

**Eastern Region III –
Regional Council Meeting
Feb 11, 2024 – 11:00 am
Moosomin- MCC centre**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marg Friesen – Regional Representative ERIII, Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette – President local 87, Charlie Mondor – Youth Rep, Sheila Pelletier – President Local 48, Tracy Rogers - President – Local 103, Linda Lagace – President local 6, Dexter Mondor – President local 182, Linda Sopp – President local 25, Grace Racette – Elder, Leebert Poitras, President Local 8., Ed Blondeau, President Local 44, Larry LeClair – President Local 135, Raina LaCroix – Youth Rep

Observers: Virginia LaCroix (minute taker), Sandy Friesen

Guests : Members of local 44

Regrets:

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	IMPLEMENTATION
Welcome	Marg welcomed everybody to meeting.	
Call to order	Marg called meeting to order at 11:35 am	
Approval/Adoption of Agenda	Remove budget review and add update from CEO. Move CEO update to first item on agenda	<p>Motion to approve agenda as amended: Moved by Linda Sopp/ Seconded by Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette.</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p>
CEO update/ PBM	<p>Richard Quintel joined meeting via phone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C92 went to Supreme Court – Ruling was in favour to unanimously support the right of FN, Metis, and Inuit authority over children in care. - C92 is a good indicator for C53. C92 is through a rigorous committee with a few amendments. - PBM- Meet a senior official’s level and once a year Minister to Minister. - We have had a lot of success with early learning. - Proposed health legislation draft from Canada was a pan-indigenous indigenous approach and MN-S want a distinction-based approach. We are reviewing and suggesting those changes. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health equity fund was not equitable – Metis only received 9%. Which translates to 4.5 million \$ per year for 10 years. This is not enough for service and program implementation. - MN-S needs to prepare for Treaty. Once we are fully self-governing, we will have our own legislation and acts. - Draft Locals Act and a draft Regional Act to be reviewed. - Need to ratify new constitution in fall. - There will be opportunity for feedback from local presidents on the proposed acts, check email for times and dates to register 	
Lunch Break	Lunch from 12:16pm to 1:13pm	
Approval of Jan 14, 2024, minutes	Action Items from last minutes: Conway Kootenay shows, Bursaries.	<p>Motion to approve the Minutes as amended from Jan 14, 2024:</p> <p>Moved by Dexter Mondor/ Seconded by Tracey Rogers.</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>
CEG 2024 update	<p>Local 44 – Phi Michef cooking classes are going well. March 2 – Kitchen party – Jason Lepine coming – 10:00 am start</p> <p>Local 8 – did not receive CEG grant in this round.</p> <p>All other locals – grants have been approved and funds are nearly all in. Already had AKD event and Winter camp. Plenty of planning to do and still need locals to volunteer with planning.</p> <p>Winter Fest cancelled due to no snow. Move to April 27, Spring Fling.</p>	<p>Motion: ERIII will obtain a fuel card from Federated Co-operatives.</p> <p>Moved by Dexter Mondor/ Seconded by Ed Blondeau</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>
<u>Committee Planning</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MN-S Batoche Committee is requesting our proposal. - Batoche Leads: Finance/Admin Marg and Virginia, Cooking Linda Sopp, Serving Linda Lagace, Water Lee, Prep Deanna, Volunteers Erin. - Next BTB committee meeting March @ 7pm. - Hire someone to do firewood. 	<p>Motion: To appoint Dexter Mondor as Lead site coordinator at Back to Batoche 2024.</p> <p>Moved by Leebert Poitras/ Seconded by Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>

Constitutional Reform Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 13, 11am-3pm @ Indian Head. - Need for constitutional reform to reflect transition to a government. 	
Women's Gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LFDM doing a SWOT analysis of the region and then elections for the regional rep to their board. - April 7, 2024, in Indian Head @ Memorial Hall. 	
DTC update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DTC has been moved under Environment. - Will share a form letter for DTC for small projects that don't impact us. 	
PBM update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard provided a detailed update earlier. - Marg attended the meetings as Minister of Health. Meet twice a year with Federal Ministers. Prime Ministers summit May 2024. 	
Moose Hide Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will distribute pins at next meeting. - Campaign against domestic violence. 	ACTION: Distribute Moose Hide pins at next meeting.
Regional Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical transport program running now. Slow uptake. - Health conference early Feb was successful with over 450 participants. Conference was inclusive and had great keynote speakers. - Met with Southeast Regional College 	ACTION: Monthly Calanders on web pages.
Local updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local 87- No recent meetings. Met with Southeast Regional College and attended the health conference. - Local 25 – Had meeting on the 21st of January, only 5 in attendance. Met with southeast regional college. SaskPower failed on DTC with installation of Solar panel project. - Local 182 – Winter camp was well attended. Wellness through our lands - \$16000 for our region. - Local 44 – Meeting during Kitchen party. CEG project going very well. AGM will be April or May. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local 48 – Not meeting in Dec. AGM is March 3 in Abernethy at 11:00 am. - Local 6 – will have a meeting at the end of Feb. Started a Kokums Korner at Kapachee. AGM will be in May. - Local 103 – Meeting on Jan 28 -9 people. Family fun day in Sept. Justin will be doing some michif classes. - Local 8 – Next meeting will be Feb 25th. Purchased a red river cart and building a cover for the cart/fence. Grand opening will be in June. Will have a QR code. Jigging and square dance lessons in March. - Local 135 – Elders visited to talk about the area. Norman Fleury doing the interviews in whatever language the interviewee is comfortable with. Bead working in May. AGM on March 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm. 	
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting will be Virtual – March 10 @ 11: am 	
<u>Adjournment</u>		Motion to adjourn: Ed Blondeau