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MEETING Minutes FFMV General Meeting

Date: Saturday May 11, 2024

Time: 12:30 meeting

Location: Greentree Village Community Recreation Centre, 4295 Garden Grove Drive, Burnaby

TOPIC	COMMENTS
TOTAL ATTENDEES: 21	Joyce Tonn, Wendy Trigg, Jean and Rick Nakamura, Pearl Wong, Elaine Gibson, Angie and Andy Grikis, Louise Holmes, Barbara Stokes, Celine DeCastro, Marian Ennis, John Niles, Mary Stark, Lucy Cleggett, Heather Anderlini, Gurin Dhaliwal, Joanne and Norm Smyrski, By Google Meets: Val Karpinsky and Liane McKenna
	Angie welcomed Everyone for coming and gave a Reminder to not hold side conversations and turn off/silence cell phones except for designated member that virtual attendees can contact during meeting if required – May meeting: Joanne at Cell 604-230-8014
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Motion by Norm Seconded by Elaine
2. Approval of 16 March General Minutes	Motion by Joanne Seconded by Celine
3. President – Angie	<p>1. Update of Website and Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both Members and Leadership Team can login once they have registered. Member encouraged to PLEASE Register - FAQs have been revised and will be updated on website. - Short form membership list is available to download. - Members attending by Virtual Google Meet should ensure they have downloaded Google Meet app and take online tutorial to learn how to use functions such as mute/unmute - Website is finished with exception of adding content to the dashboards and past journeys <p>ACTION: Contact Celine for any technology issues at 1-672-978-2595 or admin@digitalcanvassolution.com</p> <p>2. Concerns that Some members do not have current computer equipment for updated current Computer system to receive and print Agendas.</p>

	<p><u>ACTION:</u> A) Members who can't receive communications by email should buddy up with another member who can update them. B) A PDF version of the agenda will be posted on the web dashboard as well as the link sent out.</p> <p>3. Bylaws and Policies updated document were submitted by Angie and Elaine</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Angie is reviewing these, and they will be updated and sent to members in the summer for acceptance at the September meeting.</p> <p>4. Recognition: For Lunch provided by Elaine, Pearl, Wendy, Joyce, and Jean For Technical Assistance from Celine For FFI and Journey Director Support for Marian</p> <p>5. Process of sending out emails to members: <u>ACTION:</u> ALL MEMBERS EMAIL PROCESS (except Social Committee) A) Send to President (ANGIE) who approves & forwards to B) Communications Director (VAL) for reviews & forwards to C) Website Director (CELINE) who distributes to Members</p> <p>6. Name Tags – Discussion to encourage wearing our name tags . <u>MOTION by Angie:</u> “to have a prize draw for a free lunch at following meeting for members who wear name tag to meeting.” which helps members identify each other and creates welcoming setting for all, especially new members. Motion approved.</p> <p>7. FFI North American Conference in Milwaukee Oct 7-10, 2024 <u>ACTION:</u> Joyce and Wendy will possibly attend.</p> <p>8. FFI training opportunities on their website: <u>ACTION:</u> Anyone can register for sessions they are interested in 1) MyFF/Help Centre Navigation on <u>Sept 2, 2024</u> 2) Townhall Meetings available online at FFI <u>ACTION:</u> Apply online for May 23, 2024 or other monthly opportunities</p> <p>9. We will attempt to provide Travel presentations to members at general meeting, if time permits <u>ACTION:</u> Photos of upcoming trip to Indonesia and Taiwan will be on the viewing/sign up table at meetings.</p>
<p>4. Vice President - Louise</p>	<p>1. Discussion regarding Agenda Printing difficulties <u>ACTION:</u> Please notify Angie and / or contact Celine for help</p> <p>2. Discussion of concerns about not receiving the meeting link <u>MOTION by Celine:</u> To send Google Meets link to all members for meetings to facilitate any attendance changes. Approved by members. <u>ACTION:</u> Celine will include the link in future agendas for all members And Continue work on onboarding booklet.</p>
<p>5. Past President- Joanne</p>	<p>1. Update of Western Presidents Meeting on April 18, 2024 - Western Clubs don't have honorariums for Host Coordinators</p> <p>2. Discussion of New government Covid policy has changed as of April 2024 – no required Covid vaccines in BC except in limited facilities.</p>

