring Camp Committee Meeting was held on March 19 & 20, 2010 at the BC Elks Office Boardroom. 5 Camp Committee members plus 2 Camp Coordinators were in attendance. Some major recommendations to the Board of Directors came from that Camp Committee Meeting.

### **CAMP ELKNESS**

Many improvements have taken place at this Camp.

1- All the underground oil tanks at the Camp have been removed and new propane Furnaces have been installed in the Cookhouse, Dorm and the Cabin. Also a new Propane Hot Water heater has also been installed in the Cookhouse. Prince George Lodge No.122 had donated \$10,00.00 towards this project with the total cost being \$18, 327.61. The Children's Camp Society and the Board of Directors thank Prince George Lodge No.122 for their generous donation.

- A new Deck has been build for the Cookhouse with the help of Martin, the Caretaker and volunteers from Elk Members from Prince George Lodge No.122.

3- 8 new picnic tables have been built by the College

There are still some Repairs and Maintenance that has to be done at the Camp.

Prince George Elks Lodge, with the cooperation of CKPG TV in Prince George have produced a DVD, which consisted of 2 ads. One ad is advertising Camp Elkness and the other ad is encouraging Membership. These ads were seen on CKPG (Prince George TV Channel) Global TV and CBC. Those with Satellite TV were also able to see these ads. These ads were running regularly for 5 months several times a day at a total cost of \$2500.00. With the assistance of Grand Lodge and B.C. Elks Associations Co-Pay Program the cost to Prince George Lodge was reduced to \$950.00. A program all Lodges should take advantage of. There have been some contacts made from these ads. Because of the declining Users Groups and Campers using this Camp, a recommendation from the Camp Committee went to the Camp Board of Directors for them to consider closing the Camp for a period of 5 months during the winter.

Since April 2009 until March of 2010 there have been 18 users groups which included 729 campers

### **CAMP ELKHAVEN**

There have been no major issues that had to be dealt with since the last Camp report. We had expenditures of approximately \$2,400.00 which basically fell under misc. maintenance. Everything is well maintained by Stan Perry the Camp Caretaker and all equipment is in good running order. The Camp is kept clean and always ready for use.

Since April 2009 until March of 2010 there have been 27 users groups which included 749 campers. In summery, this Camp is doing very well.

### **CAMP ELKGROVE**

This is the most used Camp but there are too many expenditures to support this Camp. Since April 2009 until March of 2010 there have been 52 users groups which included 1343 campers.

It seems that there are too many request that we at this point cannot afford. For example, due to the fact that wood fire pit is no longer allowed at the Camp, a request by the Caretaker was submitted to install a Natural Gas Fire Pit. Although we appreciate a donation being considered by White Rock Lodge towards the purchase of the Gas Fire Pit, the cost to supply Natural Gas over a period of time for this Gas Fire Pit would not be in the best interest of the Camp and not be something that we at this time can afford. There are other requests that have been submitted that at this time that cannot be approved. Camp Elkgrove is doing quite well and usage is good, but expenditures must be controlled. At this time we must only consider necessary things not nice things.

**CAMP ELKCANOE**

This new Camp is the most modern facility of all our Camps. The unfortunate thing is that it does not get the use that it should. Since the construction of Camp Elkcanoe was completed from April 2009 until March of 2010 there have had only been 7 users groups which included 241 campers. Because of the little usage, a recommendation from the Camp Committee went to the Camp Board of Directors for them to consider closing the Camp for a period of 5 months during the winter.

The Caretaker Jack Bibby is doing a great job looking after this Camp. A recommendation from the Camp committee to the Board of Directors is that a advertising Budget be established for this Camp and that the Camp be advertised in the Salmon Arm area via Radio, Newspaper TV, Brochures, Schools and to Children’s groups. We need to get the word out to all the Schools and various Children’s Groups that this Camp exists. This also applies to the other 3 Camps. Camp Elkcanoe is located in somewhat of a remote area and more signage is needed so the Camp can be easily located. This Camp has a lot of potential but more usage is required.

**IN SUMMARY**

There are no major problems or concerns at any of our Camps. The only Fundraising Program we have at this time is the telemarketers firm who will commence fundraising in the beginning June. We are operating in a deficit situation and need the support of all the lodges in B.C, so we can keep these camps operating.

