

May 23, 2023 RMMA Board Meeting Minutes
Held at RMMA Office 5:18pm to 8:35pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Crozier, Dan Innes, Wendy Schneider, Geri Guse, Madilynn Crozier, Amy Cross, Suzanne Fiddler., ALL in attendance.

OPENING PRAYER: Madilynn Crozier gave the opening prayer.

MOTION to accept April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. First Wendy Schneider, second Madilynn Crozier. All in favour, PASSED.

PRESIDENT UPDATE: Jeff Crozier has met with MNBC housing and facilities and is moving forward with the MNBC board to develop a Métis facility in Cranbrook. They asked if housing for Métis citizen was a need and Jeff replied he would find out. MNBC is very happy to about working with us in doing a development that would support the ongoing work we do with our citizens. If housing is not needed they will actively look for a site suitable for us. Jeff also met with Rob Morrison is MP for Kootenay – Columbia

ACTION ITEM: Shannon to do a survey via mail chimp to our citizens to see if native housing was approved, would they take advantage of it. She will then report back to Jeff with results. This is to be done prior to our next meeting on June 19th at 5pm

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Suzanne Fiddler announced that we have finally gotten our 2022\2023 year end completed and filled with CRA. Suzanne also advised the Board as to our financial position.

MOTION: To accept March 31, 2023 year end financial statements as presented by Griz Accounting. First Jeff Crozier, second Wendy Schneider. All in favour PASSED.

MOTION: to accept financial statements as presented by Suzanne Fiddler. First Amy Cross, second Madilynn Crozier. All in favour, PASSED.

ELDERS UPDATE: Suzanne Fiddler and Geri Guse gave an oral report as to what is happening at TM Roberts School, Dan Innes is going to join Geri and Suzanne on May 25 at the school. Geri and Suzanne are concerned about the lack of representation and guidance that they have received from School District 5.

MOTION: To accept Elder's report as presented. First Madilynn Crozier, second Wendy Schneider. All in favour, PASSED.

MOTION: RMMA identifies and accepts Suzanne Fiddler and Geri Guse as elders in residence at TM Roberts school. First Wendy Schneider, second Jeff Crozier. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Amy Cross will write a letter to Jason **Tichaur**, head of School District 5 advising him that both Geri and Suzanne would like to be on the Elder's Group. This is to be done prior to next board meeting and reported on.

ACTION ITEM: Geri Guse discussed that she would like to start a "chit chat" group in September for elders only. Suzanne will send information to the Board for review and discussion as next meeting. This is to be done now.

YOUTH REP: Madilynn reported that we only received one resume for Youth Representative, she is happy with the person who submitted the resume and asked for a motion to accept this resume. Madilynn will report to the board if and when required.

MOTION: to accept Mikayla Fiddler as our RMMA Youth Rep. First Wendy Schneider, second Jeff Crozier.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne to send Madilynn a copy of letterhead so she can formalize acceptance letter to new Youth Rep. This is done.

NEW OFFICE UPDATE: Jeff Crozier advised that we have been approved by the owner for this new office space, Jeff went through costs and size of office and that renos will be paid by MNBC. Jeff opened the floor up for a round table discussion. After discussion it was decided and approved by the Board 100% that this office space offered by MNBC does not meet our needs at this time.

MNGA RESOLUTIONS OVERVIEW: Jeff Crozier went through the resolutions and opened the floor to a round table discussion of each resolution. Jeff will take note of the concerns of the Board to the next meeting.

SASHING OUR WARRIORS: Wendy Schneider discussed the weekend meeting and that a lot of positive discussions took place. We had a suicide awareness program presentation and each member that attended this event are now certified suicide awareness officers. Wendy also stated that we are over budget. Suzanne will input the receipts and advise how much over budget and that the money, if unsubstantial, will be taken out of UPIP. If substantial a motion will have to be carried.

