

**FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 29, 2020**

Present: Jeff Anderson – Chairman; Raymond Friesen – Vice Chairman, Bill Boese – Treasurer

Directors: Jed Randle, Keith Lambert, Kevin Smith, Noreen McAteer

Appointed

Director: Theresa Shelton - LRRCN

Absent: Marilyn Boissy – Secretary, Eric Jorgenson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Jeff at 7:20 pm

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Keith moved to accept the Agenda **CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:** Draft Minutes of July 2, 2020 regular meeting were read by Jeff.

Kevin moved to approve minutes of the July 2, 2020 regular meeting with two (2) typo corrections: Add 'e' to Henry Grandjambe and a 'P' in WHPA **CARRIED**

4. **Financial Report:** Presented by Bill as of September 7, 2020 the Bank Balance was \$73,627.48 less the last cheque, dated September 9th for \$504.00 to Klaus Schmidt for website administration fees: July, August & September with a reconciled balance of \$73,123.48 today.

Moved by Bill & Raymond to accept the Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Open Issues/Business:**

a. Presentation of 2020 Board Brochure (Raymond)

Raymond shared the new format (electronic copy) of the updated brochure.

Jeff explained updates made to Appointed Directors section, wording in accomplishments and additional partnership logos. Brochures will be printed in December following the AGM as there may be changes to the Board requiring updated photos of current Board members.

Noreen McAteer arrived at 7:34 pm

b. **Metis Region 6 Partnership/Relationship Exploration (Jed)**

Ongoing

c. **Volunteer Tracking Sheet (Marilyn & Bill)**

Ongoing

d. **CRA Status Update (Bill)**

The board's application was turned down previously as one or more purposes were not charitable and identified activities did not necessarily match the purpose. It was further noted that both social and cultural activities disqualify the application as well. The first application was completed when the Board was new and many things have changed, it may be worthwhile to explore what is needed to be successful and focus on achieving what is needed rather than what caused disqualification previously.

It appears that application for a Foundation is easier than CRA for a non-profit.

There should be further investigation of possible future disadvantages created by CRA status while it is determined what is required to gain CRA status.

Bill will request a Letter of Release from D. Ringrose LLP and seek to determine what is required for the Board to achieve CRA Status & the subsequent maintenance of said status.

e. **Sit Rep: The Proposal (Phase I & 2 Implementation): ONPA – WHPA (All)**

LRRCN has requested a meeting to review the project and consider related partnership(s). Covid-19 Delays.

AREF email Sep 21 Re: Jen (professional writer) requesting information for a spotlight on us in their Annual Report.

Discussion regarding Phase 1 of *the Proposal* (Northern Metrics); the Board preferred to remain status quo understanding the benefits of in-community, in-person relationship building necessary for data collection. Jeff will inform WHPA & ONPA of the Board's position.

f. **Final Grant Report to Mackenzie County (Jeff & Bill)**

Jeff will complete the report, Bill to do the financials. The final report will be copied to Janelle, Councillor Cameron Cardinal, Director Eric Jorgenson and to the FVASELB1788 Board.

6. New Issues/Business:

a. **Strike Election Committee for 2020 AGM (All)**

UP FOR ELECTION: Chairman – Jeff A (By Resignation) | Vice-Chair – Raymond F | Secretary – Marilyn B | 2 Directors – Noreen M & Keith L

Jeff read his Resignation Letter and indicated that he would be relocating due to a new position at his employment. If the Board desires, Jeff committed to assist the new Board Chair during a transition period and is dedicated to working with the board from a distance after moving.

Noreen moved that Bill, Raymond, and Theresa form the 2020 Election Committee

CARRIED

Theresa moved an authorized spending limit of up to \$500.00 for the AGM. Keith seconded the motion.

CARRIED

b. Set Proposed Date for 2020 AGAM & Organize as per Bylaws (All)

The Board selected November 24 as the preferred meeting date, to begin at 7 pm. The AGM will be held at the Fort Vermilion Community Cultural Complex Hall with the option of participants joining via Zoom conference. As per by-law, the meeting will be advertised 21 days in advance.

c. Alberta Community Development – Board Development Webinar Series (All)

Jeff shared this learning opportunity: Free Live Webinar Series. Jeff to gather additional information and email details to the Board.

7. Committee Updates:

- a. No Updates

8. Correspondence:

No correspondence

5 MINUTE BREAK

9. Roundtable:

- a. Email from Klaus for information to update webpage.
AGM Notice and Annual Report to follow.
- b. Jeff will send correspondence to Partners introducing new Board Chairperson following the AGM.
- c. Noreen McAteer thanked Jeff for all the great leadership provided to the Board and for his work and passion for the project. Keith and Bill also shared gratitude.

10. Next Meeting:

November 26, 2020 at FV Seniors Centre 7:00 pm

11. Adjournment:

Bill moved to adjourn meeting at 9:20 pm **CARRIED**