

**WESTERN CANADA FEDERATION OF COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL
ZOOM INTERIM BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2023**

Present:

Governor Karen Shepherd(Wascana), Governor Elect Cheryl MacKenzie(Edmonton), Past Governor John Krysak (Wascana), Treasurer Keith Shepherd (Wascana), Secretary Kathy Walker (Edmonton), Christine Shepherd (Wascana), Sandra Abello (Wascana), Tim Abello (Wascana), Brian Duckett (Wascana), Shelley Duckett (Wascana), Kathy Krysak (Wascana), Greg Nicol (Winnipeg), Jack Ostaforoff (Saskatoon), Louise Sabourin (Winnipeg), Lyle Hardy (Edmonton), Esther Hardy (Edmonton), Tammy Allen (Edmonton) ,Terry Akister (Saskatoon), Terry Down (Saskatoon), Deb Down (Saskatoon), Gord Hendrickson (Calgary), Dan Green (Calgary), Norm Hill (Prince Albert), Gerald Grywacheski (Regina), Rob Dojack (Winnipeg), Darwin Baker (Saskatoon), Kathy Baker (Saskatoon), Kay Fey (Saskatoon), Barry Zerr (Wascana), Cassidy Eldering (Edmonton), Shawna Large (Edmonton), Rick Lockyer (Wascana), Gary Wensel (Winnipeg), Pam Porter (Winnipeg), Rick Stevenson (Saskatoon)

Governor Karen thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

1. **Call to Order** @ 9:10am.
2. **Roll Call** - Secretary Kathy Walker – 35 Attendees, 26 Delegates
3. **Cosmopolitan Pledge** – Recited by all (more cohesive than last ZOOM meeting)
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – There is an addition for approval of minutes; previous May 27th & May 28th Meeting Minutes to be added for approval at this meeting. **Motion to amend the Approval of Agenda to add in the May 27 & May 28, 2023 meeting Minutes for approval under #6.**
Moved: Kathy Krysak
Second:Brian Duckett
Motion passed
5. **Introduction of WCF Board** – Governor Karen introduced WCF Board in attendance. Judge Advocate Art Brassard sent his regrets.
6. **Approval of Previous Minutes** –
October 22,2023 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Meeting minutes as presented
Moved: Terry Down
Second: Rick Stevenson
Motion Passed

May 27,2023 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Meeting Minutes as presented

Moved: John Krysak

Second: Christine Shepherd

Motion passed

May 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Meeting Minutes as presented

Moved: Sandra Abello

Second: Keith Shepherd

Motion passed

7. Governor's Address/ Report – Governor Karen's report included in package which was distributed prior to meeting. Key points included:

- Focus on more communication
- Governor's Challenge
- Cosmo Day
- Looking forward to serving everyone

Past Governor John asked for clarification on points in reference to the Governor's Challenge, and how they work. Governor Karen indicated that Saskatoon Club has blown other Clubs out of the water in the first month of the challenge!

8. Conventions

- a) **2024 WCF Annual Convention – Winnipeg May 17-19, 2024.**

Winnipeg Club President Greg Nicol indicated that the Convention hotel has been secured, Best Western Airport Hotel. Their Club is looking forward to seeing everyone attend, and plan on having a great time!

Cosmo Deb queried as to whether financial support would be available to help with travel and support, as there are 2 conventions being held in the same year. Winnipeg Club has indicated that they should be able to support it own their own without financial help from WCF.

- b) **2024 Mid-Term Date – October 19th, 2024**

- c) **2024 Cosmopolitan International Convention – Edmonton – date will Be July 18-21, 2024. Mark it on your calendars!**

Letter will be drawn up to request financial support from Western Clubs. This letter will be sent to Clubs once ready. Whatever is affordable to your Clubs is all that is being asked for. Monies will be returned to the Clubs as sponsorship will be used to fund the Convention as much as possible. Governor Elect Cheryl spoke to the agenda that is outlined to date.

Cosmo Kay Fey asked that a video from Saskatoon be played during Convention. Details to be forwarded to Convention Committee.

Cosmo Deb Down asked if Cosmopolitan International is being approached to request funds for Edmonton hosting the 2024 International Convention, as they offered \$15,000 in funding for the International Convention held in Virginia in 2023. Governor Elect Cheryl said that yes, they would ask CI for monies to help offset the costs for the Edmonton International Convention.

A request for anyone attending the Edmonton International Convention to book their rooms early. Everyone please join Western Cosmopolitan member site, as Convention information will be posted on there.

Cosmo Gary from Winnipeg Club asked if it were true that Edmonton Club would be celebrating their 100th anniversary. Governor Elect Cheryl indicated that this was a mistake made from the Society Registry, and that no, Edmonton Club will not be 100 years old.

- d) **2025 WCF Annual Convention** – no Club stepped forward to host, however Wascana had been discussing the option of hosting the 2025 Convention, and their Club has agreed to!! Thank You to Wascana Club!!

9. Board Reports

- a) **Treasurer Keith Shepherd** – Information Package distributed includes Treasurer Keith's financial report. Highlights include:

Bank Account: \$6,769.45

Term GIC's: \$21,232.48

Total Bank: \$28,001.93

Dues Receivable: \$500.00

Other Receivables: Saskatoon \$1,410.38 (Convention)

Governor Elect Cheryl MacKenzie indicated that WCF paid \$500.00 for her to attend International Convention on Governor Karen's behalf. This \$500.00 will be paid back to WCF, as Cosmopolitan International will pay this as part of the 2024 International Convention.

