

FLC SENIORS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 28, 2023 – DRAFT MINUTES

Prior to the commencement of the AGM, Debbie Harris, the Club Vice - President, and MC for the luncheon, conveyed a warm welcome to everyone attending on behalf of the FLC Board of Directors.

Attendees were invited to introduce themselves to each other at their respective tables.

Housekeeping items (i.e. washrooms, exits) were dealt with

Introduction and thank you to Ann Clark for saying grace.

The FLC Social Director/Coordinator Adrianna Laszlo was introduced to direct members to Buffet. Following the meal the kitchen staff were requested to come to be thanked by Debbie for all of their work.

Director Bob Laloge drew for 8 door prizes and announced that the 50/50 would be drawn at 2:00 p.m.

Special Guests

Debbie introduced our special guests:

- Myles McDougall, MLA for Calgary Fish Creek
- Evan Spencer, Councillor for Ward 12, City of Calgary
- Shawn Kao, President of the Trico Board of Directors
- Andrea Waara, General Manager of the Lake Bonavista Community Association
- Anna Glickman, Community Services Manager for the Willow Ridge Community Association
- Jason Carling, President of the Willow Ridge Community Association Board of Directors

Debbie welcomed our special guests to say a few words at the end of the meeting.

Current Board

Debbie introduced the current Board and asked them to move to the front of the room.

President Albert Herscovitch, Past President Pam Nutter, Vice-President Debbie Harris (MC), Treasurer David Tisdale, Accountant Liz Gross, Secretary Nancy MacKellar, Room Booking Coordinator Violet Smith, IT Coordinator Lawrence Gordon, Membership Coordinator Wayne Mitchell, Social Committee Coordinator Adrianna Laslo, Member at Large Bob Laloge

Annual General Meeting

Debbie introduced Albert Herscovitch, FLC Seniors President, to chair the meeting and he called the 40th Annual General Meeting to order at 1:12 pm. Albert welcomed everyone.

To comply with the requirements of the Club By-laws, a quorum of 30 members in good standing were required to be present to proceed with the business of the meeting. It was confirmed there was a quorum (100 attendees) and the meeting was duly constituted for business.

Albert advised questions were welcome and asked anyone who wanted to pose a question, or make a statement, to stand up and state their name clearly so it could be recorded in the Minutes.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Albert advised the Minutes of the 2022 AGM were published on the FLC Seniors web site on the Membership Info page. A link to the Minutes on the web site was included in the email sent to all members who registered to attend the AGM.

A copy of the 2022 AGM Minutes together with the 2022-2023 Balance Sheet and Statement of Earnings were made available at each table.

Albert enquired whether there were any errors or omissions in the 2022 AGM minutes.

There was no new business arising from the 2022 Minutes and Albert asked for a motion from the floor approving the Minutes.

Motion by – Brenda Zutman
Seconded by – Joanne Anson
Carried Unanimously

Financial Report – Dave Tisdale

Dave Tisdale, Treasurer of FLC Seniors, presented the financial report as follows:

Financial Report to the AGM for the year ended August 31st, 2023

It was really wonderful to be back to normal after surviving the challenges of Covid previously. The membership this past year was almost at a record high and expectations are that high to be broken in this year ahead due to the popularity of what the FLC Club offers.

However, before the financial reports, it's important to ensure that everyone understands how the FLC Seniors Club functions. It is a non profit organization that exists to bring people that are 55 years of age or older, together, by participating in a variety of activities with costs that are less than what is being offered out in the general market. Each participant pays a minimal membership fee and it is that revenue that helps the Club provide those benefits to its members. However that revenue alone would not be sufficient to provide the enjoyment our members want to experience, so it is supplemented from revenue gained by the members hosting a casino from time to time.

Each activity has its own executive responsible for the planning and operation of that activity. They prepare budgets to arrive at a reasonable fee for that activity. However, should the revenue fall short of covering costs, support funds can be requested from the Club and that support would come from the casino funds received from the participation in a casino event. All activities were well managed and run very well according to recent audits, all surviving the year financially with not a lot of surprises in their budgeting.

Aside from the relief provided by the casino funding, an understanding of the ability to budget activity rates lower than the market provides is the result of the extensive volunteerism that exists in our club. If we had to pay for all the work that goes into providing these activities, we would not survive as a Club.

