

Kootenay Library Federation
Board Meeting Minutes
18 October 2014

Prestige Lakeside Resort
Nelson BC

Attendance:

Trustees: Don Berriault (Chair, Beaver Valley), Linda Farynowski (Vice-Chair, Creston), Kay Hohn (Treasurer, Salmo), Ellen Watters (Kaslo), Jackie Letkeman (Castlegar), Sylvia Ayers (Ferne), Marilyn McKinnon (Nakusp), Heather Davidson (Nakusp), Fred Stevens (Cranbrook), Lorrie Walmsley (Rossland), Debbie Nelson (Rossland), Norm Funnell (Invermere), Chris Ingles (Nelson), and Sharon Block (Nelson)

Library Directors: Heather Maisel (LDAG Chair, Castlegar), Eva Kelemen (Kaslo), Emma Dressler (Ferne), Beverley Rintoul (Rossland), Jim Bertoia (Sparwood), Marie Onyett (Beaver Valley), Taylor Caron (Salmo), Nicole Pawlak (Invermere), Avi Silberstein (Grand Forks), Ursula Brigl (Cranbrook), and Aaron Francis (Creston)

Kootenay Library Federation: Joanne Richardson and Helen Graham

Call to order – 9:07 AM PDT

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to accept: Linda Farynowski, second: Kay Hohn. Carried.

Approval of the minutes May 2014 meeting: Motion to accept: Sharon Block, second: Fred Stevens. Carried.

Correspondence - see discussion in 7a and 8a

Reports:

Chair: Don Berriault, KLF Chair: Was disappointed in the lack of response from KLF libraries on the question of allowing Penticton to join KLF, or not. Not quite half of the libraries responded to the query.

LDAG Meeting report: Heather Maisel, LDAG Chair: report attached. Motion to accept: Jim Bertoia, second: Sylvia Ayers.

KLF Director: Joanne Richards: report submitted

Comments: Conversations on Library Leadership – generally good up-take with 11 KLF library directors participating as their time permits. Cheryl Stenstrom guides the selection of online modules, provides questions and leads the discussion, making the training more effective than only reviewing online modules. The conference calls help to remove the sense of isolation in tackling management issues. The KLF hopes to continue to offer this kind of on-line training next year.

Kootenay Connect – we are the biggest federation in the province on Sitka and sharing via Kootenay Connect. Since launching this service, the participating libraries have seen a dramatic increase in sharing between Kootenay libraries. It has exceeded all expectations and has meant an increase in staff time.

Motion to accept report: Lorrie Walmsley, second: Ellen Waters. Carried.

Libraries Branch Report: Mari Martin: The Branch sees federations as key capacity builders for library service in the province. Minister Fassbender has announced that a decision and announcement regarding the Provincial

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Library Director will be made by the end of year. Provincial funding for libraries will remain constant in the next few years, but no increase.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Hohn: Reviewed financial statements , with Joanne, everything is looks fine.

Motion: In support of resource sharing for the 2014 calendar year, the KLF will provide KLF Sitka libraries with a grant of \$1.25 per item lent through Kootenay Connect or for non-Sitka KLF libraries for items lent only to other KLF libraries via Outlook. Moved: Linda Farynowski, second: Marilyn McKinnon. Carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Kay Hohn, second Linda Farynowski. Carried.

Old Business:

Letter from Penticton Public Library requesting membership in the KLF (submitted with agenda): Motion: to accept Penticton Library into the KLF by Linda Farynowski, second: Debbie Nelson. Carried (8 to 4) Discussion: There are concerns about continued funding from Branch to support this expansion.

Succession planning process for executive (update): at the spring meeting there were a few people who expressed interest in joining the KLF executive. If anyone else is interested, please contact Joanne. Those interested will be contacted in the New Year about this opportunity.

Virtual meetings - (Aaron, Karen and Jackie): There are options for connecting to consider which will encourage engagement of membership. There will be a survey to find out what KLF members would like to see in the future for meetings, virtual and physical or a combination.

New Business:

Trustee Training: correspondence from BCLTA regarding regional trainer is attached. At time of KLF Board meeting, BCLTA was not inclined to add more trainers as they believe this gives better control over quality of training delivery. BCLTA is looking at online training options which may be an issue in our region with limited bandwidth in rural areas. Please consider whether options proposed in the letter from Paul Tutsch will work for your library, as your library pays for this service through its annual membership fees. Your board may wish to extend its opinion to the LTA. KLF will explore other locally available training for governance issues.

The KLF would like to thank Kay Hohn and Stephen Gort for their work on the KLF Executive. Their positions will be up next spring. Linda Farynowski and Don Berriault are interested in continuing as part of the Executive.

Next meetings:

AGM - a conference call meeting will be scheduled March 24 to 26, 2015

Spring meeting – May 9, 2015; location not announced.

Strategic planning session

Adjourned 3:00 PM