

**FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788**

**Approved Minutes of the Societies' Annual General Meeting
November 28, 2024**

Present: Registered Membership present in-person. **Meeting met Quorum.**

By Zoom: Jeff Anderson

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:15pm.

Approval

of Agenda: Raymond Friesen **MOVED** acceptance of the agenda. **CARRIED**

Approval of

2023 AGM Minutes: Read by Kevin Marten. Frank Fehr **MOVED** acceptance with the following corrections:

- C) Auditing and Finances: 2021 should read '2022 Auditor Report discussed'.
- Both references to 2022 statements should read: '2023 statements'.

CARRIED

Financial

Report: Kevin Marten presents the Societies' financial report as Audited.

Vina Marten **MOVED** acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Bobbi Paul-Alook. **CARRIED**

New Business:

- A) Kevin Marten reads and presents the Chairman's Annual Report including a Community Update – copy attached. Highlights:
- a. Met with MLA Dan Williams through 2024. Our MLA supports the project.
 - b. Alberta Real Estate Foundation project funding support is a success so as to launch the Business Plan process.
 - c. Completed the final steps securing the land for the project.
 - d. Charity application (phase 2) to be submitted early 2025 to CRA by lawyers.
 - e. Launched the Regional Leadership Group to support Business Plan.
 - f. Completed the RFP and awarding of contract for Business Plan.
 - g. Received Letters of Support from key leaders and communities across the Region.

Jed Randle **MOVED** acceptance of the Chairman's Annual Report Update. **CARRIED**

B) Special Resolution of Members

- a. Kevin Marten reads the Special Resolution whereas a Bylaw amendment is required so as to accommodate an Appointed Director from the Otipemisiwak Metis Government for the Metis Nation within Alberta – Fort Vermilion District No. 15.

William Ducharme **MOVED** acceptance of the Special Resolution of Members. **CARRIED**

Elections:

A) **Call for Nominations for Vice Chairman**

Raymond Friesen nominates Bill Boese. Bill declines.

William Ducharme nominates Raymond Friesen. Raymond accepts.

2nd Call

3rd Call

Danny Friesen **MOVED** nominations cease.

CARRIED

Raymond Friesen is Vice Chairman by acclamation.

B) **Call for Nominations for Secretary**

Current Secretary Michael Congo indicates that he will not let his name stand.

Jed Randle nominates Linda Dyck. Linda accepts.

2nd Call

3rd Call

William Ducharme **MOVED** nominations cease.

CARRIED

Linda Dyck is Secretary by acclamation.

C) **Call for Nominations for Treasurer**

William Ducharme nominates Michael Congo. Michael declines.

Raymond Friesen nominates Jed Randle. Jed accepts.

2nd Call

3rd Call

Frank Fehr **MOVED** nominations cease.

CARRIED

Jed Randle is Treasurer by Acclamation.

D) Call for Nominations for Directors (2 positions 'full term' 1 position 'half term')

Jed Randle nominates Wendy Ward. Wendy accepts.

Bobbi Paul-Alook nominates Michael Congo. Michael accepts.

Raymond Friesen nominates Vina Marten. Vina accepts (1/2 term only).

Raymond Friesen nominates Con Mercredi. Con accepts.

2nd Call

3rd Call

William Ducharme **MOVED** nominations cease.

CARRIED

Bobbi Paul-Alook and Frank Fehr volunteered to be Scrutineers. Ballots are counted.

Bill Boese **MOVED** to destroy ballots.

CARRIED

Directors elected Wendy Ward, Con Mercredi and Vina Marten (1/2 term)

Auditing and

Finances:

2021 Auditor's Report discussed.

An annual audit of the books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer will be performed for 2022.

Gary Smith moved / Raymond Friesen seconds to appoint Jed Randle and Vina Marten as the 2022 auditors.

CARRIED

Correspondence: Nothing to report

Open Floor

Discussion:

New Board members to provide their contact information and will need to provide personal information for the Society's charity application.

Poster Boards displayed regarding the K-Lands and B-Lands. Danny and Raymond Friesen provide updates regarding the acquisition of these two parcel of lands. The charity receipt process from the Old Bay House Society to the Knelsen family and the Friesen family finalizing the purchase paperwork for the B-Lands should both be completed by the end of December 2024.

Raymond Friesen provides background around the new relationship with the Metis Nation within Alberta. Raymond confirms with Bobbi Paul-Alook that the MNA will take our project on!

Jeff Anderson provides a detailed next steps regarding the Business Planning processes and formalization of the Metis Nation within Alberta taking over the seniors and elders care project.

Next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday December 5, 2024 at 7:00PM

Vina Marten **MOVED** to Adjourn the 2024 AGM at 8:46PM.

CARRIED