Motion to accept Treasurer Keith Shepherd's report as presented.

Moved: Christine Shepherd

Second: Jack Ostaforoff

Motion passed

Treasurer Keith also indicated that Saskatoon Club has submitted their International Cosmopolitan Day funding request for \$500, but he has not received funding requests from any other Clubs. Other Clubs who are participating will submit their funding requests.

Edmonton Club has submitted a request for \$150 for Cosmo Day, but Keith will look for it

- Cosmo Norm also indicated that their Club will be submitting their request, along with Calgary will submit their monetary request after this meeting.
- b) **Secretary Kathy Walker** – No report provided
 - c) **Governor Elect Cheryl MacKenzie** – Information Package distributed includes Governor Elect Cheryl's report. Highlights include:
 - Representing Governor at International Convention in Virginia
 - Providing Support for Governor Karen with the Governor's Challenge Initiative
 - Assisting with the coordination of Cosmo Fall Fun Weekend held at Waskesiu Lake in Northern Saskatchewan
 - Cosmo Academy Development – Contract will be signed and within the next few weeks, the platform will start to be built
 - Review of WCF Board Procedures Manual
 - Updating of WCF Website – Please send out your Club stories to Cheryl, *this counts as points towards the Governor's Challenge!!*
 - Make sure you have this address in your computer:*
wcf-cosmopolitan.org
 - Lt. Governor did a quick overview of the site and what is available for the Clubs.
 - d) **Lt. Governor Gord Hendrickson (Awards)** – Information Package distributed includes Lt. Governor Gord's report. Highlights include:
 - More focus by Clubs required on Awards
 - Cosmo Brian Duckett has been approached by CI to aid with an Awards Committee earlier this year. Cosmo Brian has requested help from Lt. Governor Gord, as part of a Committee he is heading up, if CI plans to revamp Awards Program. Cosmo Brian wants to see each Club be involved and submit submissions for their Club from Western Canada.
 - Governor Elect Cheryl indicated CI needs to ensure that Western Canada Award submissions are not forgotten as they did at an International Convention which happened 2 years ago.
 - Cosmo Tammy also offered to help Cosmo Brian with his Committee.
 - There needs to be more emphasis on Awards for recognition!
 - e) **Lt. Governor Greg Nicol (Conventions)** – Lt. Governor Greg indicated that he will be looking for help as this is his first year in this role.
 - f) **Judge Advocate Art Brassard** – No report provided
- 10. International Update – John Kysak, CI President Elect-** President Dick Gorton has been pushing very hard on a project to fund diabetes Research. There are horrific roadblocks in the US, as pharmacies are involved. Islet transplant as drugs versus transplants in US, put them

behind in finding a cure. Edmonton's own Dr. Shapiro has been doing the Edmonton Protocol Project (islet transplants) for many years, and are moving ahead quickly on reaching a goal to cure diabetes. The US and Canada scientists will work together.

Sheila Anderson, Vice President of Marketing and Fundraising, has been working closely with Governor Elect Cheryl MacKenzie on Cosmo Day plans.

Bright Tribe Smart Marketing, a company hired to deliver messaging and create an avatar, will focus on recognition and only cost \$1,500 versus \$10,000.

Recommendations to also cut back to only 1 person attending meetings from US Clubs from the current 2 people for International Meetings.

VP of Finance, Phil Hanson has a budget put together, but has not yet been approved.

Jim McVey is working on Club Runner, however Edmonton Club site is not working on International website.

Step-by-steps are also being draw up so Clubs can do their own site set-up.

PA Club site finally up and running. Cosmo Norm has confirmed site has been up and running for approximately a month.

President Dick has come up with a 5 Year Strategic Plan. Governor Karen has requested Annual Club Plans from each Club President in WCF.

VP Sheila Anderson has also been looking into merchandise, and the high costs associated with shipping products.

Discussions around membership and Clubs, as there are a few Clubs in the US that have only 1 person in a Club, or there are 9 members in a Club but they don't follow the protocol of regular meetings. Before a Club gets into trouble, please reach out and advise someone and help would be available to have discussions on getting the Club back on track, if possible.

11. Other Business

- a) **Election – Lt. Governor Vacancy** – Saskatoon or PA Clubs were asked if they may have someone in their Clubs interested in filling this position? Clubs were requested to go back and speak to their Clubs and see if anyone may be interested in filling this position?
- b) **Cosmo Day – November 4, 2023** – Clubs have been planning who are participating. Governor's Challenge points are awarded for participation!!

- c) **Awards** – Don't forget to start planning with your Clubs on International Awards, and what your Club needs to do to submit to International for s - these yearly Club challenges. Let's make sure they hear from Canada!!
- d) **Congratulations St. Albert Club (40 years – Celebration on Cosmo Day)** The St. Albert Cosmopolitan Club started on November 13th, however by celebrating on Cosmopolitan International Day, they are letting everyone in St. Albert know what a Cosmopolitan truly is!
- e) **Congratulations Regina Club (75 years – celebration on October 28th Charity Fair & Auction)** The Regina Club will hold their 34th Year (WOW!) Annual Charity Fair and Auction which always provides a lot of fun next weekend. Governor Karen will attend this event.

12. Any Other Business –

Governor Karen will be coming to visit the St. Albert Club in November. Governor Elect Cheryl asked that is Karen was in town, she would like to have Governor Karen visit ADF while she is in town.

13. Adjournment – Governor Karen thanked everyone for joining the meeting this morning. Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.