

BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
Thursday, March 25th, 2021
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

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Attendance:

1. Keith Henry, President
2. Rene Therrien, Vice President
3. Joe Desjarlais, Secretary
4. Earl Belcourt, Board Member
5. Greg Mazur, Board Member
6. Betty Fisher, Treasurer
7. Angel Fisher, Board Member
8. Cindy Wilgosh, Board Member

Regrets: Board Members JJ Lavallee and Jacquie Swaisland

Support Team:

1. Sherry Daniels, Office Manager
2. Kassandra Sison, Communications Specialist
3. Cohan Hocking, Clark Wilson (Legal Counsel) Representative
4. Karen Andrews, TMX Employment Coordinator
5. Brady Smith, Strategic Planning Coordinator
6. Taylor McLeod, TMX Procurement Coordinator
7. Janet Newbury, Consultant
8. Craig van der Merwe, Technical Support
9. Jeanie Cardinal, Michif Language Development Coordinator
10. Brady Smith, Strategy Consultant

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks 2:00 PM

President Henry welcomed the board and team members advising that board member Jacquie Swaisland would be unable to attend and sent her regrets.

2. Review/acceptance of Agenda 2:05 PM

Motion 20210325 -01 To accept the agenda as presented

Moved Rene Therrien

Seconded Joe Desjarlais

Carried

3. Review/approve
 - a. February 17th, 2021

2:10 PM

Motion 20210325 -02 To approve the February 17th minutes as presented
Moved Rene Therrien
Seconded Greg Mazur
Carried

4. Operational Update
 - a. 2020-2021 Budget

2:15 PM

President Henry and Treasurer Betty Fisher shared an interim update describing the budget reconciliation process for 2020-2021 and ongoing planning for 2021-2022.

- b. 2021-2022 Budget Forecast

President Henry asked for ongoing patience as funding committed for BC Metis Federation starting April 1st is finalized and confirmed.

- c. TMX – Job Fair

TMX project team member Greg Mazur share overview about the upcoming TMX Virtual Job Fair.

Action Item #1 - Board and Team members were encouraged to attend and promote the second TMX Virtual Job fair scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th at 1:00 PM PST:

[Jobs and Procurement Fair – March 30th at 1:00pm | BC Métis Federation \(bcmetis.com\)](#)

All participants are required to register in advance by emailing Greg Mazur: G.Mazur@BCMmetis.com

- d. INRP

President Henry updated about the status if the INRP project and the contract confirmation.

5. Legal Update
 - a. Bylaws Update – Review Committee Report/Minutes
 - b. Special General Meeting

2:30 PM

President Henry acknowledged the work of the BC Mets Federation Bylaw Committee including Earl Belcourt, Sherry Daniels, Taylor McLeod, Angel Fisher, Betty Fisher, Malcolm MacPherson and Cohan Hocking.

Bylaw Committee Chair Taylor McLeod provided key insight and comments. Clark Wilson representative Cohan Hocking presented overview/summary of 30 key recommendations for the board to review and approve.

Motion 20210325 -03 To accept the Bylaw Committee recommendations as presented
Moved Cindy Wilgosh
Seconded Greg Mazur
Carried

Action Item #2 – Clark Wilson to prepare final bylaws with track changes asap.

Action Item #3 – Clark Wilson to prepare recommended Code of Conduct Policy to be added the current BC Metis Federation Board Manual. This is to be completed asap.

Action Item #4 – BC Metis Federation Communications Specialist to work with Legal Counsel and President Henry to prepare Special General Meeting items:

- *Draft Agenda*
- *Press Release for members explaining why participation at the Special General Meeting attendance is encouraged.*

BC Metis Federation is aiming to hold the Special General Meeting in early to mid-May. 30 days' notice will be provided once the materials are prepared for the BC Metis Federation Special General Meeting.

6. Other 2:55 PM
a. COVID-19 Project

President Henry shared an update about the COVID-19 relief funding for members and eligible partner communities. Management has sent payments to community partners and is finalizing food security payments this week to an estimated 350 members/families.

President Henry advised the board and team about the support for member Dale Haggerty and his family with the tragic loss of his son. BC Metis Federation board member Cindy Wilgosh advised about their support locally in North Thompson/Clearwater. President Henry asked to be updated once the funeral arrangements have been made.

The board and team closed with comments and individual highlights from various projects and activities. Many board and team members spoke to the importance of the positive work within the BC Metis Federation for grassroots members and communities.

7. Adjournment 3:00 PM

Motion 20210325 -04 To adjourn at 3:20 PM PST
Moved Rene Therrien
Seconded Earl Belcourt
Carried