I want to thank Our President Bro. Bob Baker for allowing me to serve as the Camp Chairman.

I also want to thank all the Camp Coordinators and all the Camp Caretakers for the cooperation that I received from them.

Respectfully submitted by, Arnie Zimmerman, Camp Committee Chairman

***MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259(GARY GEE)/PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49 (JIM HURST) That we receive the Board of Directors Summary and the Camp Committee Report. CARRIED***

**Contributions to the Camp Society April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010  
Totals – Per Capita**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Donations Apr.09-Mar.10</b>	<b>Membership Mar.31/10</b>	<b>Donation By Membership</b>	<b>Donations To Date (From 1976)</b>
<b>Region No.1</b>	Agassiz	311	0.00	21	0.00	18,986.41
	Burnaby	497	2,500.00	37	67.57	62,712.98
	Mission	30	37.00	113	0.33	21,843.35
	Port Coquitlam	49	7,000.00	64	109.38	106,442.86
	South Vancouver	55	1,000.00	16	62.50	105,715.73
	Squamish	119	500.00	24	20.83	21,201.87

	Vancouver	1	27024.07	44	614.18	216,238.12
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$38,061.07</b>			
<b>Region No. 2</b>	Alberni Valley	101	2,000.00	20	100.00	20,970.17
	Campbell River	373	3,016.24	32	94.26	41,697.17
	Courtenay	60	10,564.06	78	135.44	106,664.90
	Duncan	69	2,000.00	231	8.66	34,162.56
	Lake Cowichan	293	1,012.03	14	72.29	17,410.43
	Nanaimo	26	1,500.00	35	42.86	39,028.34
	Parksville-Qualicum	589	2,546.25	66	38.58	45,223.60
	Victoria	2	1,600.00	46	34.78	34,460.67
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$24,238.58</b>			
<b>Region No. 3</b>	Aldergrove	66	10,086.88	33	305.66	82,091.66
	Chilliwack	48	10,406.00	33	315.33	79,306.55
	Cloverdale	335	4,000.00	24	166.67	110,650.19
	Delta	531	5,000.00	14	357.14	39,134.32
	Langley	259	2,000.00	43	46.51	151,639.55
	White Rock	431	2,000.00	131	15.27	42,246.79
		<b>Region Total</b>		<b>\$33,492.88</b>		
<b>Region No. 4</b>	Grand Forks	493	7.22	15	0.48	40,825.62
	Keremeos	56	0.00	27	0.00	15,146.55
	Oliver	267	1,400.00	97	14.43	36,753.57
	Osoyoos	436	1,363.82	42	32.47	29,248.41
	Penticton	51	28.50	267	0.11	104,730.55
	Princeton	280	0.00	16	0.00	7,318.33
	Trail	50	0.00	3	0.00	37,521.52
	Kelowna	53	3,000.00	152	19.74	183,192.43
	Vernon	45	1,000.00	46	21.74	76,067.01
	Westside	592	3,000.00	17	176.47	22,441.93
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$9,799.54</b>			
<b>Region No. 5</b>	Clearwater	499	1,000.00	28	35.71	13,092.49
	Kamloops	44	3,150.00	36	87.50	56,167.08
	Lillooet	467	0.00	21	0.00	2,263.54
	Merritt	441	1,000.00	40	25.00	2,325.00
	North Kamloops	469	6,000.00	23	260.87	70,144.00
	Cariboo	239	55.65	20	2.78	20,824.32
	Revelstoke		0.00	24	0.00	18,618.33
	Salmon Arm	453	3,000.00	35	85.71	67,327.25
		<b>Region Total:</b>	455	<b>\$14,205.65</b>		
<b>Region No. 6</b>	McBride	533	0.00	16	0.00	6,132.73
	MacKenzie	342	0.00	57	0.00	32,146.86
	Prince George	240	10,468.00	78	134.21	275,768.71
	Quesnel	425	500.00	18	27.78	33,672.90
	Prince Rupert	342	1,500.00	16	93.75	58,261.00
	Smithers	240	1,026.00	25	41.04	48,235.24
	Terrace	425	6,016.24	25	240.65	83,317.48
	Vanderhoof	473	2,000.00	21	95.24	57,332.23
	Houston	453	0.00		0.00	8,450.00
		<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$21,510.24</b>	21	
<b>Elks PER District No. 1</b>			500.00	<b>Total Donations for 2009-2010: \$148,119.35</b>		
<b>Region No. 3</b>			3,113.34			
<b>Elks District No. 10 PER's Association</b>			700.00	<b>\$2,892,892.53(includes defunct lodges)</b>		
<b>Elks District No. 7</b>			57.21			
<b>Elks District No. 4</b>			181.49			
<b>PPP's Association</b>			1,470.00			

