

MINUTES
ADVISORY FORUM MEETING, CHF MANITOBA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003 12:30 P.M.
GREENWOOD INN, 1715 WELLINGTON AVENUE, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

CHAIR:

Stephen Troubridge, Westboine Park

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jocelyn Peifer, Director, Manitoba Operations

PRESENT:

Mel Willis, Manitoba Regional Director, CHF Canada
Rudy Comeault, Delegate, Maurepas Village
Wendy Huggan, Aboriginal Director, CHF Canada
Paulette Wachniak, Delegate, Carpathia
Cathy Whitfield, Delegate, Carpathia
Sandy Francis, Delegate, Westboine Park
Linda Ferguson, Delegate, Village Canadien
Joan Skeene, Delegate, Shalom Gardens
Ann Kishka, Delegate, Interlake
Miriam Hughes, Delegate, Payuk Inter-tribal
Pat Jorgenson, Delegate, Shalom Gardens
Ruth Lucas, Delegate, Betelstadur
Art Jonasson, Delegate, Betelstadur
Rick Adams, guest, Carpathia

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stephen Troubridge called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

Stephen reminded delegates about sending in their motions to accept the motion to have the election of the CHF Manitoba regional director on the CHF Canada board occur in Manitoba rather than at the CHF Canada annual general meeting. Co-ops have until early December to do this.

Stephen also reminded co-ops to get their Manitoba Advisory Forum delegate appointment forms in to the CHF Canada Manitoba Office (forms were distributed with this meeting package).

Round the table introductions were given by all present.

2.0 MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2002 ADVISORY FORUM MEETING

MOTION: *“Minutes of the October 26, 2002 Advisory Forum meeting be approved as circulated.”*
 Moved Paulette Wachniak. Seconded Linda Ferguson. Carried.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Stephen Troubridge went through the business arising section included in the meeting package.

4.0 CHF MANITOBA OPERATIONS UPDATE

Jocelyn Peifer highlighted her activities from January 1 to October 8, 2003 and the financial report for the CHF Manitoba Office operations in a written report included in the meeting package.

5.0 CHF CANADA BOARD REPORT

Mel Willis gave a brief update on the activities of CHF Canada. The agency agreement will be signed at the end of November. The leaky co-op problem in British Columbia has been solved and the federal government will be providing extra funding to leaky co-ops to help them deal with their situation. The current federal government is very supportive of building new housing co-ops and it is hoped this will stay the same under the upcoming change in leadership within the federal Liberal party and with the elected government after the next federal election.

Wendy Huggan, Aboriginal Director for CHF Canada highlighted that CHF is planning to do more work with aboriginal housing co-ops across Canada.

Stephen highlighted that Manitoba housing co-ops, although fewer in numbers than Ontario have a strong presence within CHF Canada and have positively influenced the organization over the years.

MOTION: *“Approve the CHF Manitoba Operations Update and Financial Report, and the CHF Canada board reports as presented and circulated.”*
 Moved Ann Kishka. Seconded Miriam Hughes. Carried.

MOTION: *“Nominate Joan Skeene.”*
 Moved Sandy Francis.

Stephen called three times for further nominations from the floor, but there were none.

Joan Skeene was successfully elected to the executive committee for a two-year term.

Stephen Troubridge thanked Linda Ferguson for her work on the executive committee.

Wendy Huggan initiated a discussion with Forum delegates about whether they thought it was a good idea for the CHF Canada-Manitoba Office to provide as a service, Co-op Privacy Officers for housing co-ops to use and to also conduct training for Co-op Privacy Officers. It may be a good way for the Manitoba Office to generate some extra income. Delegates thought it was a good idea for the CHF Canada-Manitoba Office to provide a lead role in this area in Manitoba and it was suggested that the service be provided to members for a reasonable cost and to non-members at a premium cost.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Stephen thanked all for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.