

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WINNIPEG RIVER LEARNING CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

Call to order, 7:08 p.m. by – Bev Dubé

Present:

John Kawecki	Bob Austman
Bev Dube	Diane Dube
Vera Cardinal	Bill Zurba
Kim Robertson	Bill Borlais

Welcome and introductions took place.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Vera Cardinal and Kim Robertson
To adopt the June 23, 2011 Agenda as presented.
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF THE 2010 AGM MINUTES:

MOTION: Diane Dube and Bill Zurba
To adopt the June 23, 2011 AGM minutes
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

3. APPOINTMENT OF WRLC MEMBERS & MEMBERS AT LARGE:

We have received 2 new organizations to the WRLC Board Of Directors:

Wendy Chevrefils – Sagkeeng Employment & Training
Aleisha Desjarlais – Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation

Letters of appointment from our returning members were sent from the following:

Julie Bacon-Papineau – Ecole Communautaire St. Georges
Gary Hanna – LGD of Pinawa
Bev Dube – Manitoba Model Forest
Vera Cardinal – RM of Lac du Bonnet
Trish McLarnon – Town of Powerview-PineFalls
Kim Robertson – RM of Alexander
Ted Seymour – Seymourville Community Council
Bill Zurba – Sunrise School Division

MOTION: Kim Robertson and Bob Austman
To accept our the members of WRLC Board of Directors
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

Our members at large are as follows: (Constitution allows up to 20 at large members)

Diane Dube – St. Georges CDC
Bob Austman – Manitoba Model Forest
Bill Borlais

MOTION: Kim Robertson and Vera Cardinal
To accept our members at large.
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

It was agreed that at the next meeting the Executive members will be appointed.

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The 2010 financial statement was prepared by The Exchange Group from Winnipeg.

MOTION: Diane Dube and Bill Zurba
To accept the 2010 financial statements as prepared.
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Bev Dube recommended The Exchange Group again for the 2011 year.

MOTION: Vera Cardinal and Bob Austman
To accept The Exchange Group as Auditor.
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: Bev Dube

Bev led a brief discussion thanking all the partners that have been involved in helping us get our feet off the ground and for their continued support. Bev also took the time to acknowledge our new staff member, John Wiebe, who has been hired as the new Building Maintenance Worker. This is thanks to Barry Vokey's new program called, "Targeted Initiative For Older Workers".

Bob Austman congratulated Bev on her hard work and her endless commitment and concern to the learning centre. A round of applause was given.

*** Bev's full report is attached.

B. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT: John Kawecki

John also led a brief discussion with many thanks to our partners in training and also offered his gratitude for his continued trust from the board of directors.

John also mentioned the progress of the following:

- RRC is in better understanding of our disappointment in the lack of choice of programs here at the Learning Centre. They will be working on strengthening their catalogue to offer a wider variety of courses and make our area more noticeable in the catalogue.
- The Winnipeg Technical College has agreed to discuss possibilities in other areas of Trades Training here at the Learning Centre including; Welding, Plumbing and a Handyman course.
- Talks have been taking place with Assiniboine Community College for Health Care courses including; LPN and Paramedic/Fire Training.
- The Aboriginal program at the main RRC campus is getting student enrollment from our region. This is a 2 year diploma program that would be beneficial to our Learning Centre if we could obtain this program. Sagkeeng has already promised 5 seats in this course.
- Academy of Learning is well underway to setting up their training facility in the building. They offer a variety of courses from 3 days to 1 year diploma programs. They are still fully committed to the agreement and are eager to open up shop.
- The Carpenter's Union has agreed to teach/deliver a Carpentry course if an alternative delivery method is needed.

Bob Austman also gave a big Thank you to John for his ongoing commitment and his connectivity to the Training and Education community. A round of applause was given.

*** John's full report is attached.

A SHORT BREAK @ 8:10pm, RESTART @ 8:17pm.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION BY BOB AUSTMAN – Education Coordinator for the Manitoba Model Forest

Bob presented an overview of the Model Forest's education programs and projects. He outlined the partnerships that have developed over the years, and highlighted programs such as the Junior Rangers, Curriculum development, Teacher's Workshops and School presentations that promote the message of sustainable forestry. Bob then spoke about the Model Forest's most recent initiative, Non-Timber Forest products which are goods or services obtained from the forest, (other than traditional products such as paper or lumber). These include mushrooms, berries, maple syrup, medicinal plants and products that are used in producing crafts such as; willow furniture as well as items used in the floral industry such as; moss, cones and ferns. Non-Timber Forest products also include

ecotourism, which offers small cabins, hiking tours and other services to the public to enhance their knowledge and enjoyment of the forest. The role of the Manitoba Model Forest is to conduct training workshops and seminars to build capacity for small business development and to develop markets and marketing strategies die Non-Timber Forest products.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. A copy of the Constitution and By-laws was handed out to each of the Board members for review. At this time the floor was also opened up for questions and/or discussion. No questions or discussions were had.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The Board decided that the next meeting will be scheduled at a later date. The meetings have ceased for the summer months due to holidays. The Board will be contacted via email or a phone call to advise them of the next meeting date.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Vera Cardinal and Bill Zurba
To adjourn the WRLC Board of Directors meeting at 9:10pm
ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.