

**Minutes of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop
Sixth Annual General Meeting**
The Refinery, 609 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon SK
Thursday, March 27, 2008, 7:00 pm

Board members in attendance: Jim Weseen (Chair), Amy Jo Ehman (Secretary), Joanne Blythe, Jo Oliver, Don Reimer, Edda Ryan, Jeff Smith, Darla Tenold.

Absent with apologies: Lloyd Ratzlaff.

Members present: Including board members, 35 people were in attendance. Coop bylaws indicate that 12 voting members constitute a quorum.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Chair Jim Weseen. All members present received copies of the annual reports and other documents presented during the meeting. Jim conveyed greetings from former board member Kamal Parmar, now living in Nanaimo BC.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Motion – Jeff Smith/Jo Oliver that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.
3. **Notices of motion to amend articles or bylaws:** Notices were tabled. See New Business below.
4. **Minutes of the March 22, 2007, AGM:** Motion – Edda Ryan/Don Reimer that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.
5. a. **President's report:** Jim Weseen presented the President's report, including a report on membership and the recent survey of Writers' Coop members. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at www.writerscoop.org. Jim expressed gratitude for the commitment of out-going board member, Lloyd Ratzlaff.
5. b **Programming report:** Jim Weseen presented the Programming report. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at www.writerscoop.org. Jim expressed appreciation to all Coop volunteers, specifically including Beth Matheson for her continued dedication to our snail mail list and Karen Millard for covering many jobs this evening and at other events. He also acknowledged the various people and places that have hosted, at no charge, the Coop's open mikes, meetings, or other events this year: Mystic Java, St. Thomas More College, The Mendel, Jo Oliver, SIAST, Tastebuds.
5. c. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Darla Tenold presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2007. Balance as of December 31, 2007, was \$5,121.10. The

complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website at www.writerscoop.org.

Motion – Darla Tenold/Joanne Blythe that the 2007 Annual Financial Report be approved as presented. Carried.

6. Motion to Waive Audit: by the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporations Act (1995, rev. 2006) and Coop bylaws, for organizations with annual revenues of less than \$25,000 an audit may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote at the AGM.

Motion – Karen Millard/Chander Behl that the audit be waived. Carried unanimously.

7. Board Elections: Coop bylaws allow for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 board members. The following current board members were presented as having agreed to stand for re-election to the board: Jim Weseen, Amy Jo Ehman, Joanne Blythe, Jo Oliver, Don Reimer, Edda Ryan, Jeff Smith and Darla Tenold. The following Coop members were presented as having agreed to stand for election the board: Peter Jonker. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion – Darla Tenold/Jeff Smith that nominations cease. Carried.

The total number of nominees (9) being less than the maximum allowable board size (15), the Chair declared all nominees elected, and gave notice of the next board meeting (organizational meeting), to be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Tastebud's Café, 1624 Lorne Avenue.

8. New business: Motion – Jeff Smith/Joanne Blythe to amend the Mission Statement of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop. Carried. The amendment and revised Mission Statement are attached to the official copy of these minutes and are available on the Coop Website at www.writerscoop.org.

Motion – Jo Oliver/Amy Jo Ehman to amend the following articles of the Objects and Bylaws of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop. Carried. The amendments and revised Objects and Bylaws are attached to the official copy of these minutes and are available on the Coop Website at www.writerscoop.org.

Article III Membership, Section 5: Suspensions of Members, article ii.

Article IV: Governing Structure, Section 2, first paragraph.

Article VI: Meetings, Section 1: Annual General Meeting, second paragraph.

Article X: Finances, Section 2: Limits of Spending.

Article X: Finances, Section 3: Accounts and Audits

9. Adjournment: the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.