

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Zoom Conference Call
7:00 pm

Present: President Steven Allen (Wheatland), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL), Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director), Cheryl Bauer Hyde (Wapiti), Patrick Simpson (Chinook), Sandra McArthur (Multitype Library Board).

Regrets/Absent: Darlene Morin (PNLS).

Call to Order

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Sandra MacArthur (MLB) to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 4.01 President's Report – President Steven Allen (Wheatland).
Motion carried.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: Moved by Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.
Motion carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. New Business

4.01 President's Report – President Steven Allen (Wheatland)

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) reported that SLTA received lots of excellent feedback from regions regarding the Minister's Brief.

He met with folks from Southeast library region on January 29. He and Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) met with Dorothea Warren, Executive Director of SLA, and Amy Rankin, President of SLA in March (see below).

Steven attended the Saskatchewan Access to Legal Information Project. On April 21, he will attend the MLB meeting.

4.1 SLA

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) and Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) met virtually with Dorothea Warren (SLA Executive Director) and Amy Rankin (President of SLA).

It was agreed that both organizations need to share the same message.

Discussion centered around the content and distribution of the Minister's Brief, trustee training, and library advocacy.

4.2 Trustee Training

There was discussion regarding trustee training.

It was decided that Executive Director Nancy Kennedy will put together an information package with the "In a Nutshell" document along with information on how libraries are funded as part of a trustee training initiative. Trustees will be directed to the training modules on the SLTA website and asked for their feedback. In addition, Nancy will reach out to PLLO regarding the possibility of Catherine Howett and Julie Arie preparing a "In a Nutshell" YouTube presentation.

Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) that Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) prepare a document of trustee training which includes "In a Nutshell" and how libraries are funded to be sent to regions and municipal systems, and to ask PLLO to prepare a video on "In a Nutshell".

Motion carried.

4.3 Library Advocacy Promotion

Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) pointed out that SLTA should focus on advocacy as opposed to advertising. SLTA will prepare brief documents sharing the value libraries bring to communities, highlighting successes. This information will be forwarded to organizations such as SUMA, SARM, SLA, Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation for inclusion in their newsletters, as well as including the information in the SLTA newsletter.

4.4 Minister's Brief

SLTA received excellent input from library regions. The document will be shared with regions for final input. Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) will arrange for the meeting with the Minister.

As per discussions with Dorothea Warren and Amy Rankin from SLA, the Minister's Brief will also be forwarded to Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, and Honourable Everett Hindley, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health.

4.5 Budget

A statement of income and expenses was presented to the board.

Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) to receive the statement of income and expenses.

Motion carried.

4.6 AGM

Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) will chair the Nominations Committee. Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) will chair the Resolutions Committee.

There was discussion regarding amending the date the AGM is to be held every year in the bylaws.

The AGM has been set for Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Trustee in Camera Session

***Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) to move in camera at 8:40 pm.
Motion carried.***

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) to move out camera at 8:45 pm.

***Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) that the board recognize the sterling efforts of Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) by providing a bonus of \$500.00.
Motion carried.***

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been set for Tuesday, June 29, 2021, prior to the AGM.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

***Motion: Moved by Cheryl Bauer-Hyde (Wapiti) that the meeting adjourn at 8:52 pm.
Motion carried.***