

**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 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 Manaire, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Nellie Minville, **Vice-President** Marisa Pasquarelli, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell,
  
2. **2018 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. **Special Guest – Sonia Taylor:** UFCW Local 832 Union Negotiator Sonia Taylor discussed:
  - The changes in labour relations and the corporate culture change that has taken place with Red River Co-op and the issues being caused by some of the stores (locations) merging and the challenge negotiating new agreements.
  - The northern Co-op negotiations were cancelled due to a potential strike for Federated Co-op stores in Saskatoon. Local 832 was able to be of assistance to Local 1400 and provide support by organizing and walking the picket lines with the members. Sonia Taylor also provided information on the issues that caused the members to vote to strike.
  
4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Special Guest – Mike Howden:** Organizing Co-ordinator and Northern Manitoba Representative Mike Howden discussed the servicing adjustments he has made in regards to representing and ensuring the Northern units are provided training, not only for shop stewards and health and safety, but for members interested in getting involved and becoming advocates. Mike also explained the process of organizing a new unit and the number of votes needed to be successful in the certification process. The process of becoming a SPUR (Special Project Union Representative) was reviewed and if anyone is interested they should contact the Local through the website or by contacting their rep. to discuss the opportunity of working on a future organizing drive.
6. **Financial Report:**  
**m/s/c To accept the Financial Report as read on-line a for the seven month period, ending July 31, 2018.**
7. **Special Guest – Kevin Rebeck:**
- MFL President Kevin Rebeck provided an update on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1919 General Strike and the activities being planned to commemorate this event. Kevin also gave a history of how the strike came to take place and the changes it brought about to create the Labour Movement and what it stands for, fights for and how it can make a difference in workers lives.
  - Updates on the Public Service Sustainability Act and the Healthcare Bargaining and Restructuring Act were reviewed and the implications and impact it could have on the labour movement were also discussed.
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.*