

FFMV Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday January 20, 2024

Time: Lunch at 11:30 - Meeting at 12:30 pm

Location: Greentree Village Community Rec. Centre @ 4295 Garden Grove Drive, Burnaby

Attendees:

In Person: Mary Stark, Rick and Jean Nakamura, Wendy Trigg, Joyce Tonn, Joanne and Norm Smyrski, Janice Froese, Jo Pegler, Angie and Andy Grikis, Bob and Nita McKay, Liane McKenna, Doreen M'Lot, Barbara Stokes, Val Karpinsky, Pearl Wong, Cooky and Gurin Dhaliwal, Lucy Cleggett, Susan Barr, Sonja Hollenbach, Margaret Harrington, Louise Holmes,
On ZOOM: Marian Ennis, John Niles, Lissa and Dan MacMaster, Maureen Pringle, Chris Rothery, Celine de Castro

Welcome and Introductions

1. Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Sonja Hollenbach and Celine de Castro - new members for 2024

2. Establishment of Quorum

More than 30% of members in good standing were in attendance, therefore a quorum was met.

3. Approval of AGM Agenda

moved by Val, seconded by Barbara to adopt the Agenda as distributed - **Carried**

4. Approval of January 21,2023 AGM minutes

moved by Angie, seconded by Wendy to approve the Minutes as distributed - **Carried**

5. President's Report: Joanne

Recognition : Doreen for lunch today

2022/2023 Executive for their contribution and support

Annual Reports - there were no questions or comments from the members.

FFI is developing a Member Orientation Presentation that will be available soon on Zoom

Web/ Media update - Ryan's update this year and Celine's recent work and enhancements to the website were much appreciated.

6. Nominating Committee:

- Report by Liane and call for nominations for 2024 FFMV Executive:
- Membership confirmed:
 - President:** Angie Grikis
 - Vice President:** Louise Holmes
 - Treasurer:** Norm Smyrski
 - Journey and Education Director:** Co-chairs Angie Grikis and Doreen M'Lot
 - Membership Director:** Barbara Stokes
 - Secretary:** Wendy Trigg
 - Social Director:** Co-chairs Joyce Tronn and Jean Nakamura
 - Communication Director:** Val Karpinsky
 - Past President:** Joanne Smyrski

7. Journey and Education Director - Lissa Macmaster

- INBOUND 2023:**
 - June - Adelaide Australia
 - July- Hamilton, New Zealand
- OUTBOUND 2023**
 - May - Niagara Falls and Lake Simcoe
 - Sept - Boston, MA and Raleigh N.C
- INBOUND 2024**
 - Confirmed 2 separate weeks from Florida Clubs we have had journeys to in 2022
 - August 27-Sept 3 - Tallahassee, Florida – Gurin & Heather HC
 - Sept 23-Oct 1 Suncoast/St. Petersburg Florida - Wendy & Joanne HC
- **OUTBOUND 2024**
 - June 6-12 Norderstedt, Germany – Angie JC
 - plus 3 days post journey day hosted in Berlin
 - option for private extension to cruise or tour on own
- **OUTBOUND REQUESTS FOR 2025**
 - Discussion - ideas favoured are:
 1. Taiwan/ Indonesia
 2. possible reciprocals to New Zealand and Australia
 3. US destinations
 - Angie will forward our request to FFI by due date Feb 16
- **INBOUND 2025**
 - Journey assignments expected in April/May 2024
- **Future World Conference** - may be in Indonesia, S. Korea, or Singapore
- **North America Conference** - 3 countries, October 7-9 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

8. Treasurer: Norm

- Approval of Financial statement by Val and Gurin
- Opening Balance Jan 1, 2023 - \$4788.56
- Current Balance: \$4387.32
- Paid FFI for 44 members in 2023, 2 are Honorary Members
- Charter Renewal completed
- Current 2024 members confirmed at 38
- **PROPOSED POLICY FOR SURPLUS INBOUND JOURNEY FUNDS effective 2024**

□□□□ **During Journey:** Any funds from overcharges or event cancellations will be refunded to Ambassadors and participating FFMV members ASAP - **PASSED**

□□□□□□ **On Completion of the Journey Financial Report:**

Proposed that Surplus funds of \$10 or more per Ambassador will be refunded to Inbound Club Ambassadors. Angie proposed that this amount be changed to \$20 after deducting fees to transfer money to the club if effective to do so - **PASSED**
Should the Inbound Club decline the refund, the Host Committee will recommend to the Executive how these funds should be allocated - **PASSED**

9. Membership Director: Barbara

- Newest members: Sonja Hollenbeck and Celine de Castro
- 2024 Current Membership - 38
- Members should ensure they are signed up and registered on https://my.friendshipforce.org/en/users/sign_in

10. Social Director: Wendy

- Assisted with a committee to cater lunch at meetings
- Other events included Games Day, 2 Garden Tours, 2 Inbound Journeys in June and July, Social Lunches, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Lights Walks.
- Next event will be for Chinese New Year on Feb 12 at noon - place to be determined by new Social Director.

11. Communication Director - Val

- spoke about the need to have a centralized email list for Executive

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Marian Ennis, long time valuable member, is available for consultation
- Celine de Castro: a new member spoke on ZOOM about her abilities to support the club on the web.

Adjourned at 1:45 pm

Next General Meeting Dates are: March 16, May 11, Sept 14, and Nov 16

Submitted by Wendy Trigg

