

# MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

May , 2017



## 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** Tom Biebrich, **Vice-President** Carino Bosica, **Vice-President** Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President** Eric Flett, **Vice-President**, Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President** Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President**, Sally Huculak, **Vice-President** Cory Kowalski, **Vice-President** Ted Bacalzo, **Vice-President**, Frank Manaigre, **Vice-President** Jeremy Miller, **Vice-President** Nellie Minville, **Vice-President**, Ashley Morello, **Vice-President** Marisa Pasquarelli, **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell, **Vice President** John Sulyma
2. **2017 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 – Martin Trudel:**  
UFCW Local 832 Negotiations Director Martin Trudel spoke on the structure of the Local 832 negotiations department, the steps involved in the bargaining process as well as member engagement to have strength at the bargaining table which allows better results during the negotiation process. The potential impact of Bill 28 on the non-profit sector dealing with individuals with disabilities and how Local 832 is putting procedures in place to ensure the members are protected as much as possible.
4. **m/s/c to accept the minutes of the previous meeting of February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**
5. **Special Guest – Sandy Forcier:** Director of Servicing Sandy Forcier reported on the role of Director of Servicing and the duties that are involved. Sandy works to ensure that all units are being serviced properly and is a resource to the servicing reps assisting them with issues and challenges they may face in the course of their duties.
6. **Financial Report:**  
**m/s/c to accept the Financial Report as read.**
7. **Special Guest – John Sulyma:** Vice President John Sulyma (Pepsi) provided an update on his attendance at the recent CLC Conference in Toronto, as well as his job at Pepsi and the recent negotiations and ratification of the new CBA.
8. **Special Guest – Tom Biebrich:** Vice President Tom Biebrich (Sun-Gro) reported on being a facilitator at the UFCW Local 832 Training Centre and the positive experience and opportunities it has provided, along

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with the positive aspects of being a Vice President on the Executive Board with Local 832. Vice President Biebrich also provided an update on the 2017 Aboriginal Day that he, along with fellow Vice President Eric Flett, will attend in Calgary on June 23rd, 2017.

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

**10. UPDATES:** Secretary-Treasurer Bea Bruske provided an update on:

- **“We Are the Frontline” Healthcare campaign:** March 17 – 19, 2017. If you are a member of the NDP and a UFCW member and would like to attend the convention, please contact your full time union representative.
- **Upcoming Meeting dates:** upcoming meeting dates were provided for:
  - Fort La Bosse S.D. – proposal meetings Thursday, May 18th
  - Brewers Distributors – ratification vote May 27th
  - Krown Produce – proposal meeting on June 2nd
  - Carmen Co-op – ratification vote on June 4th.
- **Pride Parade:** Updates on the Pride Events taking place on Sunday, June 4th in Winnipeg, June 17th in Brandon, July 15th in Steinbach and June 26th in Thompson.

**11. Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there were 10 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.

**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.*