

June 19, 2023 RMMA Board Meeting Minutes  
Held at RMMA office 5:00 to 8:30 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Crozier, Madilynn Crozier, Geri Guse, Dan Innes, Suzanne Fiddler

MISSING: Amy Cross, Wendy Schneider via phone

OPENING PRAYER:

5:15pm Jeff Crozier Opened the meeting with a prayer

MOTION TO ACCEPT MAY 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

First Dan Innes, Second Madilyn Crozier. All in favour, PASSED.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - JEFF CROZIER:

June started out with the Métis Nation Governance Assembly (MNGA). It was held virtually on zoom. Lots of discussion and forward motion.

June 9th Shannon and I attended the COTR convocation. We were invited to have a table set up and all Métis graduates were encouraged to visit and receive a sash. We were able to sash 8 graduates.

June 12 we sashed 3 of our high school graduates at our Kitchen party.

June 14 - I organized the out of the MNBC office and relocated the office furniture to a rented space. A lot of the new furniture is in our current office. It was totally worth the cost of hiring movers for this endeavour.

June 17 I travelled up to Kimberley where Elder Dan Innes and I were honoured to sash 14 Métis Graduates from Selkirk High school.

June 20th - I have the privilege of speaking at the opening of National Indigenous Peoples Day ceremonies at Rotary Park

June 23 - I will be attending the Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement signing and have been invited so say a few words on behalf of RMMA

FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUZANNE FIDDLER:

Suzanne gave the board the financial update.

MOTION TO ACCEPT JUNE 19, 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE AS PRESENTED: First Madilynn Crozier, Second Dan Innes. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne to look into what exactly we can spend the Community Garden funds on and report back to the board. This will be done prior to next board meeting.

ELDERS UPDATE - SUZANNE FIDDLER AND GERI GUSE:

Both Elders gave an update from what they have been doing. Discussions with board to see if we can find more elders in residence, suggestion was to call any elders and invite them to an elders tea and see if anyone is interested.

ACTION ITEM: Geri, Suzanne and Dan will set up a couple of elders tea over the summer. This will be done over the summer and will include the assistance of the RMMA summer students.

COMMUNITY YOUTH REP: MIKYALA FIDDLER.

Mikyala introduced herself and gave some ideas on what she would like to do with the youth over the summer.

NEW OFFICE DISCUSSION 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PLAZA:

Round table discussion. We will not be taking the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Plaza office but we are still working with MNBC to find another location.

EVENT SURCHARGE DISCUSSION:

MOTION: Over the next 3 months RMMA will be charging a \$20 refundable fee for any RMMA event. The \$20 fee will be given back to those citizens that have completed the activities. If a citizen is a no show, they will not receive their fee back. First Jeff Crozier, Second Geri Guse. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Refundable fee for RMMA activities to begin July 1, 2023. Shannon to collect cash and keep track of funds to refund, etc. Any assistance Shannon will need, Suzanne will help her. This is to begin by no later than July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. A report will be prepared for the board at next board meeting.

SASHING OUR WARRIORS BUDGET: tabled to next meeting. MNBC will pay for the food, room and facility rental.

SUMMER STUDENT HIRE: Jeff discussed that we have 2 applicants to interview at this point.

MOTION: to hire 2 summer students for the RMMA office at \$18-\$20 and hour. First Jeff Crozier, Second Suzanne Fiddler, Wendy opposed. PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: 2 summer student applicants will be interview asap with starting date of June 28, 2023 to end of August 2023.

GREEN HOME LETTER: As Amy was not in attendance, Jeff said that Amy will be doing a volunteer presentation at the Green Home and possibly have Duncan in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Metis sash creation - waiting for sample

CBT assessment - tabled to next meeting

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne to send assessment to board. This will be done asap.

TD bank- Amy and Shannon are to make an appointment with TD Bank to get debit cards.

ACTION ITEM: Amy and Shannon to get debit cards ASAP and email board when completed.

Save on Foods has stated that they will give RMMA 15% off the cost of groceries but require a letter stating who we are and what the groceries will be used for.

ACTION ITEM: Jeff to write a letter to Save on Foods and present it to Wendy who will deliver it to the Manager. This must be done asap.

Elder/knowledge holder/volunteer send new to everyone - tabled for next meeting.

Board discussed that we do not require Volunteers to be vetted but, they must be an active MNBC member. Knowledge holders must be MNBC members, must present a brief bio of what knowledge they have to share including why important to Metis.

ACTION ITEM: Shannon is to produce a google document which has name, phone number and what, if anything specific the volunteer wishes to do of all volunteers, this document must be kept up to date and board to have access to document. This must be done prior to next Board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Shannon to contact Knowledge Holders and request a short bio to be submitted to the board for approval. This must be done prior to next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed that the board has to updated our bylaws and purpose for society Act. This will be discussed at next board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne to provide information prior to next board meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Board members had a round table discussion.

ADJOURNED: 7:15pm

MOTION: To adjourn June 19, 2023 board meeting. First Jeff Crozier, Second Wendy Schneider. All in favour. PASSED.