

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeff Traeger, President, who chaired the meeting.

1. **Roll Call of Officers Present:** Jeff Traeger, **President**, Bea Bruske, **Secretary Treasurer**, Deborah Jones, **Recorder**, **Vice-President** Ted Bacalzo, **Vice-President** Sandy Barylski, **Vice-President** Tom Biebrich, **Vice-President** Patricia Bolduc, **Vice-President** Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President** Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President** Wes Connell, **Vice-President** Laura Cote; **Vice-President** Eric Flett, **Vice-President** Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President** Darlene Kernot, **Vice-President** Frank Manaigre, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Nellie Minville, **Vice-President** Marisa Pasquarelli, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell,
2. **2019 Town Hall Meetings:** President Jeff Traeger reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings with the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports now being posted on the UFCW Local 832 website for members to read and will be asked to vote and approve the minutes as posted.
3. **1919 Celebrations:** President Jeff Traeger recognized the 100th anniversary of the 1919 General Strike and provided an update on the celebrations and activities that are planned over the course of the next few weeks.
4. **Special Guest – Curt Martel:** UFCW Local 832 Health & Safety Coordinator. Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske asked Curt Martel to give some insight and perspective on the duties and responsibilities of taking on the Health & Safety Coordinator role. Curt provided his vision to provide the members, the Union Representatives and the Health and Safety committee's assistance with issues in the workplace as well as a resource to investigate concerns that are presented. Curt will also be working on initiatives to improve health and safety for members in retail as the shoplifting issues are becoming more frequent and traumatizing. The security units working in hospitals are also on the front lines of the methamphetamine crisis that is currently gripping the province.
5. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

6. Special Guests – Brenda Brown and Dean Rodwell:

- Union Representative Brenda Brown and Chief Shop Steward for Maple Leaf Brandon and Executive Board Vice-President Dean Rodwell spoke on the Maple Leaf Brandon Plant. Discussions took place and information was provided on the following topics:
 - Number of members – 1, 902, with 148 management employees is a total of 2,050 people working at the plant at this time.
 - The plant is capable of processing 18,000 hogs a day.
 - Foreign Worker Program
 - Assiniboine Community College initiative with UFCW Local 832 to focus on an international recruitment program for training in meat processing to become a licensed butcher.
 - Member proposals, and how to submit the proposals for the upcoming round of bargaining.

7. Financial Report:

m/s/c TO accept the Financial Report as read on-line for the two month period, ending February 28, 2019.

8. Presidents Report:

m/s/c TO accept the President's report as read on-line.

9. Open Questions

Throughout the meeting there were 6 questions taken from the members on the line and all questions were answered. All questions asked and responses provided are recorded and kept on file. The meeting was adjourned with no unanswered questions in the queue.

m/s/c to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Deborah Jones, Recorder

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A full transcription and a list of members taking part in the telephone town hall are kept on file in a binder and stored with these minutes.