



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 11am (via Zoom)

### **Minutes** (prepared by Laurence Bertram)

**Last Board Meeting Minutes:** This meeting was considered for Board position elections and 2022 planning Meeting and not a regular Board Meeting

**In attendance:** Eric Bjornson; Laurence Bertram; Julietta Hardiman; Valerie Soltys; Brandice Bator; Heather Howdle; Reghan Langston;

Regrets:

**Term Selection:** Laurence presided over a pulling names from a bowl election process whereby:

the first 3 names pulled were for a one year term on the Board: Brandice Bator; Kristy Vermiere; Reghan Langston

The 3 to serve 2 year terms on the Board are: Eric Bjornson; Julietta Hardiman; Nigel Kerr;

The 3 to serve 3 year terms on the Board are: Heather Howdle; Laurence Bertram; Val Soltys

The attending Board members then decided the following Positions on The Board:

Eric Bjornson-President;

Heather Howdle-Vice President;

Laurence Bertram-Secretary;

Valerie Soltys-Treasurer

Laurence then turned the meeting back to President Eric Bjornson who in turn thanked everyone for their interest and efforts.

### **Wish List or ideas going forward:**

Eric- a return to community events such as the Chamber Xmas Party, continued philanthropy, hire a part time General Manger to do Chamber business

Valerie- to acknowledge volunteers in the community

Laurence- wants to build on Celeste's idea of having a monthly theme event for merchants to celebrate through store displays and products. IE., The Manitoba Swedish group have rented the Legion Hall for June 4th and will likely have over 100 members come to town. Heather also mentioned that June is National Indigenous History Month with June 21 being the focal day.

Heather- is focused on reducing the distance between the producer and the consumer. She also sees a number of her bakery clients saying that they are planning to spend more time in the Erickson area or even moving here.

Brandice agrees with the direction things seem to be going. Expressed interest in supporting habitat for pollinators.

Julietta, Reghan, Valerie and Heather expressed interest in having the Chamber place some emphasis on hosting business/owner development and education events and seminars for the Chamber members.

Eric adjourned the meeting at 11:35

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