

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 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**; Marie Buchan, **Secretary Treasurer**; Sandy Barylski, **Vice-President**; Kathy Brnjas, **Vice-President**; Alex Ciumac, **Vice-President**; Wes Connell, **Vice-President**; Charlene Desjarlais, **Vice-President**; Dianne Gibson-Pierce, **Vice-President**; Dave Hamalainen, **Vice-President**; Lisa Larosa, **Vice-President**; Frank Manaigre, **Vice-President**; Cosmo Paton, **Vice-President**; Dean Rodwell, **Vice-President**; Roger Siemens, **Vice-President**; Deb Stewart, **Vice-President**; John Sulyma, **Vice-President**; Malcolm Welch, **Vice-President**; Tim Whitford, **Vice-President**

2. **2023 Town Hall Meetings:** President Traeger started the February 7, 2023 GMM by reading the UFCW Local 832 Land Acknowledgement.

Before starting the meeting President Traeger wished all UFCW members and their families a belated Happy New Year and best wishes that 2023 is a much better year for everyone bringing peace and prosperity to your lives.

President Traeger also thanked all 832 members for the work they have done and continue to do as we move through some of the most difficult times in our history, with COVID still hanging on, the war in the Ukraine and the rocketing cost of living caused by both of those events.

President Traeger advised this meeting is the 2023 Winter meeting. The spring meeting has been scheduled for May and at that meeting Wab Kinew, leader of the opposition will join us to talk about the upcoming provincial election slated to take place in early October of this year.

Sitting with President Traeger for the meeting tonight are Marie Buchan, Secretary Treasurer, Executive Advisor to the President Ron Allard and Director of IT Facilities and Privacy and Office Manager, Max Paches along with Communications Coordinator Chris Noto.

President Traeger then reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings where the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports as well as the minutes from the previous Town Hall meeting are available on the UFCW Local 832 website for members to read and will be asked to vote and approve as posted.

3. **Special Guest: Dustin Rogers, New Representative for the Brandon Area**

President Jeff Traeger introduced Dustin Rogers, who has been hired in the Brandon Office. Dustin is currently working in Brenda Brown's territory while she is on medical leave.

Dustin provided an overview of his work history and involvement with UFCW as a member at the Brandon Safeway gas bar. He was a team coordinator at Safeway then became a Shop Steward, Health and Safety Committee member and joined the bargaining committee for two rounds of negotiations. Dustin explained that a good day is at the end of the day did he do everything in his power to help the member out and get the member the best possible outcome? If the answer is yes then it's a good day. Dustin also thanked everyone especially all our hardworking members out there.

4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meetings of Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Special Guest: Hillary Prociw, New Representative**

Secretary Treasurer Marie Buchan introduced Hillary Prociw, who has been hired in the Winnipeg office. Hillary is now full time in JP Petit's former territory, where she stepped in as a temporary relief rep after JP's tragic passing.

Hillary provided an overview of her work history and how she started at UFCW as a member of the administrative staff 10 years ago. Hillary discussed how the opportunities to attend union events made her want to get involved. Hillary shared how she enjoys working with people and knowing that you can make a difference and help solve a problem, which is a great feeling. Hillary also mentioned that members are welcome to reach out and talk, with the good, the bad and all the questions. It helps her learn!

6. **Secretary Treasurers Report:
m/s/c TO accept the Financial Report for the 11-month period ending November 30th, 2022.**

7. **Presidents Report:
m/s/c TO accept the President's report as posted.**

8. **Special Guest: Tyler Ledoux, New Representative**

Executive Advisor to the President Ron Allard introduced Tyler Ledoux, who has taken over John Anderson's territory while he is away on medical leave. Ron stated that one of the qualities that stood out while Tyler was a shop steward was that he was not in it for himself and that he really cared about his coworkers and their rights in the workplace.

Tyler provided an overview of his history with UFCW Local 832 as he worked at a fairly new unit to the Local – Viterra. He related the story of how he and his co-workers reached out for representation and became members of Local 832. Tyler also shared he is a red seal electrician and a proud member of his Métis family. Tyler is always available and looks forward to communicating with his members and being able to represent them in their workplace.

9. **Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there was 7 questions asked and answered. All questions asked and responses provided are recorded and kept on file. The meeting was adjourned with one unanswered caller in the queue and the member will be contacted tomorrow.

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

Recorded by Lauren Henkel

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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.