



MINUTES

Rocky Mountain House Library Board

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 7pm

Library Meeting Room

Present: Ben Worth, Lori Pratt, Denise Boniface, Karen Travis, Lynda Huseby, Lori Sunde-Cooper, Mimi Cole

Absent: Elyse Morin, Tyler McCauley

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Pratt on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:02 pm.

1.1.1 Agenda and Minutes

1.1.1.1 Additions/changes to the agenda: none

1.1.1.2 **Motion #841** Denise moved to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting. Seconded by Mimi. **CARRIED**

1.1.1.3 Chair Lori asked if there were any changes for the March meeting minutes. None.

Motion #842 Karen moved to adopt the March 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**

2. ITEMS FOR DECISION

2.1 Financial Report: Ben presented the financial report. Ben advised that an invoice has been received from the Town for payroll expenses. Discussion around Donations, Overdue Fines, Room Rental under Revenue and Insurance Premiums, POS Fees, and Telephone & Utilities under expenses.

Motion #843 Denise moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**

2.3 Term deposits/reserve funds: tabled to the next meeting.

2.3 Alberta Government Bill 28: Ben provided information on proposed changes to the Libraries Act. The Board reviewed the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries presentation



dated Apr 21, 2026.

Lori P suggested the Board present to the Town and County Councils and request a letter of support from each. Ben to send a request for delegation attendance at the next meeting of each Council and draft letters will be provided to the Councils as per the CAPL template.

Ben will draft a letter to the MLA as per CAPL template.

Ben advised that CAPL has templates available to share with the public and suggested posting these on social media. The Board was in support.

Mimi suggested having information available at Market on Main to respond to any inquiries.

Motion #844 Mimi moved for a presentation request to the Town and County Councils for attendance at upcoming meetings, draft letters for the Councils, and a letter to the MLA. Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Advocacy Committee - Plan of Service: Ben presented the draft Plan of Service. The Board discussed timing for review of the Plan and consensus was to schedule in May and October.

3.2 Highway Cleanup: Ben advised that a request was submitted for the County Cleanup on Saturday, May 9, 2026 and confirmation was received for Section #30 (south of devil's elbow to Everdell). Ben will follow-up to recruit participants.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Library Manager's Report: The Board reviewed Ben's report. Ben highlighted good attendance at fundraising events. Lori P would like to see a Library Board team at the May 20th Trivia Night.

4.2 Library usage stats to the end of March 2026: Ben shared the usage stats. There were no questions.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

6. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

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Lori P - Shared experience of teaching about fraud to seniors.

Denise - Shared an idea for Friends of the Library: Rimbey Library Booster Cash Calendar - \$20 each. Daily cash prizes for 1 month.

Lynda - Provided a follow-up on the presentation to Town Council re: AISH during which a motion was made for the Town to send a letter of concern to the Minister.

Karen - Discussion with a new person to town included the Showcase Cinema and Library services; suggest the need for Board members to have an elevator speech about the library.

Ben - Discussed extending Showcase Cinema with Moe at the theatre for additional months in the year and Moe was open to the idea. Will send a survey to the community to obtain feedback on interest and determine months.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** May 27, 2026 7 pm

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion #845 Mimi moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Seconded by Lynda. **CARRIED**