

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, June 14, 2004

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Jerry Maclean
In attendance were: Severna Bosik, Vicky Busch, Greg Johnson, Bertha Clark Jones, Heather Kariel, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Merilyn Peruniak, Ann Stiles, Maxine Winder, Agnes Wurfel
- 2.0 **Agenda:** Move item 5.5 River Rats Festival to immediately after the agenda so that Merilyn and Bertha can move on to the River Rats Festival meeting.
The Chair declared the adoption of the modified agenda.
- 3.0 **Minutes:** Item 5.5 incorrectly reports that the horse and wagon tours will cost \$340.00, this should have been \$304.00. The secretary records this as an aural error rather than a typographical error.
Moved by Maxine Winder, Seconded by Vicky Busch, Carried.
- 4.0 **Treasurer's report:** There are four cheques outstanding:

1 n. Alberta Heritage Trail Society Silver Membership \$350.00 Vicky Busch:
plants 162.65 Athabasca University 80.00 Merilyn Peruniak: rental of
table 100.00

Be it resolved that the four cheques be paid from the appropriate accounts.
Moved Severna Bosik, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.
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- 5.0 **Committee reports**
- 5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** No report.
- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** Vicky Busch reported Agnes, Severna, and she prepared and planted the flower bed in front of the tourist information booth.
- 5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** no report.
- 5.4 **Newsletter:** Maxine Winder reported that she will be doing the newsletter that is scheduled to come out in time for the River Rats Festival. The River Rats Festival schedule will be on the first page and there will be an article about Julien Cardinal and the Trackers' Pull. The newsletter will have room for any other River Rats Festival items that might merit publication.

5.5 **River Rats Festival:** Merilyn reported on the plans for the Society's participation in the River Rats Festival.

The horse and wagon tours are scheduled to take place in contradiction to the speculation at the last meeting that they would be too expensive to be practical. The horse and wagon tours will be hosted by Rob Person who will provide 12 hours of service at a cost of \$65.00 per hour including insurance. Mark Neaves has donated \$300.00 toward the project which leaves an outstanding cost of \$480.00 or about \$20.00 per trip. Prices for the horse and wagon tours are planned to be: Adults and Youth: \$4.00, Seniors and Children: \$3.00, and a family of up to four will be charged \$10.00. The tours will be put on for four hours on each of the three days of the festival for a total of 12 hours.

Be it resolved that Rob Persons be hired for 12 hours at a rate of \$65.00 per hour to provide horse and wagon tours during the three days of the River Rats Festival.

Moved by Maxine Winder, Seconded by Bertha Clark Jones, Carried.

Julien Cardinal's family has been sent a written request for permission to use his name on the Trackers' Pull and the family is in favour of the proposal but they are unlikely to send a formal written reply. The Trackers' Pull will take place on July 1 and the prize will be ball caps (total cost of the custom embroidered ball caps will be \$56.00). The cost of the event will be \$2.00 per entrant and there are four categories with four winners: Junior Men, Junior Women, Senior Men, and Senior Women. All participants will get a certificate.

All of the demonstrations and activities have not been finalized but The ones that are certain are:

tab (l); 11. July 1|Quilting, Knitting, Rug Hooking, Spinning July 3|Crafts, Pottery

Firming up the demonstrations has been impaired by the blacksmith taking ill and Dick Baker suffering an injury which puts the scow building demonstration in jeopardy.

The Society's quilts will be put on display in the United Church.

There will be number of things done to promote the Society's participation in the River Rats Festival this year:

An advertisement in the festival programme has been purchased for \$181.90.

Posters will be put up.

Merilyn will co-host ``The Wakeup Show`` on CKBA.

CKBA will run a 30 second ``teaser``.

There will be an article in The Advocate.

5.6 **Membership:** No report.

5.7 **Web Site:** Maxine Winder is now in charge of the web site. the web site was built with Macromedia which must be used to maintain it, Vicky will oversee the training of any web site volunteers in the use of Macromedia.

6.0 **Old Business**

6.1 **Summer Student:** Jerry Maclean reported that the Society is unable to hire Phyllis Edwards this summer. No alternatives have been considered yet.

6.2 **Communities in Bloom:** Agnes Wurfel reported that the judges will arrive in Athabasca on July 22, 2004 There will be a potluck at the Senior Citizens' Centre on the evening of July 22 and the judging will take place on July 23. The pot luck on July 22 will be combined with a trade fair which will include the Athabasca Heritage Society as an exhibitor. The West Athabasca School heritage site project will also be publicised at the potluck.

6.3 **Multiplex Project:** Six members of the Athabasca Heritage Society and Gilbert Perras met with Randy Heaps, landscape architect for the Multiplex Project, and walked through the riverfront site on June 3, 2004. The meeting went well and the architect is now better equipped to landscape the site so as to include the Society's plantings. The caboose and its associated plantings will be moved but the caboose will remain on the site at a new location. The plan now includes a boatshed for the Society's scow.

In attendance at the meeting were: Maxine Winder, Vicky Busch, Jerry Maclean, Merilyn Peruniak, Mike Gismondi, Mark Neaves, Gilbert Perras, and Randy Heaps.

6.4 **Second Scow:** Dick Baker does not want to build a scow alone so somebody would have to be recruited to assist him. Dick would like to build some parts of the boat at Calling Lake and transport them to the Athabasca riverfront for assembly.

6.5 **West Athabasca School:** The West Athabasca School has not yet been officially designated as an historic building but everything appears to be progressing as it should. Verbal approval to restore the building has come from the Aspen View School Division and from Mike Cardinal with a promise of written approval to

follow.

The preservation advisor suggests that the building be ``mothballed`` to preserve it while the political process moves to its conclusion. The Alberta Historical Resources foundation has a building incentive fund that can be used to pay up to 50% of the mothballing cost. Greg Johnson felt the wisest course of action would be to reshingle the roof, this opinion was shared by some of the other members.

6.6 **Insurance:** Merilyn reported that Rosaline Gregory is retired and therefore she is unable to review the Society's insurance policy. Rosaline recommends that policy should be reviewed by a lawyer to ensure that it meets the society's needs. Merilyn will continue to work on the insurance issue.

6.7 **Meeting Place:** Jerry Maclean suggested that the new senior's building be considered. The Senior's Society does not charge a fee for the use of their facilities but they will accept financial donations. Other than that, not much new was brought forward.

6.8 **Vicom Media:** no report.

7.0 **New Business**

8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, September 13, 2004, 7:00PM, location to be announced.