



GFSI Management Team, Jan. 10, 2022 @ Online, 3:30pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, John Coates, Bill MacKenzie, Susanne White, Shirley Cleave, Mike Toole, Hayley AuCoin, Ben Griffin, Yu Ren

Regrets: Promise Mwenga, Ricardo Nicolini, Scott Henwood

Minutes recorded by: Hayley AuCoin

Agenda:

- Past Meeting Minutes Approval
- Update from Promise
- GFSI & CIN - Reports and Questions
- Upcoming Stewardship Meeting
- Next meeting date

Minutes:

Past Meeting Minutes Approval

November and December Meetings minutes

Motion to approve minutes as amended from November 8th meeting

- Format edits from November to match December.

Moved: Bill Mackenzie Seconded: John Coates

Motion to approve minutes as amended from December 13th meeting

- Bylaws from December: Accept changes and take them to the Stewardship committee.

Moved: Mike Toole Seconded: John Coates

Update From Promise

- Quarterly remittance is due on the 15th.
- Preparing T4's for the upcoming deadline.

Reports and Questions

GFSI Report

PEDL /Working NB/ACOA Employment Project

- Project has been approved.
- 4 people ready to hire.

- Yu Ren drawing up employment contracts.
- Project approval includes rent at The Ville for another year.
- Project total = \$ 378K includes in kind contributions

Smart Cities Project

- The Smart Cities project is moving up the line at ACOA has been approved by RDC
- Project total = \$ 327K

NB Basic Income Coalition

- All social media and Gmail have been signed over to GFSI.
- Going to purchase domain names and websites
- Using \$500 in funds from CIN budget to cover media costs
- Other Atlantic provinces are using the name “BI Now” for their websites.
- Susanne to provide Sandi with contact information for Tamarack Institute’s (Natasha Pie) for information on provincial BI initiatives across Canada.

Students are doing online education for the next few weeks.

Financials

- Going to post an advertisement for a bookkeeper.
 - 5 hours/week of work.
 - Upgrade Quickbooks to include payroll module.

Applying for funding for SEED and Canada Summer Jobs Students

- Deadline for the SEED application is February 18th.

Call for Anti-Racism Task Force

- GFSI has resources to offer this committee.
- 15 people on the committee.
- Once the group has been determined, GFSI could act as backend support.
- Sandi to provide a public push on social media for committee applications.

CIN Report

Local Governance Reform

- As a result of the recent Local Government Reform legislation, the contract between ESIC and GFSI will be terminated effective January 2023.
- On that date, the Local Regional Service Commissions will assume responsibility for accomplishing poverty reduction in their regions.
- Bill has accepted a role on the Transition Committee, which pairs a CIN board representative and the RSC representative in each region on the team.

Community Food Centres Canada: Good Food Access Grant

- GFSI has been awarded \$40,000 in emergency food grants to be distributed through CFSmart partners..
 - Need a signature from a GFSI representative to complete the MOU.
- Nourishing Minds NB has been awarded \$40,000 in emergency food grants to distribute to families through the assistance of the schools.

Upcoming Stewardship Meeting

- Upcoming meeting postponed to February 24th.
- Students will present updates on their projects.
- Updates on ESIC projects.
- Presentation of bylaws.

Next Meeting Date

- February 14th, 2022