Maine Elks Association

Spring Meeting

Waterville Elks #905

March 5, 2018

Call to Order **State President** **David K. Anderson** called the Fall Meeting of the Maine Elks Association to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Invocation** - **MEA Chaplain Carlette Eaton, PER** gave the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - **Americanism Chairperson Shelly Goodwin, PER** led us in the Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers - Secretary** **Dwayne Guy**, **PDDGER, PSP, PER** absentees noted: Treasurer Jeffery Neal, GL Tiler Robert Drisko, MEA Trustees: Bangor Kerry Dalton, Gardiner Richard Thayer, Presque Isle Vicki Delong and York Robin Venuto.

**State President David Anderson** asked that all past and present State Presidents, District Deputies, Grand Lodge Committee Chairs and Grand Lodge Officers stand and be recognized, 24 were present.

**Reading of the minutes** **of the** previous meeting: Dwayne Guy moved the minutes be accepted as written, second by Kathleen Cotterly and approved.

Sickness and Distress: Lodge of Sorrow for: Farm Clarendon Bing Crosby, Sebas Joe Sissler Wyatt Stafford. Wells Charles Wood? Water Arthur Biss?

**Reports of Officers:**

**State President David Anderson, PER,** since our list meeting in January, Sandi and I have attended the Honor Flight fundraiser in Augusta, the District Hoop Shoot in Skowhegan-Madison and the State Hoop Shoot in Waterville. Skowhegan-Madison holds an ENF fundraiser in February that is very successful with a wonderful meal. Houlton was next, including a 200-mile snowmobile ride across some beautiful country. I think we stayed in the U.S.A. most of the time.

From Houlton to Sandford the next day where the Knights Learning Seminar was held. Thank yous to all who made presentations. Two subsequent presentations were made in Augusta and Bangor).

Our President’s visit to Rockland was next where we celebrated the Elks 150th Anniversary. The next visit for this period was to the Bangor Lodge. We were invited to accompany ER Scott Monroe and his

First Lady Monika to the Bangor Maine Veterans Home. We were privileged to help present several

handmade quilts to Vets while having fun in their recreation room as well as an I-Pod to replace the one they lost. The last visit was yesterday here at Waterville, enjoyed a wine tasting.

 **Activities** **Chairman David Anderson, PER** Lodge Bulletin Contest I have received a few entries. All American Lodge Contest lodges do a lot of activities which count but none have exceeded 400 points. There’s still a little time to do more activities and add more points by March 15 when they’re due to the District Deputy.

 **Business Practices Committee David Anderson, PER** mentioned the incident with raffles, several members went to the State House and how the new rules hinder our fundraising abilities. ER Mike Michaud mentioned how many entities were present at the State House and added a few comments. Senator Roger Cates of Augusta introduced a bill to reverse the laws, which it appears the Veterans Committee in charge did not know about in the 900 page bill last year. Recommendation is to allow a once a year raffle and give away up to $20,000 in cash. If grand prize exceeds $2,500 you have to register that raffle with the State, otherwise you don’t have to notify the State.

President David recognized PSP Bruce Brunelle who presented the proposed By-Laws Revision which have been sent to all the Lodges for them to discuss. Bruce read the changes as proposed.

**President-Elect Sue Piper, PDDGER, PER** MEA Elks Training has been sent to lodges and already received some back. PR Mac will put it in the newsletter as well.

Shirts for National Convention need to be ordered now and need to be returned to Sue by March 30th.

**First Vice-President** **John Desjardins, PER** no report.

 **Scholarship Committee John Desjardins, PER** ENF Scholarships has released the names of 6 student winners, who will receive a minimum of a $4,000 scholarship. John will notify lodges so they can make preparations to host the students at the MEA Convention. Top male is Jordan Daigle from Farmington Lodge #2430, top female is Abigail Blowbelt from Rumford #862. John thanked the district Chairs, Lina Michaud, Bill Bachofner and John Turner.

 John also asked to be notified who is attending the National Convention.

**Second Vice-President** **Anthony Gause, PER** announced calendar sales has reached over $6,000 thus far, with 18 out of 22 Lodges selling them. Also, Anthony’s work phone number has changed, it is now 629-2137.

