

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
MONDAY, February 9, 2004

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM by Christine Nelson
In attendance were: Ben Warrington, Peggy Baker, Severna Bosik, Vicky Busch, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Christine Nelson, Marilyn Peruniak, Ann Stiles, Agnes Wurfel
- 2.0 **Agenda:** Item 6.2, Canada Day, was removed because this is covered under Item 5.5. A suggestion was made that the label on item 5.5 be changed from ``Canada Day`` to ``River Rats Festival`` in future versions of the agenda and minutes. Consider it done. The agenda, such as it is, was adopted as modified.
Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Severna Bosik, Carried.
- 3.0 **Minutes:** The minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2004 were adopted as printed.
Moved by Vicky Busch, Seconded by Jerry Maclean, Carried.
- 4.0 **Treasurer's report:** Perusal of the treasurer's report led to various inquiries of a financial nature. The riverfront property cost \$35,000.00 and there are three annual payments left on the loan. The insurance premium for the quilts is now due so a cheque for \$270.00 will be required. The Society also has liability insurance on the signs that are displayed around town but that payment is not due for almost a year. There was discussion about rising insurance rates and how that will affect the payments in the coming year.
The report was adopted as printed.
Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Jerry Maclean, Carried.
Be it resolved that annual premium of \$270.00 for insurance on the quilts be paid.
Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Jerry Maclean, Carried.
- 5.0 **Committee reports**
- 5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** Vicky Busch spoke on behalf of the committee and she suggested that the Society send a copy of the meeting minutes to the membership occasionally. Specifically we should send a copy of the minutes of this meeting and a notice that a representative of the ARMS Committee will make a presentation at the next meeting, this should be done with both email and a postal mailout. This led to some discussion about who should be notified about the upcoming meeting which in turn led to the realization that the membership list is not in proper order.
An informal membership committee was formed to update the membership list. The committee consists of Vicky Busch, Severna Bosik, Agnes Wurfel, and Jerry Maclean.

Merilyn Peruniak reported that Frank Ponto might be asking for volunteers for the trade fair in Lac La Biche in April. The Society may want become involved in order to promote the Athabasca Heritage Society and the River Rats Festival at the trade fair.

5.2 **Heritage Site:** No report.

5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** No report.

5.4 **Newsletter:** The Society has decreed that there should be two newsletters a year. It is deemed that now is a good time for the first newsletter. The newsletter should promote the Athabasca Winter Festival and the Oral History workshop. Little has been heard about the Athabasca Winter Festival so far, Christine will e-mail Lori-Ann Claerhout to ask about the status of the Winter Festival.

5.5 **River Rats Festival:** The River Rats Festival committee is now looking for live performers for this year's festival. There has been little interest shown in managing the children's programme at this year's festival. A blacksmith and a knife maker have inquired about being part of the Athabasca Heritage Society's programme this year.

The subject of making money at the River Rats Festival was brought up... again... and no conclusions were reached.... again.

5.6 **Membership:** An adhoc committee has been formed to find who might actually be a member of this Society. See item 5.1.

5.7 **Web Site:** No report.

6.0 **Old Business**

6.1 **Multiplex Project:** Christine did not contact Gilbert Parras to invite him to the February meeting so she will contact him about coming to the March meeting.

There was some discussion about whether there was a motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Multiplex Project. Some members stated that a motion was passed last summer which authorized donating \$10,000.00 and the riverfront property to the Multiplex Project. Isn't the riverfront property being traded for another piece of property rather than being donated outright?

6.2 **Oral History Workshop:** The Oral History Workshop will take place on Saturday March 20 in the Dunnice Building. The admission fee was fixed at \$30.00 after discussion with the Learning Connection who will manage the promotion of the workshop and the collection of the admission fees. Attendance is limited to a minimum of 10 for an income of \$300.00 and a maximum of 16 people which would net \$480.00 in revenue to be supplemented by up to \$500.00 from the Athabasca Heritage Society. Cost of the workshop is estimated at

\$600.00 to \$700.00.

The Learning Connection will advertise the workshop in The Advocate and on CKBA Radio. Registration requests are to be sent to the Town of Athabasca Recreation Office on or before Friday March 5. Marilyn will put up posters around town and Vicky suggest putting an item in the AU Insider ``Coming Events`` column.

Vicky suggest that Phyllis Edwards could be invited to attend at the Society's expense if she is planning to work for the Society again this summer.

6.2A **Step Student:** Questions about the likelihood of hiring a Step Student came out of the Oral History Workshop discussion. The Society will submit a request for funding of a Step Student to the appropriate agency. Last year the Society hired Phyllis Edwards who was self motivated and did excellent work so hope was expressed that she could be hired again. There was speculation about whether the Step Student's time could be shared with the tourist information booth.

6.3 **West Athabasca School** Agnes Wurfel reported that Tom Ward will be by to inspect the West Athabasca School on February 10. Rod Winder and Aubrey Clark, the shop teacher at Edwin Parr Community High School, will meet with him.

A letter was sent to Lois Hole inviting her to be part of a promotional activity in support of the West Athabasca School. It has not been decided what type of activity this should be.

6.4 **Communities in Bloom** Agnes reported that a pamphlet publicizing Communities in Bloom was included with the last utility bill. Did you read it or just throw it out?

7.0 **New Business**

7.1 **Agenda for Next Month:** A free discussion and Ben Warrington roast session broke out at this point. The free discussion part resulted in a recommendation from the floor that a more rigid agenda be implemented for the next meeting so that it doesn't drag on too much. The secretary would like to point out that all the meetings have a rigid agenda, what is lacking is a rigid adherence to the agenda.

Teasing of Ben Warrington led to a suggestion that the Trackers' Pull Award should have a personal name. Suggested names for the Trackers' Pull Award were ``The Captain Shot Award`` or perhaps ``The Rita Birkigt Award``. Hmmm.

8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, March 8, 2004, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Dunnice Building