Now this year was special given it was the 40th Anniversary and there were many activities organized to celebrate this wonderful event. In the hopes each activity could find a way to participate in this celebration, the Club provided funding to the activities amounting to \$13,000. As well, in an effort to recognize the value of our volunteers, the Club hosted a Volunteer Appreciation night to thank them for their commitment to the Club. As you can imagine, these occasions did not come without a cost and the impact of that in our financial statements upcoming shows accordingly.

The Balance Sheet appears very healthy with the cash balance looking even greater than last, but this is largely due to the fact that members are eager to not miss out on a particular upcoming activity in the fall, and have paid for it in advance of the year end. The accounts payable and deferred are quite high and that is due to those amounts being held until the next fiscal year begins. The Casino funds appear to be quite good, however one must keep in mind the commitment to the seniors room alone over the next two years

is close to \$60,000, The recent manning of a casino should inject more additional funding into that account to get through the years ahead.

The Statement of Operations has the appearance of success. The Activity Fees and Membership fees are up, close to 20% and Social Events almost doubled, all strong support for the continued reason for being active and social in the club. As much as I would like to see the interest revenue be at the level it shows here, it is not the primary makeup of this category. As mentioned earlier, there was support given to each activity to help them celebrate our 40th anniversary and the way the statements work, they show that amount in their revenue, which gets included in this amount, along with proceeds from 50/50 Draws, and other sundry revenue. However it must be noted that the Acting Club has been very successful in deriving funding from the CALGARY ARTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CADA) and that is also included here.

Expenses are pretty normal given the rise in participation throughout the year, except possibly the Membership amount that almost doubled, but that is largely due to that wonderful subsidy the Club provided to the activities to help celebrate the 40th anniversary. The increase in Social Events is also partially as a result of the 40th, but also increased interest by our members to be together at various functions enjoying what the club has to offer.

So a pretty minimal loss given what occurred through this year and the wonderful success it turned out to be.

FLC Seniors Club		
Balance Sheet		
August 31,2023		
	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash & GIC's - unrestricted	\$200,891	\$177,775
Casino Funds - Restricted	\$54,446	\$85,068
Prepaid Expense	\$16,381	\$13,697
Total Assets	\$271,718	\$276,540
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Accounts Payable	\$49,130	\$5,446
Deferred Revenue	\$27,180	\$41,549
Unused Casino Funds	\$54,446	\$85,068
Total Liabilities	\$130,756	\$132,063
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$140,962	\$144,477
Total	\$271,718	\$276,540
UNAUDITED		

**FLC Seniors Club
Statement of Operations**

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Statement of Operations		
September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023		
	2023	2022
Revenue		
Activity Fees	\$228,363	\$188,788
Membership Fees	\$56,494	\$47,875
Social Events	\$29,402	\$15,552
Casino Funds	\$39,787	\$37,372
Interest/Other	\$29,879	\$9,128
Total Revenue	\$383,925	\$298,713
Expenses		
Activity Fees: Rentals	\$98,516	\$72,058
Instructors	\$112,782	\$104,365
Events	\$21,267	\$15,584
Transportation	\$21,887	\$1,643
Other	\$1,637	\$10,995
Sub total – Activity Expenses	\$254,089	\$204,645
Costs paid by Casino	\$39,787	\$37,372
Membership	\$45,874	\$24,189
Social Events	\$47,212	\$27,718
Bank Charges	\$477	\$515
Sub-total	\$133,350	\$89,794
Total Expenses	\$387,439	\$294,439
Surplus/-Loss	-\$3,514	\$4274
UNAUDITED		

That concluded the financial report for the year ended August 31, 2023. Dave asked if there were any questions and said, if so, he would be happy to answer them. There were no questions.

Motion made to accept the Financial Statements as presented.

Motion by – Ron Rubinok
Seconded by – Mal Brown
Carried Unanimously

President’s Report – Albert Herscovitch

Albert welcomed the members and guests and thanked them for joining and supporting our FLC Seniors Club. Albert advised he could not have done it without the help of so many people, including everyone in the room.

This past year has been a very busy one for our Board and all of our activities and a banner year for the Club in general.

By the end of the year, at 2816 members, we approached our pre Covid membership peak, a mark we are on track to easily surpass this year.

