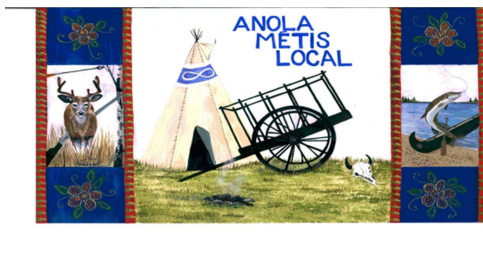


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### **Anola Metis Local Minutes of Meeting January 15, 2020**

**Attendees:** Linda Lamoureux, Jackie Mason, Jacqueline Chartrand, Rita Vaags, Dana Trapp, Guy Pilcher, Mike Pilcher, Terry Kolbuck, Irene Carriere, Katelynn Lawford, Adrienne Lapointe, Roger Lavoie, Faithe Pearson, Zach Lawford, Nicole Turner

**Guest:** Andrea Clarke, Gisele Ferland

1. Linda Lamoureux, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. She extended a welcome to all, including two members of the Lorette Local Executive. Rita Vaags and her children led the singing of the Metis anthem. Jackie Mason spoke the Opening Prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – A Scholarship Report was added as Item #6.  
**MOTION #1:** That the Agenda be accepted as changed.  
1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Mason 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Vaags All in favor - Carried.
3. **Minutes** of the December 11th meeting were read by Jacqueline. References in Louis Riel Update regarding invitation to Zoe Thompson and meeting with Anola Community Club could be removed as already being actioned.  
**MOTION #2:** That the Minutes be accepted once changed.  
1<sup>st</sup> . Linda Lamoureux 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Mason All in favor – Carried

**Treasurer's Report** presented by Jacqueline Chartrand. Balance in account \$2,065.08, which includes \$282.55 in scholarship fund and \$60 of petty cash fund. The cheque for the Expense Claim for \$2000 submitted to MMF on December 6<sup>th</sup> is expected within the week. MMF Education and Training sent a cheque for the Local education fund in the amount of \$500, their match to our scholarship of \$1000, which will bring the total balance to \$2,565.08.

**MOTION #3:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dana Trapp 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Mason All in favor – Carried

**Chairperson's Report:** Linda stated she would be completing a newsletter in the coming week to be distributed to members. She circulated copies of the Southeast Region's newsletter.

**Vice-Chairperson's Report:** Jackie Mason's report will be included in Item #4 Website and Facebook update.

**Youth Representative's Report:** Kiera Lamoureux has been obliged to withdraw from the position of Youth Rep due to health challenges. The invitation was extended to the group for a replacement and

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interest was expressed by Katelynn Lawford to whom contact details were given for further information about the position. Jackie Mason extended the appreciation of the Local to Kiera for the energy she brought to the group and best wishes for a healthy recovery.

Linda said that a family event will be held in March at Ecole Dugald.

4. **Website and Facebook Update:** Jacqueline and Jackie met with Adam and determined that control of the website would remain entirely with the Local. Adam offered to train Local members on website maintenance. Rita Vaags took that training on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Jackie will be sending a letter of commendation to MMF administration regarding Adam's outstanding performance. Rita asked members what they would like to see on the website. Jacqueline suggested links to other Locals. Jackie Mason said Southeast Region must be urged to develop their website.
5. **Events Coordinator Report:** Rita Vaags provided an extensive review of what has been accomplished to date for Louis Riel Day. Regrettably, a response regarding her grant application to the RM of Springfield has not yet been received. The Special Events application has been filed along with a site diagram; tent permit is in the works. Adam advised Rita that MMF has a wooden modular stage that she will look into. Rita and her two daughters, Melina and Anika, will be taking a finger-weaving course on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> so they can offer a finger-weaving station on Louis Riel Day. She met with a health inspector who ensured someone with a Food Handler's Certificate would be in charge of food prep. As per tradition, our Local Chair, Linda Lamoureux will emcee the event. Extensive advertising has occurred with postings on numerous websites: MMF Communications, Le Metis Facebook and Twitter, to our citizens, Anola Community Club, other Locals' website (kudos to Lorette Local for their prompt and gracious response), Oakbank website, Springfield MB as well as RM of Springfield, Sunrise School Division. She invited members for suggestions and Dana recommended that Cook's Creek Facebook be added. Invitations to honorary guests have been sent to the Reeve, Bob Lagasse, MLA for Dawson Trail has accepted. MMF President David Chartrand will once again be invited. SE Regional Director Denise Thomas has also been invited. It was suggested that if she does not formally respond, Rita is to assume that she is not coming. Volunteers have been recruited for most of the tasks of the day. Door prizes are still needed although several have already been donated. Sponsors such as Tim Horton's and Co-Op store will be approached as a letter has been prepared. Snowshoes have been booked with Springfield Library.
6. **Scholarship Fund Update:** It was decided that the \$500 from MMF will be deposited for now and the cheque presented in an official manner on Louis Riel Day. An improved version of the scholarship application will be available for Louis Riel Day. Dana and Jenna Trapp will monitor donations to the Local Scholarship Fund. There was discussion about who should be eligible and what the deadline should be.  
**Motion #4:** That applications be available for grade twelve students who are members of Anola Metis Local and will be going to first year of college or university. Deadline will be April 1, 2020.  
1<sup>st</sup> Rita Vaags      2<sup>nd</sup> Irene Carriere      All in favor – Carried
7. **Roundtable:** Linda invited questions and conducted a roundtable to ensure everyone had an opportunity to speak.
8. **Meeting Adjourned** – 7:26 pm.
9. **Next Local Meeting** – February 12, 2020 at Springfield Library in Dugald from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.