 **Drug Awareness Anthony Gause, PER** Only 9 or 10 lodges do the program and we have 22 lodges. April 28th is National Take Back Drugs Day to properly dispose of any drugs no longer needed. Erinque Carmarena Award nominee from Maine is from the York Lodge, Jamie Robie, National Runner-Up.

Reminding everyone to get their reports to Carlette as soon as possible, do not send to Anthony.

**State Secretary** **Dwayne Guy, PDDGER, PSP**, **PER** no report.

**State Treasurer Jeff Neal, PDDGER, PER** report is on table.

**Administrative Assistant** **Claris Ranger, PDDGER, PSP, PER** thanked President David for his short report this morning. Good new is after David visits Rumford later this month, he will have done all 22 lodges. Now the bad news, Sue Piper has appointed Claris as Administrative Assistant for next year.

**State Tiler** **Abby Pettitt** reminded all that the 50/50 tickets are on sale and there are packets still here for a few lodges to pick up.

**State Chaplain** **Carlette Eaton, PER** no report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** **Lori Howlett, PER** please sign in the Attendance Book and buy 50/50.

**State Trustee Chairman** **Tom Chase, PDDGER, PER** the budget has been developed taking into consideration guesses, hopes and wishes. Under new business we’ll vote to recommend it to the full membership at the convention.

**State Sponsor Michael Zellen, PGER** reported Maine has a new Grand Lodge Committeeman for Activities Area 1, Wayne Cotterly. PGER Zellen went on to say Maine has exceeded the GER goal for ENF at $6.45. Reminded all of the $1,500 Anniversary Grant. Thanked State President David and the other officers for another great year. Maine’s membership is showing a net gain of 491 as of today but with a possible loss of 720 lapsed members there will be a net loss. Lodges have 120 candidates awaiting Initiation, so please get them in before March 31st. A gain in membership will allow Maine to be seated up toward the front of the hall.

**GL Special Deputy** **Andy Constantine, SDGER, PDDGER, PSP, PER** stated we’re looking forward to PGER Mike and Donna returning to Maine for our State Convention in May. Andy reported the GL Convention opening Celebration will be at 4:00, casual dress, music and dancing to Lt Dan Band. Some Maine lodges have not sent in reservations for the GL Convention, need to do that soon as rooms are getting scarce. Speaking for Al Ingraham, don’t delay submitting your Lodge’s ENF donations, due before the end of the month. Andy also announced the resignation of MEA Treasurer Jeff Neal, effective May 31, 2018. Every lodge can apply next year, 2018-2019, for another $1,500 Anniversary Grant.

**District Deputy Coastal** **Irving Pillsbury, DDGER, PER** absent.

 **Memorial Service Committee Irving Pillsbury** absent.

**District Deputy Northern Corey Day, PER** Spring Clinic will be at the Old Town Lodge on April 7th 8th? at 10:00, will notify the lodges.

**District Deputy Central Kathleen Cotterly, DDGER, PER** Spring Clinic is scheduled for April 22 at 10:00 at the August Elks.

 **MEA Convention Kathleen Cotterly** reminded all that the convention is from May 4th to the 6th, deadline for registration is April 1st. If you have student winners they will be staying at the Fireside Inn. Hospitality rooms will be at the Best Western. All ads must be in March 15 no later than April 1st.

Kathleen asked Carlette Eaton to elaborate:

Carlette Eaton said on page 4 of packet mentions ads, each Lodge can submit a ½ page ad at no charge, it can be congratulatory or thank you message, so far 2 lodges of the 22 have submitted a Lodge ad. Page 5 discusses paid ads, businesses, individual or any other. Carlette used the email addresses in the directory and some emails have bounced back, please take a look at your email and the lodges email information for accuracy and provide State Secretary Dwayne Guy with updated information.

**Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Program** **Darryl Nadeau** Keep Safety Data Sheets up to date, make sure all employees and volunteers know where the Accident Forms are and how to fill them out. The forms must be completed at time of occurrence or within 24 hours, even if a complaint is not filed.

**Americanism Committee Shelly Goodwin, PER** this year 12 entries for the Americanism Contest, will be reviewed and submitted.

**Antlers Program:** ER Mike Michaud of Augusta said they initiated 11 Charter Members and more are waiting to join. They worked as waitstaff at Augusta’s 150th Celebration. At MEA Convention in May the Antlers would like to serve at least one of the meals.