CITIZEN CARDS: Wendy Schneider mentioned that the new citizenship cards -do not have addresses on them and can no longer be used as identification. She requested that we approach MNBC to suggest that addresses be placed on citizenship cards again.

STUDENT GRADUATION PLANS - SD6 AND SD5: Jeff reported that the Baker Metis Grads are invited to our June potluck where they will be given sashes as a celebration of graduation. Jeff and Dan are attending the Kimberley grad on June 17th to give sashes to those grads.

NAVIGATOR CONTRACT EXTENSION: MOTION to extend Shannon's contract to December 31, 2023. First Suzanne Fiddler, second Amy Cross. All in favour, APPROVED.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne will prepare and present employment extension contract to Shannon. Once signed Jeff will accept the contract. Suzanne to do prior to next meeting.

MOTION: To place advertisements for a student position, deadline for applications to be June 7, 2023, interviews to be done and RMMA will apply for STEPS Funding and possibly CBT funding. Contract will be start date of June 26 and end on August 31, 2023. First Suzanne Fiddler, second Wendy Schneider. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne to look at Navigator job description, make sure it fits for a student position and send to Jeff for final approval. Job description to include that the candidate must have a driver's license and able to work weekends and evenings. Once approved by Jeff, Suzanne will send a copy to Christine Stanwick, post on Indeed and send to Shannon to post on our facebook page. Suzanne to do as soon as possible. New description will be added that they must have Food Safe certification or willing to take certification. This is being done free from MNBC and online.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES COMING INTO OFFICE: An open floor discussion was held regarding appropriate Board member being notified of incoming inquiries. It was discussed by the Board that the duties and responsibilities as set out in the Board of Directors list will be revamped and include more areas such as Food Recovery, etc. Suzanne asked the Board to go through their list and see if they wished to have anything taken away or put in and advise Suzanne. Once this is done Suzanne will redo the Board to Directors list and forward to board and Shannon to better clarify who should receive information and report to the Board. It was celebrated that the Green Home requested our services as it is not often that someone comes to the RMMA asking for services.

VOLUNTEER POLICY: MOTION: To institute a monthly volunteer draw in the amount of a \$100 grocery card. This will begin in June 2023. First Amy Cross, second Jeff Crozier. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Shannon to keep track of volunteers for each month and first of every month, do the draw, post on facebook as our volunteer of the month.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne will add this new action to the Volunteer policy. This has been done, Suzanne still needs to discuss with Shannon.

NAVIGATOR SUBMISSION FOR JUNE ACTIVITIES: After a round table discussion it was decided that the Board would decline the request for any paid June activities.

ACTION ITEM: Suzanne will advise Shannon. Suzanne has advised Shannon.

EVENT SURCHARGE: Suzanne Fiddler discussed the need to having some kind of charge for courses because not all people who registered attend. It was decided to let the Board think about it and therefore tabled to next meeting.

MOTION: To accept Interior Health Authority-Community Food Action Initiative grant for \$2,820 to be used on RMMA Food recovery program. First Amy Cross, second Suzanne Fiddler. All in favour, PASSED.

ACTION ITEM: Once in receipt of the monies, Suzanne will pull 15% out and transfer to admin.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY: Amy Cross discussed the plans for this event at Rotary Park, she presented the Board with her budget and left the room.

MOTION: To accept the \$3,000 budget using the \$3,000 grant awarded by MNBC to contribute to the National Indigenous Day festivities, June 12. First Jeff Crozier, second Wendy Schneider. All in favour. PASSED.

POINT OF ORDER: Amy Cross has been working for Family services in planning for the festivities and is receiving \$500 facilitation for her services. Amy Cross stepped out of the meeting while discussion ensued regarding her facilitation fee.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Shannon is away from June 14 to 21 so the board has decided that we will have the office closed at that time. Suzanne will advise Shannon and ensure that we have this posted on facebook.

Jeff advised that there is a lot of old outstanding business that has to be dealt with as a priority at our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff Crozier adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Next Board meeting is June 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the RMMA office.