	<p><u>ACTION:</u> Our current Covid policy needs updating to reflect that we continue to follow government policy on all <u>Health Recommendations</u> and encourage ALL Government Recommended Vaccines.</p> <p>Joanne will update policy and consider recommendations from FFI policies, Louise, and Marian.</p> <p><i>We will continue to recommend that inbound Ambassadors be vaccinated for Covid-19.</i></p> <p>3. Canadian undersubscribed journeys posted on Canadian Website</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Members are encouraged to check out these opportunities.</p>
6. Treasurer – Norm	<p>Opening Balance: \$4738.16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - includes \$400, less \$25 for Cooky, (refundable deposit held for Germany) - Angie has taken 75 Euros to be taken from the remaining deposit. - current expenses of \$180.79 for March and \$120 for May room rentals were included in last statement but cheques just cleared. - some Christmas party expenses. - Upcoming expenses of \$100 for insurance and FF Canada fees <p><u>ACTION:</u> \$25 deposit refund to Cooky and Canadian \$112.97 to Angie for 75 Euros. FFMV Pins for hosts will be also paid for from the deposit</p>
7. Membership & Recruitment – Barbara	<p>Current Membership Number: 43 paid and 2 honorary members</p> <p>Barbara is encouraging anyone affiliated with a group to consider helping or doing a recruitment presentation to that group.</p> <p><u>ACTION:</u> To develop a set of prepared notes and a presentation for anyone speaking to a group.</p> <p>Liane volunteered to help with this September.</p> <p>Other Volunteers Needed. Please help!</p>
8. Secretary - Wendy	
9. Communication Director - Val	<p>1. FFMV Bulletin Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel opportunities or Buddies - Travel accommodation or home exchange - Travel advice - from travel advisors like Chris Myden - Special Vancouver area events (Glades, Darts Hill, Restaurants) - No buy and sell items will be accepted. <p><u>ACTION:</u> send requests to Angie for review.</p>
10. Journey / Education Director - Angie	<p>1. Angie has recognized this position is more than she is able to do. because taking on two roles is proving to be too much, especially as she is also helping update documents for the Website.</p>

ACTION: Member needed to take on this role effective in January 2025. In the meantime, she has requested assistance from Marian and requests a committee to take on the role.

2. A discussion about if Outbound ambassadors will be selected as per FFMV Outbound ranking tool. Recognized by Marian that his is not the most effective method and that a few New Member seats should be reserved.
3. Reminder - Outbound ambassadors who arrive early at a destination or stay longer should stay at a hotel. FFI considers it an extra day and 8 nights too much for Hosts.

4. Outbound 2024:

Norderstedt, Germany – June 6-12, 2024 - JC - Angie

- Currently 15 ambassadors - 1 ambassador had to cancel.
- Final program received and sent to outbound ambassadors.
- Ambassadors to pay Norm 250 euros before departure (except for Barbara to pay in Norderstedt)
- 12 ambassadors will go to Berlin – Coordinator Lissa – proposed program being developed, and a summary will be attached to these minutes.

5. Inbound 2024:

Tallahassee, Florida Journey #24177 – Aug 27-Sept 2 (7 nights)

- HC - Gurin / Heather
- Originally had 15 Ambassadors coming – 2 had to cancel.
- Host matching form sent to Tallahassee and FFMV members.
- Tallahassee has already sent fees to Norm to allow venue bookings.
- Preliminary Program sent to Tallahassee and FFMV members.
- Gurin’s summary will be attached to these minutes.

