

**FORT VERMILION & AREA**  
**SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2025**

**Present:** Kevin Marten - Chairman; Jed Randle -Treasurer; Directors - William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Michael Congo, Con Mercredi and Vina Marten.

**Appointed Directors:** Bobbi Paul-Alook (OMG)

**Also Present:** Jeff Anderson (Advisor to the Board) \*Via Zoom \* Left Meeting at 7:30pm

**Absent:** Raymond Friesen

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:05 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Wendy Ward **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda. **CARRIED**

**3. Previous Minutes:** September 25, 2025 meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Jed Randle **MOVED** to accept the meeting minutes with the following corrections:

- *Financial opening balance changed to \$32,632.26*
  - *AGM date changed to November 20, 2025*
- CARRIED**

**4. Financial Report:** Kevin Marten presented financials.

Opening Balance - \$13,571.91

Closing Balance - \$13,567.56 (Outstanding: Cash from the ice cream sales at 2025 Ag Fair.  
Raymond has cash)

William Ducharme **MOVED** to acceptance of report. Second by Con Mercredi **CARRIED**

**5. Open Issues/Business:**

A) OMG/FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE

- October 16, 2025 meeting was attended by Aaron Barner and Caspian Teymouri from OMG with Kevin Marten and Jeff Anderson joining from the Board.
  - Kevin provided an update from his and Bobbi-Paul's August 5, 2025 meeting with MLA Williams. The MLA has requested a copy of the Final Business Case.
  - Discussed the delivery of the Final Business Case to MLA Williams and corresponding cover letter. OMG agreed that it should be a joint letter and to cc Aaron.
  - Caspian will connect with Wyatt and start to develop a funding scan and analysis. Aim to have the initial work completed in the next few weeks. Kevin and Caspian later connected to discuss an initial funding scan of which OMG would start drafting grant application documents.

- MLA Williams Final Business Case Package
  - On October 20, 2025 Kevin forwarded the Final Business Case with the joint cover letter. On October 29<sup>th</sup> MLA William's office responded indicating that the MLA will review the Business Case and have his office respond with next steps.

B) Charity Application

- Ongoing as the Board and the lawyer await a decision from CRA.

C) AREF Final Reporting

- With the completion of the Business Case, Kevin, Jed and Jeff are scheduled to meet with AREF to discuss final reporting procedures. Upon the final report being accepted by AREF, the remaining 10% of the contract values will be deposited into the Board's account.

D) Officer of the Board

- The community member initially interested in joining the Board to fulfill the Secretary role has decided not to join for personal reasons.

## 6. New Issues/Business:

A) AGM 2025 Planning

- a. AGM set for November 20, 2025 at the FV Complex.
  - Doors open: 5:30PM    Supper: 6:00PM    AGM: 7:00PM
- b. Confirmed that the FV Complex has been booked (along with speaker system).
- c. Kevin Marten confirms roast beef acquirement and prep.
- d. Kevin Marten to ask Raymond Friesen to get the AGM posters completed meetings details. TO BE POSTED BY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> in community and on website.
- e. The Test-Fit design diagrams/placards from this summer's community event to posted.
- f. Volunteers at entrance to take the \$5 membership fee and log each member on the Board's official Membership List.

B) Website Update

- Jeff met with the web master Klaus Schimdt to complete a forensic analysis of each web page. It had been a few years since this type of analysis was completed. Fixes/tweaks are underway.
- Klaus identified that the subscriptions to run the website have increased in value since the last contract signed between Klaus and the Board. Klaus will draft a renewed contract for the Board's review and approval.
- Klaus will complete a website use report showcasing the analytics of each access over the past while. The last report submitted to the Board was in 2018.
- Any inquiries brought forward through our Contact Us portal will now automatically go to the Chairman. Klaus will still have each inquiry in the background as well.
- Discussion on partnership links. Kevin will bring up acquiring the link/logo for OMG-Housing Corp at the next Working Group meeting.

- Outstanding photos: William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Con Mercredi and Bobbi Paul-Alook.
- Wendy Ward MOVED that invoices submitted by Beaver Web Services (Klaus Schmidt) be paid via Direct Deposit. **CARRIED**
  - Jeff will send an email to Klaus (cc's to Kevin and Jed) regarding the Board's approval to change the payment format as requested. Klaus is to work with Kevin/Jed on the banking set-up particulars.

**7. Committee Updates:** NTR

**8. Correspondence:** NTR

**9. Round Table:** NTR

**10. Next Meeting:** November 27, 2025

**11. Adjournment:** Jed Randle **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:54PM **CARRIED**