B.C. Elks Gaming (old Dream Lottery)	789.35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,811.39</b>	

### ROYAL PURPLE LODGES (B.C.)

#### Contributions to: The Elks Recreational Children's Camp Society of B.C.

For 1991-1992-1993-1994-1995-1996-1997-1998-1999-2000 -2001-2002-2003-2004-2005-2006-2007-2008-2009-2010

Plus Historic from 1976 to March 31, 2010

LODGE NAME	NO	APRIL 1, 2009 TO MAR. 31, 2010	ALL DONATIONS TO DATE
Aldergrove	38	0.00	11,969.17
Ashcroft	263	0.00	557.72
Campbell River	189	0.00	18,911.34
Clearwater	302	0.00	9,368.00
Courtenay	158	0.00	19,623.00
Kelowna	56	2,465.15	46,733.99
Keremeos	83	500.00	1,114.25
Lillooet	274	300.00	2,300.00
McBride	112	0.00	293.22
Merritt	239	.00	0.00
Mission	30	0.00	6,025.23
Nanaimo	16	3,000.00	18,438.84
North Kamloops	277	0.00	42,289.48
North Surrey	249	2,000.00	26,872.10
Oliver	63	0.00	7,620.00
Osoyoos	240	0.00	2,10.00
Port Coquitlam	10	5,050.00	53,1084.37
Prince George	48	2,000.00	26,240.21
Prince Rupert	8	2,000.00	27,000.00
Princeton	82	0.00	145.00
Quesnel	97	500.00	1,295.00
Salmon Arm	279	2,060.00	13,501.30
Smithers	47	100.00	3,100.00
South Burnaby	260	2,500.00	31,398.75
Terrace	216	0.00	19,151.02
Vancouver	1	0.00	75,176.60
Vernon	123	500.00	9,004.30
Victoria	5	0.00	6,012.09
Williams Lake	126	0.00	2,430.59
B.C. Royal Purple Districts		0.00	75.15
Royal Purple of Canada		0.00	5,000.00
B.C. Royal Purple Association		1,734.00	9,734.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>\$24,709.15</b>	<b>\$539,982.15</b>

(includes defunct lodges)

## CIRCULATED RESOLUTIONS-B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION

### Circulated Resolution No. 1

**WHEREAS:** under normal practices and established usages a unit of the Order hosting a Provincial Conference sets a Delegate Registration Fee and, in exchange for said fee, provides certain amenities, i.e. meals and entertainment.

**WHEREAS:** these same amenities are included in the price of this cruise and are being provided by BCAA and/or the cruise ship company.

**WHEREAS:** the unit of the order that is hosting this conference is supplying nothing in exchange for the Delegate Registration Fee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Delegate Registration Fee be refunded before or upon arrival back in Vancouver to the member who were required to pay said fees.

Approved by Port Coquitlam Elks No. 49  
Submitted by Port Coquitlam Elks Lodge No. 49  
**DEFEATED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 2**

Call for a vote of non-confidence in the 2009/2010 Executive Officers and the Executive Administrator of the British Columbia Elks Association

**WHEREAS:** The Executive Officers and the Executive Administrator of the British Columbia Elks Association have known for quite sometime that the 2010 Provincial Conference Cruise has not been well received by many Members/Lodges;

**AND WHEREAS:** the cruise, as it now stands, differs in many aspects, from that which was presented and accepted at the 2007 Provincial Conference;

**AND WHEREAS:** there has been a failure to communicate on the part of some of the Officers i.e. not responding to letter nor returning phone calls;

**AND WHEREAS:** The Executive Officers and the Executive Administrator, who are the caretakers of the interests of the British Columbia Elks Association between conferences, and therefore negligent in their fiduciary duties;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the 2010 British Columbia Elks Association Conference go on record as having lost confidence in the current Association Executive and the Association's Executive Administrator.