**Auditing Committee Scott Gray, PDDGER, PER** met and attended the pre-budget and budget meeting yesterday. We will meet again before submitting report to Convention Booklet. We need to get some information from MEA Treasurer, State Secretary and Chairman of the State Trustees. We will make recommendations at the State Meeting that deal with deadlines for budget proposals.

**Credentials Committee Roger Sicard, PGLIG, PDDGER, PSP** see you in a few weeks at MEA Convention.

**Elks Education Seminar for Knights and Members Committee Roger Sicard & Claris Ranger** thanked the 3 lodges for hosting the seminars, well attended by 17 lodges and 41 people participated. Planning to revamp the program next year, details to follow.

**Elks National Foundation Committee Al Ingraham, PDDGER, PER** no report, Al’s in Cancun.

**Endowment Fund Darelyn Kearns, PER** no report.

**Government Relations Committee Robert Drisko, GL Tiler, PDDGER, PSP**: absent, no report.

**Hoop Shoot Committee George Jones** thanked Lodges Bath, Skowhegan-Madison and Bangor for hosting District competitions. Thanked Waterville for hosting the States. New England Regionals will be at Westbrook High School on March 24th.

**Legal Justice Alan Harding, PER** no report.

**Major Project Committee Barbara Guy, PER**

 **MCCP** – encouraged all lodges to keep those fundraisers going.

 **Clynk**. - $125.00 as of yesterday’s posting.

 **Elliott the Elk**, please buy one of the Elliotts on your table.

 **Grand Lodge Booth** no report.

**MCCP Cartridge/Toner Debi** **Briggs** asked members to continue to donate phones and cartridges.

 **Youth Activities Committee Debi** **Briggs** no report.

**Membership Committee Ronald Voisine, PER** encouraged lodge’s involvement in membership, use the website for help and ideas, Exalted Rulers should urge the Membership Committee to sponsor activities to draw in members and guests. Get a telephone chain going to contact lapsed members. We’ll have prizes awarded at the convention, Top Recruiter with 6 members close and most new members 8 lodges are close. One lodge has not conducted an Initiation yet this year.

**Motorcycle Riders Rod Bauer, PDDGER, PER** Owie Box is scheduled for July 21st, starting at Augusta. We need help planning a route and selecting a destination.

**National Veterans Service Commission David Hassen:** reported Freedom Grants are available April 1st, first come, first served, not based on merit and only 300 will be awarded. A basket is being passed around for collections to purchase storage containers. Also raffling a picture at the table at the entrance. Currently trying to raise $8,000 for 2 storage containers for furniture for homeless veterans.

**New Lodge Committee Sandi Anderson, PER**: no report.

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**Nominating Committee Glenn McCallum, PDDGER, PER** reported Scott Monroe announced his candidacy for 2nd Vice-president. Don Piper announced Sue Soper from Ellsworth is running for Treasurer.

**Public Relations, Mac McCreary, PER** nothing to report.

**Ritual Committee Frank Ricker, PDDGER, PSP, PER** on January 28th Annual Meeting held in Auburn MA, contests scheduled, PER Contest in Bedlington, VT on June 25th, anyone wishing to participate let Frank know. Roulette Contest will be September 18, maybe in Massachusetts. Anyone who wants to be part of the ritual team, we will train! Maine Elks Ritual Contest was on February 25th, won by Sanford Lodge with a score of 93.14354. Exalted Rulers’ 11 O’Clock Contest won by Rob Wilkins of Sanford.

**Soccer Shoot Lisa Brunelle:** many changes to the manual but Area 1 followed last years. This year proof of age on January 1st is required. Five Goal setup will be at a distance of 15 foot is for U8. Age groups U10 will be shooting at the big goal from 18 feet, along with U12 at 27 feet U14 at 35 feet and an optional U16 age group also at 35 feet. Area 1 will not implement U16, so if local lodges do have U16, there will be no further competition for them.

**Past State President John Nicholson,** **PDDGER, PSP, PER:** PSPs will meet after this meeting.

**Have I missed anyone reporting?** President David mentioned Donate Life to refresh everyone’s memory and consider becoming a donor.