In the past year, we celebrated our 40 th Anniversary. Over those 40 years, we have gone from the humble beginnings of 2 or 3 Activities to over 31 Activities. Our activities accommodate a wide range of interests ranging from coffee and card groups to those that focus on theatre, painting, calligraphy and acting to more physically active indoor and outdoor pursuits that accommodate a wide range of fitness levels. Members at all ability levels are able to participate, to connect with one another and to develop a sense of belonging. We even had one of our active Line Dancers celebrate her 100 th birthday this year.

A projected membership of over 3000 this year, while very exciting, also brings a number of challenges. As you know, our Club is run totally by volunteers. As our membership has grown, we have added activities, and have had to expand to other venues. With our growth, we have needed increasing numbers of volunteers to plan, organize and run our Activities. The workload on our Activity Coordinators and their executive committees as well as our Club Directors has also increased tremendously. I would ask all of you to please consider volunteering for those activities that you belong to and have a passion for.

Our current Directors that you have just been introduced to have worked very hard over the past year to maintain the level of excellence you have all been accustomed to experiencing. I would like to thank our Past President, Pam Nutter for her advice and mentoring over the past year. Our Treasurer Dave Tisdale along with Liz Gross, our Accountant, together make a formidable team that looks after the Club finances, oversees the Activity finances and constantly develops new processes to minimize the work required by our Activity Treasurers to manage Activity funds. Violet Smith our Room Booking Coordinator works diligently to book rooms for our Activities at all of the various venues, to develop consistent processes across the venues and to negotiate fair rents acceptable to all parties. Wayne Mitchell does double duty as our Membership coordinator answering a myriad of questions from our members and also representing the Club on the Trico Board of Directors. Adrianna Laszlo heads up our Social Committee that has organized all of the Club Social Activities including this AGM. Nancy MacKellar has just recently joined our Board and taken on the role of Secretary. Bob Laloge works extensively on numerous committees such as the Social Committee, has helped resurrect the very popular Bus Tours Activity and is the first to volunteer wherever help is needed. You all probably know Lawrence Gordon who has developed and monitors the online reservation system that has greatly simplified how our members both register and pay for activities. He provides regular training sessions on the ORS, web page design, database, Gmail and various computer applications and is always available to help activities with technology issues. Debbie Harris our Vice President also chairs our Marketing Committee that focusses on increasing membership and more importantly promotes a positive image and perception of our Club in the media and public in general.

I also want to thank Denyce Lundeen who earlier this year resigned to allow Nancy MacKellar to join the Board as our Secretary. We had gone without a Secretary for a long time and it was becoming an untenable situation. So, thanks to Denyce for your gracious sacrifice.

I would also be remiss in not thanking the General Managers and the staff at all of the venues that our Activities use including the Trico Centre, the Willow Ridge Community Association, the Lake Bonavista Community Association, the Deer Run Community Association and the Acadia Recreation Complex, some of whom are here today.

Finally, I want to thank all of the volunteers without whom the FLC Seniors Club could not function. All of these volunteers countless hours out of sight and out of the limelight to ensure that you as members have the best possible experience and that our Club remains relevant, strong and resilient. Could we have all of you who have in the past year, volunteered for the Club in one way or another stand up so that we can officially thank and celebrate you. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Before I invite Peter Weir to come forward to coordinate the election of Directors for the Club 2023-2024 Board of Directors, I want to thank Peter for all the work he did organizing the Casino and also thanks to all the volunteers who staffed it.

Albert invited Peter Weir to coordinate the Election and Re-election of Directors for the FLC 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors.

Election of Directors – Peter Weir

Nancy MacKellar, our current Secretary Dave Tisdale, our current Club Treasurer, and Brad McLachlan have confirmed they will allow their names to stand for election as Directors.

As per the By-laws, Peter asked if there were any nominations for the Board of Directors from the members in attendance?

Peter asked for a second and final time if there were any nominations for the position of Director from the members in attendance.

There were no further nominations, and Peter declared that:

Dave Tisdale

was elected to a second term as Director.

Nancy MacKellar
Brad McLachlan

were elected as Directors for a first term.

All elections were by acclamation.

Peter turned the meeting back to Albert.

