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**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday January 7, 2026 at 6:00pm**

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Tom Buzzell, Robin Chambers (online), Todd Chambers (online), Elsabe Kloppers, Aynslie Ogden. Regrets: Grace Southwick, Ellen Bielawski

2. Contribution Agreement – Workplanning

- Available funds: Underspend of annual budget (estimate ~ \$20,000) and ~\$15,000 FIDIPIDI payment.

Brainstorming Options

- Host winter camp?
  - Seasonal timing makes it difficult, and level of snow.
  - Possible to have a snowmobile trip e.g. into Mush Lake?
  - Fishing day on Kathleen Lake in February, engage Rangers to help set trail?
- Planning of redesign of Kathleen Lake Day Use area?
  - Not the best time to do this
- Host a work planning session with each of the First Nations to learn about their priorities for the upcoming year?
  - Check in with Heritage, Lands and Resources departments (do annually)
- Contribute to sheep survey flights (Park budgets are tight due to cuts), include elder on flights?
  - Preference expressed to not cover costs within Parks budget
  - FIDIPIDI amount wouldn't go far in covering costs of helicopter flights
- Kathleen Lake Day Open House in spring 2026?
  - Host earlier?
  - Invite someone to host an activity e.g. earring, sewing
  - Ice fishing, bbq, Invite Ron to do storytelling – same as last year
  - March may be difficult due to Arctic Winter Games, muskrat camp, spring break
- Sponsor FN / Board Member participation on culture camp trip to Big Horn in summer 2026 (e.g. flights)?
- Host a more involved open house on Tachal Dahl in the summertime?
  - Host a bigger community event when the weather is nicer
  - Sheep celebration during spring lambing time (June)
  - Guided hikes to warden's cabin, sheep creek
  - Host activity at the Visitor's centre
  - Can attract both CAFN and KFN citizens

Action 01 01-26: Aynslie to draft letter seeking an amendment to current contribution agreement -- to reflect clause in new contribution agreement -- to allow for carry over of unspent funds (esp. FIDIPIDI funds) from this fiscal year to next, acknowledging

- The Board has received the FIDIPIDI payment at a late date. Will be difficult to spend funds prior to year end (heavy snow year, limited planning/prep time), prefer to not prepay expenses that will be incurred next fiscal year.
- The Board would allocate these funds to the culture camp and a sheep celebration.

Action 02 01-26: Aynslie to prepare draft amendment and append to letter

Action 03 01-26: Aynslie to prepare first draft of contribution agreement (with description of special project when funds permit) and append to letter.

Action 04 01-26: Send above to Board for e-review/approval prior to Tom's signature.

3. Updates or Additions

6.1 Letter of support for Wildfire Risk Reduction Project

Action 05 01-26: Upload letter of support for Wildfire Risk Reduction in Klauane National Park and Reserve to the public registry when the project is open for public comment (likely in the spring)

6.2 Open House

**Motion 01 01-26** Elsabe motions to fund up to \$700 towards catering costs at the January 20, 2026 Open House, Tom seconds, approved unanimously

4. Next Meeting Dates

- UFA B&C Gathering January 14 & 15, 2026
  - Availability: Elsabe part of morning 14<sup>th</sup> in person, and 15<sup>th</sup> online; Todd may be able to do the 14<sup>th</sup> online; Robin may be able to attend on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Aynslie can do afternoons online;
- Open House January 20, 2026 4-6 pm (Tom not available to attend)
- Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2026
- Bear Workshop January 28-29 (Todd can attend if remote participation is an option)
- Understanding Financials Seminar with Joanne Thomas February 4 9-1pm
  - Availability: Robin – in person, Todd – available to attend online, Elsabe – in person, Aynslie in-person
- Action 06 01-26: Aynslie to put meeting dates into Outlook calendars

5. Adjournment

**Motion 02 01-26** Elsabe motions to adjourn at 7:40, Tom seconds, approved unanimously.

  
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Chair of Vice-Chair

  
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Administration