



MINUTES OF the March 7th 2024 CFAR SPECIAL MEETING, held via Zoom

Members Attending: Bob Phillips, Sandra Sutter, Suzanne Life-Yeomans, Luticia Miller, Art Cunningham, Shon Marsh, Craig Van Dongen, Donna Phillips, Todd Belot, Connie Landry, Regan Smith, Aaron Lepine, Todd Pruden, Andrew Loosley, Chad Wagner, Pat Hufnagel-Smith, Scott McLeod, Janel McLaren, Brad Sinclair, Brian McGuigan, Thalia Aspeslet, Jon Stringer, Michelle Stanners, Anne Harding, Tim Heins **Non-Members:** Melodie Creegan, Ewald Bergen, Jacob Handel

1. Words of welcome from Luticia Miller (President) 12:05 pm
 2. Safety Moment – unable to see who was speaking, but the comment was related to ensuring you have enough windshield washer fluid
 3. Cultural Moment – Bob Phillips – Congratulations to Luticia on assuming the role of CFAR President, a well-deserved and appreciated role
 4. Opening Prayer and song by Bob Phillips – Bob opened with a land acknowledgement. 127K Métis people live in Alberta according to Statistics Canada, representing a substantial increase over the last many years. Bob shared an opening prayer, and a song.
 5. Approval of Agenda, moved by Sandra Sutter, 2nd by Suzanne Life-Yeomans. Motion carried.
 6. Suzanne Life-Yeomans moved to accept a special resolution to empower the board to seek dissolution of the society from the registry as soon as it is practical, adhering to the Societies Act of Alberta and CFAR's bylaws. 2nd by Tim Heins. The motion passed.
 7. Changes to directors for the CFAR Board – we note that Jennifer Cunningham is willing to put her name forward for Board membership.
 - a. New nominees for the Board
 - i. Aaron Lepine, moved by Suzanne Life-Yeomans, 2nd by Brad Sinclair, motion carried.
 - ii. Art Cunningham, moved by Tim Heins, 2nd by Suzanne Life-Yeomans, motion carried.
 - iii. Shon Marsh, moved by Tim Heins, 2nd by Suzanne Life-Yeomans, motion carried.
 - b. Resignations from the Board
 - i. Regan Smith, with gratitude for extending her service past the AGM in January.
- Thank you to All of our Board Members, Committee Members, Advisors and Volunteers for their contributions and service.***
8. New business
 - a. Art Cunningham shared some comments related to his history with CFAR Society and some of his ideas about how he envisioned the organization moving forward.
 - b. Bob Phillips shared some of his thoughts about individuals who served the board in the past – Jude Daniels, Lane Wells, Art Cunningham, Tim Heins, Lorne Ternes among others, as well as folks who have come later, and expressed his gratitude.

- c. Tim Heins spoke about his journey with CFAR, the uniqueness of the organization and the process of moving forward coupled with the change in sponsorship, time limitations and broader society having had an impact on the organization. Tim expressed support for the letter and thoughts shared by Andrew Loosley and an interest in the future direction individuals take.
- 9. Move to adjourn at 1:32 by Tim Heins, 2nd by Sandra Sutter.
 - 10. Closing Prayer and song - Bob Phillips shared "Fun on the Drum"