



## Minutes of CFAR Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 12pm Via Zoom

**Attending:** Sandra Sutter, Luticia Miller, Janel McLaren, Lorne Ternes, Todd Pruden,  
Regan Smith joined at 12:10pm

Suzanne Life-Yeomans joined at 12:59pm

**Advisors Attending:** Nil

**Regrets:** Todd Belot

**Staff attending:** Melodie Creegan and Shelby Joines

- Welcome – Board President 12:03pm
  - Quorum is 50% plus one
- Note Taker for Minutes
  - Janel
- Opening Prayer
  - Luticia – prayer and blessing
- Safety Moment
  - Janel – the wildfires in the northern communities of Alberta and Saskatchewan
- Cultural Moment
  - Todd – his children started finger weaving and have now received their Métis cards.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Moved by Luticia, and seconded by Todd to accept the agenda as presented. Carried.
- Previous Minutes – Board President
  - Revision of Melodie's name from Melodie Lapine to Melodie Creegan. Shelby Joines' name was spelled incorrectly too, and she now joins the CFAR administration. Moved by Todd and seconded by Suzanne. Both motions were carried.
  - Motion to approve the minutes as amended. Moved by Lorne, seconded by Todd to accept minutes as revised. Carried.
- Executive Director's report – Melodie Creegan
  - Branding and marketing of CFAR based on her experience, and has interviewed past board members. It is clear to Melodie that CFAR is tremendously supported.
  - Chats with windspeaker with advertising in exchange for membership.
  - Lazy 8 podcast Melodie was invited to.
  - Opportunities with Downie Wenjack specifically blanket fund.
  - CFAR submitted for \$175K to them for promoting our program and other industries.
  - Old number 6 firehall on memorial drive to consider for space for CFAR, currently owned by the City.
  - Granting writing company, which they only get paid if the grant is awarded. Melodie has reached out to them.
  - World-renowned filmmaker (Margo and her partner Doug) filmed for the reconciliation hearings, and they also know of a lot of grants and would like to assist.
  - Event – bit of a lag. Draft events calendar sent by Melodie. Looking for feedback. Ranch and River Cree discussed the dates for the golf tournaments. Received the budget. Not redwood meadows.
  - Métis mixers were recently paused. Loughheed house and petroleum club provide space for these. Discuss a potential meet and greet at the end of May at Loughheed house.

- Meeting for National Indigenous Peoples Day to discuss opportunities. Discussions with Mikey Reader from the Forward Summit, and considerations to provide CFAR space within their event.
- Conversations around gifting.
- Membership, discussions with various groups regarding it.
- Committee work reached out to all committees, looking to have whiteboarding sessions in May.
- Financial health we are vulnerable
- Board President – Sandra Sutter
  - Events - 6 week turnaround for events, so the end of May is unlikely. The board must review all budgets and plans in advance.
  - Golf tournament not until the fall.
  - Consider an event in June around National Indigenous Peoples Day at the Ranch. Melodie offered the ranch that she is part owner of to possibly host an event there.
  - Need to get Melodie in front of organizations such as FNMPC and CALEP.
  - Janais Turuk has offered to assist with board and advisors to do a walk and plug them into fence posts. Maybe something to consider during the summer months.
  - September ramping up again, but in October 4 a Fort St. John event in Treaty 8. Northeast Native Advancement Society, which Sandra was able to meet with the Chiefs for a possible event.
  - November, December – Christmas becomes a full day education event or not.
  - ICE/ICIR – awaiting CANDO to provide a match of credentials. Sandra to send syllabus to FN University.
  - Strategy session for board, advisors, and elders, but a lot is being contemplated already, and bringing in money is a focus.
  - Logo for individuals and using dates for logo in emails with active members, but not for those are no longer sponsoring CFAR. Luticia moved, and Lorne second. Motion carried.
  - Luticia and Lorne are concerned about the financial commitment. Luticia indicated that sponsorships require a meet and greet, or some event required to bring us together and to attract new money.
  - Motion to approve Presidents report and Executive Directors report. Regan moved, and seconded by Todd. Motion carried.
- Financial Statements
  - March 31 statement provided.
  - Luticia is comfortable about the content of the financial statement, but not the balance. Lorne echoed these concerns.
  - Current financial statements – Shelby to review with Garry.
  - Operating budget, Sandra will send out the budget for electronic approval, as no one has seen this prior to the meeting.
  - Moved to accept the finance committee report by Lorne, seconded by Todd. Motion carried.
- Committees and Subcommittees
  - Communications and Membership report presented by Janel
  - Moved by Todd and seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried.
  - Sponsorship and Fundraising report presented by Luticia
  - Events report presented by Sandra
  - Moved by Suzanne, and seconded by Regan. Motion carried.
- Next Meeting – June 13 at 12:00pm
- HR committee will resurface for the probationary period review of Melodie, which has been extended by one month. Melodie will conduct Shelby's review.
- Forsaking roundtable discussion in the essence of time.
- Closing Prayer – Sandra read Richard Wagamese
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.