



**2018 Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

October 2018
Saskatoon Inn
4:30 – 6:00

1. Call to order
 - a. Sarah B calls to order 4:43PM
2. Review and approval of agenda
 - a. Bojan motions to accept, Heather approves
3. Review and approval of 2016 CRRF AGM minutes
 - a. Ryan motions to accept last years' minutes as is, Patrick seconds, carried
4. Report of President
 - a. Sarah B presents annual report
 - b. Bill motions to accept the report, Kathleen seconds, carried
5. Report of Treasurer
 - a. \$22 000 profit from the 2016 conference – net profit of \$39 500
 - b. \$1500 in membership for 2018
 - c. Ruth motions to accept the report, Peter seconds, carried
6. Approval of audited financial statements
 - a. Last year, approved that Harris Ryan approved as auditor for this year
7. Appointment of auditors for 2018-2019
 - a. Ruth motions to accept Harris Ryan for 2018 – 2019, Laurie seconded, carried.
8. Committee reports
 - a. Executive
 - i. Sarah B reports letter of support for partners and support for students
 - b. Membership
 - i. Presented by Craig - 114 members are reported
 - ii. New software online membership platform
 - iii. The nature of membership in CRRF has been discussed
 - iv. Bill moved to accept the report, Shirley seconded, carried
 - c. Communications
 - i. Presented by Ryan – newsletter goes to 2500 across the country. The initiative is experiencing ongoing success.
 - ii. Suggestion that some members can provide a blurb for the newsletter.
 - d. Policy and Advocacy
 - i. Presented by Sarah B A relatively new committee, one group is investigating SORC3 options
 - ii. A group is working to implement an 8-point plan to bring rural forward in advocacy work, specifically around the 2019 federal election
 - iii. Patrick motions to accept the report, Michael seconds, carried
 - e. Strategic Networks and Partnerships
 - i. Presented by Sarah M – partnership framework now in use to measure suitability of new partnerships
 - ii. Partnerships from across the country and North America outlined including CCRC, RSS, AAG
 - iii. Valencia motions to send Sarah M to speak at Rural Innovation Summit, Ruth seconds, carried
 - iv. Valencia motions, Bojan seconds, carried
 - f. CRRF/RPLC Alliance Committee



- i. Presented by Valencia – new group, working to think beyond RPLC’s funding timeline
 - ii. Overview of purpose of committee, activities (webinars, calendar)
 - iii. Role of future of CRRF
 - iv. Need to exploit them now
 - v. Murray motions to accept the report, seconded by Laurie, carried
 - g. Projects
 - i. Knowledge mobilization
 - 1. Presented by Bojan Rural Routes Podcast has been successful
 - 2. Webinars with external partners
 - ii. Charitable Status and Endowment
 - 1. Charitable status is in the process of being changed to a federal charity
 - iii. Visual/Logo
 - 1. A creative brief is done
 - 2. The design, or firm, or the designer, must have a rural practice
 - iv. 30th Anniversary
 - 1. Presented by Laurie, Conversation Café, banquet video
- 9. Sarah M motions to accept all committee reports, seconded by Kathleen
- 10. Archives
 - a. Bill would like to set up an archive
 - b. Bill and Valencia met with Kathryn (head archivist at the University of Guelph)
 - c. Kathryn suggested the National Archive of Canada take on the library of information
 - d. Bill motions that the board approve investigation and establishment of an archive and mandates Bill to move forward the initiative, seconded by Peter, carried
 - e. Bill motions that the board name Bill *CRRF Archivist* seconded by Peter, carried
- 11. Election of Board and Officers
 - a. Nominations Committee Report
 - b. There 5 open CRRF Board seats and 6 interested individuals:
 - i. Brennan L
 - ii. Wayne K
 - iii. David F
 - iv. Kathleen K
 - v. Sarah M
 - vi. Kristin C
 - c. Motion to destroy the ballots by Valencia, seconded by Murray, carried
 - d. Elected to the board:
 - i. Brennan L
 - ii. Wayne K
 - iii. David F
 - iv. Sarah M
 - v. Kristin C
 - e. Election of board and officers
- 12. Executive election: Valencia – President; Laurie – Treasurer; Craig – Secretary
- 13. Reflections on the 2018 Conference
 - a. Thank you to the organizing committee
 - b. Conversation Café was a success
 - c. Urban Reserves Tour was highlighted as a success
 - d. The reception at Cooperatives First was inspiring
 - e. Information in the app will be up for 6 months
 - f. Bill highlights the value of having the conference in a truly rural setting



- g. The conference incurred a profit of \$5000
- 14. Announcement of 2019 Annual Conference
 - a. St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador + North Atlantic Forum
 - b. Theme: Sustainable Communities
- 15. Adjournment
 - a. Sarah M 6:00pm

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