



Elk Valley & Area Hospice
Annual General Meeting
April 29, 2025 7:00 pm
Bramasole Restaurant

AGM Minutes

1. **Welcome**
2. **In Attendance:** Elke Weber, Karyn Morash, Chelsea Smyth, Jade Elford, , Dayna Lidster, Donna Biddell, Sharon Quail, Diana Jones, Elin Holivik, Sherry Sopko, Christine Conlon Keast, Sandra Barrett, Gary Kneier, Kim Hopkins, Lacey Driscoll, Patti Ohm, Jackie Padley, Oz Parsons, Allie Biddell-Halcrow

Apologies: Susan Rohn, Pat Moore, Cindy Myrlea, Amber David, Meretta Pater, Laurie Scott, Lauren Lundquist, Brooklyn Webster, Sarah Richardson, Sylvia Ayers, Donna Marie Burak, Paul Michal
3. **Called to Order at 7:23 pm**, Quorum met
4. **Introductions**
5. **Additions to the Agenda**
 - 5.1. None
6. **2024 AGM Minutes approved by:**
 - 6.1. Christine Conlon Keast, Chelsea Smyth
7. **Presentation of Annual Reports:**
 - 7.1. President, Elke Weber-see report
 - 7.2. Treasurer, Jackie Padley-see Annual Financial Report (year end March 31, 2025)
 - 7.2.1. Approval of financial statements-motion Karyn, second Chelsea
 - 7.2.2. Approval of 2025/2026 budget-motion Christine Conlon Keast, second Elin Holivik
8. **Call for Nominations:**
 - 8.1. Slate of Nominations
 - 8.1.1. Chelsea Smyth and Karyn Morash nominated Elke Weber
 - 8.1.2. Elke Weber and Gary Kneier nominated Dayna Lidster
 - 8.1.3. Elke Weber nominated Jackie Padley, Donna Biddell, Karyn Morash, and Chelsea Smyth
 - 8.2. Election of Board Members
 - 8.2.1. All in favour
9. **Any Other Business**

9.1. A question was raised about how Hospice can get more clients. Elke reflected that, while slow, growth is happening. Jade shared ways that medical staff are communicating our services, which helps with referrals. There was a discussion about how to educate the community about our services, the need for more volunteers to increase services, and not wanting to grow too fast unless there are enough volunteers to support. It was suggested that Hospice continue attending Rounds, visit the Home Health Office to check on potential referrals, and be more visible. A question was raised about the online presence for Hospice, to reach generations who are more present on these platforms. Jade identified actively working on social media, and being open to feedback to increase this presence. It was highlighted that the courses offered by Hospice (Companioning the Dying and Companioning the Bereaved) are not just for companioning as a volunteer, that they are helpful on a personal level as well. These courses are offered through the College of the Rockies. The board welcomes suggestions.

10. Adjourned at 8:05 pm