That concluded the election of Directors and Albert thanked Peter.

On behalf of all FLC members Albert welcomed Nancy MacKellar and Brad McLaughlin to the Board of Directors and welcomed back Dave Tisdale.

Old Business: There was no business outstanding from the 2022 AGM.

New Business: There was no new business.

Albert advised that if anyone has any questions or concerns, they should not hesitate to contact one of the Board members. All Board members are listed on our website, or they can email the Board at info@flcseniors.ca. The email address is also on our website.

As there was no further business, a motion from the floor was requested to close the formal part of the AGM.

Motion by – Ann Clark
Seconded by – Ernesto Pineda-Selva
Carried Unanimously

The formal meeting ended at 1:38 pm.

Albert handed the meeting back to Debbie who welcomed our Guests to address attendees

Myles McDougall, MLA for Fish Creek

MLA McDougall who is a brand new MLA – this was his first public engagement and at age 63 he declared himself age appropriate for FLC Membership.

Recognized the terrific work the volunteers of FLC Seniors Club do and the importance of such. He was familiar with the FLC Website and concluded that members MUST be retired to have the time to participate.

What has changed in the world regarding the Senior demographic is that we are much more active, involved and contribute in so many ways compared to other generations.

This is happening because of technology and prosperity contributed by the people in this room and what has been built in this country. The intelligent policies and initiatives we supported are another reason and create opportunities in our country that attracts talent. People want to live in countries like ours as indicated by the increase in immigration to Canada which is reaching epic numbers. Alberta has the highest population since 1981 in part because of our standard of living and quality of life.

Unintended consequences happen and there are always trade-offs – even with our best intentions as we deal with the record growth Alberta is experiencing.

Respect leads to doing good things and the best things.

MLA McDougall relayed personal experiences meeting other politicians and their experiences which he looks forward to sharing during his tenure in office.

A key point is to LISTEN to UNDERSTAND and MLA McDougall plans to bring that to his position.

Regarding Health Care challenges – it's not the lack of money spent here but more the demographics in Alberta and the major exodus of Practitioners retiring (Boomers) and increase in population. Those careers were reduced in previous budgets and we are now paying the price until this catches up and seats in schools have been increased. This however will take time.

Calgary has seen an increase this year alone in grades K – 12 of 10,000 new students, 80% of which do not speak English as their first language.

MLA McDougall's commitment is to try to bring the best of his knowledge, ability, openness and common sense to his role and welcomes anyone to contact him with any thoughts or questions and looks forward to becoming a member of FLC Seniors Club.

Evan Spencer, City Councillor for Ward 12

Councillor Spencer, a Calgary native, remarked on the breadth of neighbourhood volunteerism and the impact it has on the pathway to civic service. His journey to success has been partially due to his time volunteering and compared that to what FLC does on a much larger scale and the investments we're making.

Intergenerational connections come from the wisdom from the past lessons of members. There is whole generation suffering from soft skills and social graces as a result being raised by screens. He hopes there may be opportunities for interaction between our members and younger generations.

Evan shared several quotes including one from Robert Putnam's book asking "what is the secret sauce". Evan suggested that the rich social weave in our country is due to relationships that allow for solutions and

chart a path to a successful future. As well, the positive impact it has on our health. Protecting and investing in relationships is the way forward.

What FLC accomplishes and sustains is important and Councillor Spencer thanked the Club for that.

Debbie thanked our Speakers and the FLC Social Committee made up of Adrianna Laszlo, Bob Laloge, David Nolke, Christine Grant and Albert Herscovitch for organizing this event.

Bob Laloge proceeded with the 50/50 draw of 2 tickets of \$116 each.

Debbie stated that the next event organized by our Social Committee is the Holiday Social on the afternoon of December 3th. It will be a catered buffet lunch featuring soups, salads, appetizers, sandwiches, desserts, coffee, cash bar, and of course, a 50/50 draw and door prizes. Seasonal carols and a special performance by our own Acting Club will be highlights of this event. The event will be held at Blue Devil Golf Course in Chaparral. Information is currently posted on the Social webpage, and you will receive an email when signups open using the green button in mid November. Be sure not to miss it as registration will be limited.

Debbie thanked everyone for attending.

The luncheon concluded.

Nancy MacKellar
Recording Secretary