**Unfinished Business:** none. David Hassen is still running the raffle on the picture.

**New Business**: Tom Chase asked for $400.00 for the Pie Boothat the Farmington Fair, Andy Bolz seconded and approved. Tom Chase moved for $8000.00 on behalf of the Veterans Committee for storage containers, seconded by Bill Demmons. Claris Ranger moved to amend motion that money will be returned to the MEA Veterans Committee if containers sold, seconded by Shelly Goodwin, amendment passed, motion as amended passed. Tom Chase moved that the budget as presented here be presented at the Convention meeting in May, seconded and approved. Claris Ranger informed all that there’s a new division in the IRS to audit non-profits. Kristie Durgin of Portland will be the new Membership Chairperson. Felicia Gaulin announced her candidacy for MEA Treasurer.

**Good of the Association:** Andy Constantine said raffle bill was rescinded. Andy Constantine also explained that attending the MEA meetings counts as Charitable Works. This is for State Trustees, State Officers and Committee Members, write it up and submit to State Secretary, Dwayne. Go back and submit your best guesstimate for the meetings since last year. We need this important information to demonstrate the amount of charity time, travel and money we expend performing our charitable works.

Claris Ranger emphasized the Charity Reports is necessary more than ever because the IRS has a new division dedicated to auditing non-profit organizations.

Claris Ranger thanked Tom Callahan, Roger Sicard, Wayne Cotterly and Jim Ferland for their donations to ENF for not wearing their Past State Presidents Badge at the State Hoop Shoot.

**Donations: 3/4/2018**

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| Receipt # | Payment # | Date of Check | Amount | Received From |
| 472850 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 855.00 | Containers and Picture |
| 472851 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 50.00 | ENF |
| 472852 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 199.00 | MCCP |
| 472853 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 47.00 | MCCP |
| 472854 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 240.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472855 | cash | 3/4/2018 | 100.00 | Houlton Elks 835 |
| 472856 | 22594 | 2/23/2018 | 300.00 | Houlton Elks 835 |
| 472857 | 22595 | 2/26/2018 | 100.00 | Houlton Elks 835 |
| 472858 | 2945 | 2/17/2018 | 50.00 | Rockland Emblem Club |
| 472859 | 6330 | 1/23/2018 | 20.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472860 | 527 | 2/6/2018 | 40.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472861 | 7748 | 1/25/2018 | 20.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472862 | 2613 | 1/24/2018 | 20.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472863 | 8822 | 1/31/2018 | 20.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472864 | 1535 | 1/18/2018 | 20.00 | MEA Calendars |
| 472865 | 25776 | 3/4/2018 | 750.00 | Waterville Elks 905 |
| 472866 | 25777 | 3/4/2018 | 100.00 | Waterville Elks 905 |
| 472867 | 10225 | 1/20/2018 | 255.00 | Skowhegan-Madison Elks  |
| 472868 | 1964 | 3/1/2018 | 20.00 | Rockland Elks 1008 |
| 472869 | 1090 | 3/2/2018 | 360.00 | Sanford Elks 1470 |
| 472870 | 30767 | 3/1/2018 | 170.00 | Farmington Elks 2430 |
| 472871 | 6737 | 2/25/2018 | 15,000.00 | Biddeford-Saco Elks 1597 |
| 472872 | 10394 | 2/28/2018 | 3,069.66 | Bangor Elks 244 |
| 472873 | 1625 | 3/4/2018 | 100.00 | David Hammond & Felicia Gaulin |

The next State Meeting will be the MEA Convention at the Waterville Elks Lodge, # 905, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 10:00 am.

The State Trustee Meeting is at Waterville Elks Lodge, # 905, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 9:00 am.

Ron Darling, Millinocket ER said the MEA Summer Meeting will be at Millinocket on August 5th, Baxter Inn is the Hotel, 723-9777, you might want to make reservations as soon as possible because of limited rooms.

There being no further business to come before the Association State President Dave Anderson proceeded to close the meeting.

State Chaplain Carlette Eaton gave the benediction followed by one chorus of God Bless America.

MEA Meeting closed at 12:10 p.m.

Fraternally Submitted

Dwayne Guy, PDDGER, PSP

Secretary, Maine Elks Association