

Flatland Regional Association of Gamers
AGM Minutes
29 April, 2006 3:00pm
North East Community Centre
160 Broad St.
Regina, SK

Present: **President** Jillian Bell; **Vice President** Chris Wagner; **Treasurer** Jim Pulles; **Board Members** Mel Markus; Greg Roch; Trent Becker; **Members** Dave Teskey, James Sanheim

Regrets: Matt Shorten; Matt Valgardson

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda as presented is approved

2. President's Report

Jillian reports that due to difficulties with Corporations Branch at SK Justice, FRAG's incorporation needs to be reinstated. Trent has spoken to people at Justice Branch and the board is aware of what needs to be done to reinstate the organization as a Non-Profit corporation. The organization does not need to draft new bylaws nor complete a new name search and incorporation document. The Province has sent a reinstatement document to be completed, as well as the original documents. The incorporation documents Jillian filed in September have not been returned from Corporations Branch.

3. Election of New Officers

Leaving the Board this year are: Jillian Bell, Gerrud Rasmussen (Raz), Mel Markus, John Buckmaster, Mike McCall, Matthew Shorten, and Matt Valgardson. There is a discussion whether to fill the board to its ten person maximum or simply work with a smaller board unless others express an interest in sitting on the board. It is pointed out that according to Corporations Branch, only the minimum 3 board members are required, and that according to FRAG's bylaws, we are not, and have never been, *required* to have any more than three officers. Perhaps operating with a smaller board will be easier in the coming years.

Out going president Jillian Bell presents the current slate of nominees for

the position of President : Trent Becker and Greg Roch. For the position of Vice President and Treasurer, incumbents Chris Wagner and Jim Pulles have let their names stand. Jillian calls for further nominations from the floor. There being none, Jillian declares Chris Wagner Vice President by acclamation; Jim Pulles Treasurer by acclamation, and calls for a vote from voting members present to elect their new president. By a majority of voting members present, Trent Becker is elected President of the organization.

Motion: Recognize the new Executive of Trent Becker (President); Chris Wagner (Vice President); Jim Pulles (Treasurer).

Carried.

4. Convention

There was a discussion about what yet needs to be done for the Convention, more need for better communication and promotion surrounding the Convention and all FRAG events. Jillian offered to purchase advertising for the Convention on local community radio, and to produce media releases about the upcoming conventions. Jim, Trent, and Greg have agreed to participate in any resulting media interviews, should they be picked up.

5. Finances

Jim Pulles presented a brief financial report, indicating he has not yet received the most recent statement from the Bank of Montreal, and that he is willing to change institutions should the organisation's current financial institution continue to be difficult to work with.

6. Other Business

It was agreed that a major focus of this year's organization must be on improving communication and promotion, as well as to continue to develop a strong membership base and maintaining better records. This will in turn hopefully support the gaming industry in the city, which is experiencing major problems due to online discount retailers and local discount retailers who sell material at cost or at less-than-cost. Greg reports that several publishers have gone out of business and that the gaming traffic through his store has been drastically reduced over the last year. FRAG will make a commitment to work with the gaming community to support our local business owners.

7. Adjournment