Submitted by, Past Exalted Ruler's Association  
B.C. Region No. One  
Approved by Region No. One Spring Meeting  
**OUT OF ORDER**

**Circulated Resolution No. 3**

**WHEREAS:** The members present at the 2010 Conference represent only 1.27% of the total membership of the B.C. Elks Association

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the consideration of the adoption of the re-written Association Constitution and By-laws be deferred to the 2011 Conference.

Submitted by the Past Exalted Rulers Association  
BC Region No. One  
Approved by Region No. One Spring Meeting  
**REDUNDANT**

**Circulated Resolution No. 4**

RE: Sports Committee

**WHEREAS:** Interest in holding our Annual Curling Funspiel has declined to the point where it is obvious the large majority of Lodges no longer wish to participate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Upon the recommendation of the Provincial Sports Committee this event be cancelled effective immediately.

Presented by BC Sports Committee  
Approved by the BC Provincial Executive  
**DEFERRED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 5**

**WHEREAS:** Financially, Lodges, Provincial Association and Camp Society are in difficulties and will have reduced funding gaming change,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** To ease the effects of overhead costs, that the Provincial Conference be held at two (2) year intervals.

Submitted by Prince George Elks No. 122  
Approved by Region 6A Spring Meeting  
**DEFEATED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 6**

**Therefore be it resolved that:** all legislation, orders, edits declarations and resolutions which have been adopted at this 82nd Annual Conference be confirmed and that wherever necessary, the Constitution and By-Laws, rules and privileges of the Association be amended to give full force and effort thereto.

Submitted by the B.C. Elks Association  
**CARRIED**

**CIRCULATED RESOLUTIONS ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY**

**Circulated Resolution No. 1**

**WHEREAS:** The B.C. Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of British Columbia is experiencing financial difficulties

**AND WHEREAS:** The Society is considering seasonal closures of Camp Elkness and Camp Elkcanoe

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Prince George Elks Lodge No. 122 assume the operation and ownership of the property known as Camp Elkness, subject to negotiation and the approval of the Camp Society and Prince George Lodge.

**Circulated Resolution No. 2**

*Therefore be it resolved that:* all legislation, orders, edits declarations and resolutions which have been adopted at this Annual General Meeting be confirmed and that wherever necessary, the Constitution and By-Laws, rules and privileges of the Society be amended to give full force and effort thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Directors  
**CARRIED**

**SPEECH AND THEME OF THE B.C. ELKS PRESIDENT, DEB SALLENBAC**

Brother and Sister Elks, Ladies of the Royal Purple;

When I joined the Elks in 2000, being the President of the B.C. Elks Association had never crossed my mind. I had never belonged to an organization before, heck I had never really volunteered before, and now here I am doing something that I have come to love. I have met so many wonderful people and I have made so many friends all across this great country and all I had to do was volunteer.

I have chose the theme ‘TOGETHER WE CAN’ because I believe that no one person can do all the things we do as an Organization. ‘Together We Can’ help children and families with needs to have a better life. ‘Together We Can’ make a difference in our communities by volunteering to assist wherever help is needed. ‘Together We Can’ help to make Life Sweeter, People Better and the World Happier.

We need to promote ourselves by making ourselves visible in our communities, keeping the members of our Lodges busy doing projects that they enjoy. As I have heard said before you need to keep the members of your Lodge busy or you will lose them, a busy Lodge is a happy Lodge. By doing this ‘Together We Can’ keep the membership we have and look ahead to Grow for the future.

I would like to thank all the members of the B.C. Elks Association for their support and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I have some big shoes to fill, but I will do my best to be the leader that you can be proud of. I look forward to meeting the members that I have not already met and to getting reacquainted with the ones that I have. To the Lodges I wish you a busy, productive, ‘Together We Can’ for the future successful year.

Fraternally, Deb Sallenback

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION: KAMLOOPS NO. 44 (MIKE WOLANSKY)/DUNCAN NO 69 (AL CORMONS):** That the Board of Directors be authorized as directed to implement whatever programs except the sale of any property to achieve a deficit no greater than \$50,000.00 in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.