

Meeting minutes: Lifeline Annual General Meeting 30th June 2025

1. Greeting

President Matthew extends greetings to the attendees of the meeting and introduces the purpose of the meeting (quorum to elect board members), calls meeting to order. Lifeline is a registered not-for-profit registered with the GoC. Explanation of technicalities (seconding, voting on motions).

First motion to accept Minutes from last year's AGM: Craig moves motion, seconded by Henrike.

2. Agenda

The agenda is introduced (copy information from slide).

3. President's Report & Electing Auditors

8 recommended directors. Overview on slide. There is one available position if wanted, as maximum is 9 board members.

Motion to nominate board members is passed. President announces board members as elected.

Motion to approve President's report is motioned and seconded. Motion is carried, President's report is passed.

Election of auditors: (copy information from slide)

Motion to have Tim and Christine appointed as auditors is carried.

4. Team Reports

Treasurer - Karen: Slide showing donations by year and type.

46 regular donors, the autodonations are shown to be the base of all activity.

Numbers e.g. Interest 2600 Fundraising 4750...

Answering questions of reserves> as of Oct 2024 80% subsidy to qualified applicants, kept it through to after the autumn seminar, dropped it to 60% after but at 80% for summer seminar.

Thanks donors for funds as well as fundraiser contributions.

Karl: Explains the process of requests for funding. Him and Markus tried to systematize the work flow. Higher numbers of applicants. Funds have gone up also because of the release of reserves. Funds are mainly for meetings with John, but have also been used for medical expenses to help people in need.

Increase of support from 2021 to 2024 is threefold, due to moving from Zoom to in-person meetings.

Motions to approve the reports by Karl and Karen carried.

Reports - Resources

Praveeta: Lifeline supported community members in a variety of ways beyond financial support. Support not just in financial ways but also: counselling, housing issues, immigration issues, life transition, employment issues, also added educational component for people who seemed to need support on an ongoing basis to see if their financial basis can be improved. Christie helped a lot with end of life situation: one pager with information about whom to call, financial support

for funerals, paper-work check list etc. Christie is helping to work on a similar sheet for care, especially in Woodlands County, through Government, AHS, but also from the community.

Medi-Aid: collects medical equipment, like crutches, walkers etc. in order to redistribute. Matthew stores the material, which is then available for free.

Dorothea is the point person, Email displayed on slide.

Motion to accept resources team report is carried.

Report - Outreach teams. (copy info from slide)

Marina introduces outreach: communicating the information on Lifeline activities and policy-changes, mostly done in newsletters that go out on regular basis. Also blog on website, e.g. how to save money on groceries. Marina asks for information from the community to be sent to her about how to save money, in order to communicate that knowledge. Marina cites example of Gabriela and Nick have put together a ChatGPT workshop to be held, asks for other ideas for workshops that can be held.

Slide: Report - Fun-Raising, 2100 raised by activities organized by Gabriela.

Motion to accept Marina's report is carried.

5. Questions & Open Discussion

Question: What is the criteria regarding the status of the applicants - Canadian, PR, from outside the country? Karl answers: as listed on website, you have to be resident of Canada, or on work visa. They do help people who have just arrived

but have a solid plan. They look at income and expenses, homeowner vs. renting.
Second question: Loan programme, what is the criteria? Karen: max. 2000 per person loan, applicant have to explain what they need it for. 10000 currently available, so 5 loans available. Interest-free, prefer repayment on auto-deposit. Length of repayment, they prefer a year but they are flexible.

Question about signing up for ChatGPT course: Marina mentions newsletter, BoB, Midnight Birds, etc.

Gabriela: Flyer with information about where to find information is posted.

Question: Policy on funding homeowners and whether it is up for reconsideration.

Karen: Generally, they have not funded homeowners for meetings. Will consider looking at it, with consideration to length of mortgage, line of credit available etc.

Markus: Shifting to asset-based view, where the home can be considered an asset.

Praveeta: Last resort for financial support,

Question: Clarity on the finances - original pot of extra money is coming to an end, 100k in reserves: so is it coming to an end or not, what are plans for when it does?

Karen: moved to 80% because John might not have meeting in future. Still 80k in funds. As long as John is here, money is going to be available, to be able to support those in need for financial support to be able to come.

Praveeta: Magical manifest is coming to end, not Lifeline funds.

Second question: Are they bringing in more than they spend?

Praveeta: The 80k reserves are from covid-times, will be spent sensibly.

Karen: assets for 2024 101k incl. Magical manifest. The Mm funds will be used for one-day intensives.

Marina: Requirement as not-for profit to reduce reserves once they were at a certain point.

Question: Repayment? Or is there a way for people to give back by volunteering?

Karen: always happy to accept any volunteers for fundraising activities etc when they are useful. Please get in touch if you would like to volunteer. Most of the people supported by Lifeline financially are seniors, who may not be physically able to volunteer.

Praveeta: Prefer for volunteers for MS, more needed than for Lifeline.

Question: Support on financial decisions/education?

Marina: Meeting with individual board members, information online e.g. website: hub with links to City of Edmonton, Alberta resources, that people can access.

Question: Gabriela suggests for fundraising, faster communication by social media, e.g. WhatsApp Telegram group. When it is running, it has a lot of life. She makes herself available to manage but the set-up should be done by Lifeline.

Marina: Donate page (copy info from slide)

6. Prize Draw

Marina announces winner of prize draw, prize is hosing a fireside gathering with John tonight. 10 runner up prizes who sits closest.

Winner: Stefan and Suburo

Runner ups

Eyran.

Jerry.

Craig.

Robert Christensen,

Barbara.

Vistara.

Kazuyo.

Miron.

Tali.

Carol.

President Matthew thanks all attendees, applause by attendees.