

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, May 10, 2004

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Christine Nelson.
- 2.0 **Agenda:** The West Athabasca School was added to Old Business as item 6.5. Three items were added to New Business: item 7.1 will be Insurance, item 7.2 will be Meeting Location, and Item 7.3 will be Vicom Media.

The Chair declared the adoption of the agenda.

- 3.0 **Minutes:** The first paragraph of Item 6.5 River Rats Festival has two corrections: the Society did not obtain a ``membership`` but rather a ``Silver Sponsorship`` for which the Society paid \$500.00. Later in the first paragraph it is said that the Society hopes to get passes instead of armbands, this is incorrect - the passes are armbands. It is now known that passes will be issued to the Society based on hours of volunteered time.

The Chair declared the adoption of the minutes.

- 4.0 **Treasurer's report:** Agnes Wurfel pointed out that Cheque marked A. Wurfel Raffle Expenses should not have been paid by the Society but should have been submitted to the River Breakup Raffle committee. Cheque 46 marked A. Wurfel Expenses is for expenses related to the AGM.

There are two outstanding expenses: \$87.00 for the Oral History Workshop and \$80.25 for annual mail box rentals.

The Chair declared the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

5.0 **Committee reports**

- 5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** There was no report but Vicky Bush proposed that a 15% discount on Harrison prints be offered at this year's convocation as in previous years.

Be it resolved that all Athabasca University graduates be granted a 15% discount on any Harrison Prints that they purchase.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Severna Bosik, Carried.

- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** Vicky reported that cleaning and planting at the heritage site is scheduled for the first week in June. Delaying the cleanup until June will give the existing perennials time to get some growth. Anybody wishing to help should Contact Vicky.
- 5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** No report.
- 5.4 **Newsletter:** Jerry Maclean speculated about printing the proposed riverfront design drawings in the upcoming newsletter. Vicky suggested printing information about the Oral History Workshop and Marilyn suggested that the Society's schedule of events for the upcoming River Rats Festival be printed in

the newsletter.

- 5.5 **River Rats Festival:** Marilyn Peruniak reported that the quilting workshop and rug hooking demonstration have been confirmed for the festival. Marilyn has contacted Joyce Kiselyk about a spinning demonstration, this looks promising but it has not yet been confirmed.

The horse and wagon tours are not likely to occur because insurance will cost \$340.00 which is too expensive.

Naming the Tracker's Pull after Julien Cardinal appears to be a go. Marilyn has spoken to some of Julien Cardinal's relatives who were quite positive about the idea. Greg Johnson said that he will write an article about Julien Cardinal and the Tracker's Pull for the newsletter. Marilyn suggested that certificates be printed up which declare the participant to be an honorary member of the Athabasca Brigade.

The quilts and the AHS merchandise display will be in the main tent this year. Marilyn hopes that the Society can have a half page advertisement in the River Rats Festival brochure. Last, but not least, volunteers are needed to help with Society activities at the River Rats Festival and will be welcomed with open arms!

- 5.6 **Membership:** One life membership was gleaned from the attendees at the Oral History Workshop. There is one member who has not paid his dues - Richard Loken - I have money but I keep forgetting to pay up.

- 5.7 **Web Site:** No report.

6.0 **Old Business**

- 6.1 **Summer Student:** Christine Nelson reported that the Society failed to obtain a STEP grant this year but last year the Society failed to collect from the STEP programme so nothing much has changed. Christine suggests that we hire Phyllis Edwards for the same hourly rate that she was paid last year. It should cost about \$3,000.00 to hire somebody for the summer and, when partially offset by some donations, the cost to the Society should not exceed \$2,000.00.

Mike Gismondi would like to train Phyllis and the tourist booth summer student to be knowledgeable tour guides.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Historical Society hire a student for 280 hours at the rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Move by Peggy Baker, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Carried.

- 6.2 **Communities in Bloom:** The Communities in Bloom plant sale will be part of the Legion Community Garage Sale on Saturday May 15. Volunteers have been

splitting perennials and potting plants for the sale, with a little help from five local high school students.

Biology 20 students are doing a tree inventory around town as part of the Communities in Bloom urban forestry criterion.

- 6.3 **Multiplex Project:** The secretary sent a letter to the Multiplex Project architect as directed at the May meeting. The letter was sent on April 30.

The members discussed the River Front project and the ARMS request for a commitment to fund raising. Decisions will be deferred until after the Society has met with the Architect.

- 6.4 **Second Scow:** No action, neither Dick Baker nor Rod Winder were preset.

- 6.5 **West Athabasca School:** Agnes Wurfel reported that the Aspen View School Division has not given permission for the school to be restored. The Aspen View School Division owns the West Athabasca School and it is AVSD who must deal with the Province of Alberta regarding the historic designation and Agnes is quite concerned that the ASVD's inaction could scuttle the historic designation for the West Athabasca School. In an effort to get things back on track, Agnes is asking that representatives of the Athabasca Heritage Society, the Town of Athabasca, and the Aspen View School Division meet with Tom Ward (Presentation Adviser, Community Development, Province of Alberta) and try to move the historic designation process forward to completion.

7.0 **New Business**

- 7.1 **Insurance:** Marilyn Peruniak thinks that we need to review our insurance policy. It is felt that the policy should be reviewed by a lawyer to see if it meets the needs of the Society so Marilyn will ask Rosaline Gregory to go over the policy with her.

- 7.2 **Meeting Place:** The June meeting is the last meeting that can be held at the present location because the community college is closing. Christine appealed to all member to suggest possible future meeting locations for next year.

- 7.3 **Vicom Media:** Greg Johnson reported that he, Mike Gismondi, and Marilyn Mol met with Vicom Media on Friday may 7. Vicom Media had requested the meeting to suggest a video production on the history of Athabasca but they also seemed to expect the citizens of Athabasca to invest \$500,000.00 in the project.

- 8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, June 14, 2004, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Duniece Building