

FORT VERMILION & AREA

SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788

Approved Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2025

Standing Invitees: Kevin Marten - Chairman; Raymond Friesen - Vice Chairman (arrived at 7:15pm); Regina Friesen – Secretary. Directors: Wendy Ward, Vina Marten, Con Mercredi, and Michael Congo (Arrived at 7:14pm)

Appointed Directors: Bobbi Paul-Alook, OMG - via Zoom (Left at 8:10pm)

Advisor to the Board: Jeff Anderson - via Zoom

Absent: Jed Randle and William Ducharme

Call to order by: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:03pm

Approval of Agenda: Con Mercredi moved acceptance of the agenda. **CARRIED**

Financial Report: Kevin Marten presented the financials.

- a) Opening balance - \$13,567.56
- b) Closing balance - \$13,425.99

Wendy Ward **MOVED** to accept the financial report. Second by Con Mercredi. **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes: October 30, 2025 meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten

Raymond Friesen moved to accept the meeting minutes **CARRIED**

Open Issues/Business

- a) OMG/FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE
 - Discussion on circling back to MLA Williams and connecting with OMG on progress before Christmas.
 - Discussed sending Business Case with cover letter to viable Ministries.
- b) Charity Status Application (Currently Under Review by CRA)

- Ongoing – Kevin Marten to check CRA website before next meeting for any possible updates. However, our lawyer will certainly contact us if he hears anything as our representative.
- c) AREF Final Reporting
- Jeff & Kevin are working on filling in the new reporting platform AREF wants us to use.
 - Final reporting to be completed by mid-January 2026.
 - Once AREF accepts the Board's final report, they will release the 10% as per the contract.
- d) Website Management
- Klaus has nearly completed all tweaks and improvements.
 - Klaus is still working on the new website contract and website access and user analysis.

New Issues/Business

- a) AGM 2025 De-Brief
- 52 members registered – Great Interest! About 30 stayed for the AGM.
 - \$472 in membership and donations.
 - Evening went really well. Good time had by all who attended.
 - Photos required from Con Mercredi and Regina Friesen for website.
 - 2024 AGM minutes were approved and need to update Director list – Kevin Marten
- b) Secretary – Operational Discussion
- The Board welcomes the newly elected Secretary Regina Friesen
 - Discussion on initial migration of Regina into her new role and confirmation of supports from Kevin Marten and Jeff Anderson.
 - Setting agenda with Chairman, record the minutes at meetings, prepare the Societies' annual return with Chairman, etc...
 - Jeff and Regina will connect as necessary before next Regular Board meeting.

Committee Updates

a) Public Engagement Committee (Raymond F & Wendy W), Finance Committee (Kevin M, and Jed R)

- \$4,385.00 made ice cream sales at the Fort Vermilion Ag Fair in August 2025. Kevin and Jennifer Isaac donated ice cream.
- Wendy Ward will purchase thank you cards for Kevin and Jennifer Isaac for donation of ice cream and for Ms. Knelsen for donation of land. Board will sign cards at next Regular Meeting in January.

Correspondence **NTR**

Roundtable

- Discussion on appointing the auditors as this was missed at 2025 AGM. One option is to combine our next Regular Meeting at the end of January 2026 with an AGM Meeting - advertising would need to be completed 3 weeks beforehand. The other option is to set the Special AGM at the next Regular Meeting.
- General consensus was to address this issue at the January Regular Meeting.
- Kevin – Looking into a generic laptop for the Board for the use of the Secretary.

Next Meeting January 29, 2026

Adjournment Vina Marten **MOVED** to adjourn @ 8:43 pm **CARRIED**