ACTION: !) Members need to confirm they will take the Vancouver Harbour Cruise by May 31,

- 2) Members to confirm if they will attend the Welcome and what events (the Fort, Academy Farm, Krause Farm and Winery) they will attend to allow booking & paying for them as well as Farewell dinners to allow plans for catering
- 3) Volunteers for day hosts and dinner hosts to allow finalization of program were verified

Suncoast / St. Petersburg, Florida – Sept 24-Oct 1

- HC - Wendy / Joanne
- 12 ambassadors currently interested but they continue to look for more 2-4 more Ambassadors to cojoin them
- Program in process – will avoid duplicating Tallahassee Program.

ACTION: We could use 2 more home Hosts

2025 Outbounds received from FFI:

- Hsinchu, Taiwan and Banjarmasin, Indonesia (See Picture Binder)
- Santa Barbara, USA

	<p><u>Motion</u>: by Marian, “That we accept the FFI proposed outbounds of Taiwan, Indonesia with dates to be negotiated later.” Hoping to get February or March, back-to-back, in Asia and. Moved by Marian, Seconded by Joanne. and approved by membership.</p> <p><u>Motion</u> by Marian, “That we accept the Outbound proposal by FFI for the Santa Barbara Outbound. with dates to be negotiated later.” Seconded by Gurin and approved by membership.</p> <p>Marian volunteered to be JC for Santa Barbara Joanne and Norm volunteered to be JC with a committee for the Asian outbound.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u>: Please let Angie know if you have any interest</p> <p><u>2025 Inbounds received from FFI:</u></p> <p><u>North Bay, Canada</u></p> <p><u>Motions x 3 by Marian below,</u></p> <p>1) <u>Motion</u>: “To accept FFI proposed Inbound from North Bay. With dates to be negotiated later.” Moved by Marian, seconded by Joanne and approved by membership with hopes for May June.</p> <p><u>Mexico City, Mexico (reciprocal) to FFMV & Lethbridge</u></p> <p>2) <u>Motion</u> “We accept the FFI Proposal for a reciprocal Inbound from Mexico City with negotiation for dates at a later time to work for Lethbridge as well.” Moved by Marian, Seconded by Gurin and approved by membership with hopes for August.</p> <p><u>Greater Orlando, USA to FFMV & Lethbridge</u></p> <p>3) <u>Motion</u> “That we postpone the proposed Inbound from Orlando to future years, because we have had 5 Florida Journeys in recent years and new members should experience different cultures.” Moved by Marian, Seconded by Elaine and approved by Membership.</p> <p>Marian suggested we may be able to offer FFI a short stay to a different club in lieu of Orlando.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angie has sent preliminary email to Lethbridge re journey coordination of Mexico City Inbound.
<p>11. Social – Joyce and Jean</p>	<p>1. Recent Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derrick Doubletree walk (6) plus 17 attendees to Adrian’s for lunch <p>2. Future Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will Skip June as members are away In Germany <p><u>ACTION</u>: 1) <u>Walk at Darts Hill with a guide at 10:30 on July 19, 2024 followed by lunch at Hazelmere Golf Course in South Surrey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2) looking for Christmas venue -suggestions welcome!
<p>12. New Business</p>	<p>JEAN AND JOYCE will provide September Lunch</p> <p><u>ACTION</u>: Reminder to let Doreen know if a card is needed for our members</p> <p>Celine has requested that all members RSVP using the big Blue Button on the invitation as to whether they will or will not attend. The new process is much smoother, more accurate and less time consuming and we will problem solve the glitches as we go.</p>

	In the meantime if you have a glitch Please ... ACTION: Contact Celine for any technology issues at 1-672-978-2595 or admin@digitalcanvassolution.com
Next meeting	Saturday, Sept 14: 11:30 am lunch, 12 :30 pm meeting Final 2024 General Meeting Dates: Sept 14, Nov 16
Adjournment	2:22pm