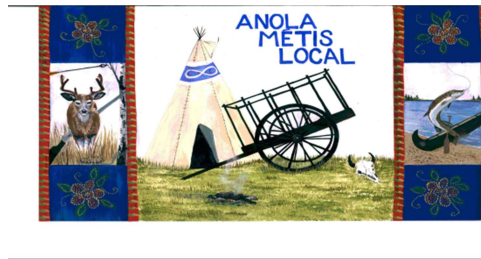


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### **Anola Metis Local Minutes of Zoom Meeting December 16, 2020**

**Attendees:** Jacqueline Chartrand, Rita Vaags, Faithe Pearson, Dana Trapp, Jackie Mason, Irene Carriere, Debbie Clague,

1. Jackie Mason, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. A video of the Metis anthem was played. Jackie Mason spoke the Opening Prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda - MOTION #1:** That the Agenda be accepted.  
1<sup>st</sup> Irene Carriere 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Vaags All in favor - Carried.
3. **Chairperson's Report:** Linda Lamoureux was unable to attend the meeting.

**Vice-Chairperson's Report:** Jackie Mason will be contacting Dan Benoit about a potential presentation at our January or February meeting. **MOTION #2:** That Jackie's report be accepted. 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Clague 2<sup>nd</sup> Faithe Pearson All in favor – Carried.

**Minutes** of the November 4th meeting were read by Jacqueline. A correction was made to Item #5. It was Dana Trapp, and not Rita Vaags, who proposed that Louis Riel Day be staged for drop off of food products. **MOTION #3:** That the Minutes be accepted as amended. 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Mason 2<sup>nd</sup> Dana Trapp All in favor – Carried

**Treasurer's Report** presented by Jacqueline Chartrand. Balance in account \$3623.18, which includes \$827.55 in scholarship fund and \$60 petty cash. Two PayPal deposits of 0.12 and 0.04 were made when the PayPal account was opened. Expenses in November included Zoom license (\$224), WordPress course (\$65.89) and the Anola Metis Local wooden plaque (\$150). **MOTION #4:** That up to \$175 be spent to purchase a miniature Red River Cart for display and teaching purposes at Louis Riel Day celebrations in the future. Purchase to be made by Rita Vaags. 1<sup>st</sup> Rita Vaags 2<sup>nd</sup> Dana Trapp All in favor – Carried **MOTION #5:** That up to \$500 be spent at the virtual sale of Metis items held by Saint Boniface Museum with items up to 70% off will be used as door prizes and gifts at future events. Rita and Jacqueline would make the appointment. 1<sup>st</sup> Irene Carriere 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Vaags All in favor – Carried. **MOTION #6:** That Jacqueline purchase a new cartridge for the printer at Best Buy for approximately \$130 for curbside pickup. 1<sup>st</sup> Faithe Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Clague All in favor – Carried. **MOTION #7:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. 1<sup>st</sup> Irene Carriere 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Vaags All in favor – Carried.

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**Youth Representative Report:** Faithe Pearson received 2 pdf documents from Shay-Lynn Thomas, SE Regional Youth Coordinator. One refers to a video contest with a June 30,2020 deadline. Faithe was to confirm that contest was really over. Faithe has opened an Instagram account that allows only one administrator. She invited pictures to post and was advised to pull pictures from the website that is almost ready. **MOTION #8:** That the Youth Representative's Report be accepted. 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Clague 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqueline Chartrand All in favor – Carried.

**Website Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Scholarship Update:** Dana will be sending the single application received in the Spring, but recalled Linda Lamoureux's statement that there will not be a scholarship issued for 2020. Jackie Mason is to take the lead on further action.

4. **Discussion of business proposal sent to MMF:** Jackie Mason submitted a proposal to MMF via SE Regional Office and no response has been received thus far. Rita spent considerable time writing out a vision for another property for sale at the east end of Dugald on Highway 15 that would include a much more ambitious plan. It is uncertain at this time if Linda Lamoureux forwarded Rita's letter to Denise Thomas or not. Jackie Mason reiterated the importance of our Local playing an active role in the development of any kind of project the MMF undertakes that will impact our citizens. Jackie will ensure Rita's letter is forwarded to SE Regional Office.
5. **Planning for 2020-21 fiscal year:** There was much discussion around what a Louis Riel Day event might be, including the possibility of hosting an all-day Zoom event featuring something different each hour, such as a cooking class (tourtiere and bannock), Dan Benoit's history of the Metis, trapping teaching, a Metis Marketplace featuring books such as Bonnie Murray's if still in print, Bingo, Elder teachings about sweat lodge and smudging. **MOTION #9:** That Rita Vaags purchase books to replace those taken last Louis Riel Day. 1<sup>st</sup> Rita Vaags 2<sup>nd</sup> Irene Carriere All in favor – Carried.
6. **Upcoming activity:** It appears COVID-19 restrictions will prevent any social gathering to celebrate Louis Riel Day this year.
7. **Roundtable:** Jackie Mason shared that she will be assisting if Metis Awareness Training for AAFC. A particularly hot topic is the problem of identity as Metis which is being claimed by people in eastern Canada, including Quebec, who claim to be Metis. This greatly impacts staffing and hiring federal practices as a Declaration Form is all that is required to self-identify and no verification is required. The Metis National Council represents Metis from West Central America and Metis Homeland. There was some discussion about two distinct cases that impacted Metis identity and rights.
8. **Next Local Meeting** – January 13 A Zoom meeting from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 8:55 p.m.