

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, September 13, 2004

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Christine Nelson

In attendance were: Peggy Baker, Vicky Busch, Greg Johnson, Bertha Clark Jones, Marguerite Koole, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Christine Nelson, Marilyn Peruniak, Maxine Winder, Agnes Wurfel.

2.0 **Agenda:** The West Athabasca School is moved forward in the agenda so that Agnes can leave early but the item will appear in the minutes in its usual place. One new item is added to old business, Item 6.9 Oral History Workshop. One new item is added to new business, Item 7.2 Annual General Meeting.

The chair declares the adoption of the agenda.

3.0 **Minutes:** Rob Sersons is named twice in item 5.5 and spelled wrong both times in two different ways: it is not Person and it is not Persons, it is Sersons.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Marilyn Peruniak, Carried.

4.0 **Treasurer's report:** Severna Bosik was unable to attend the meeting so a brief report was made by Christine.

5.0 **Committee reports**

5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** Vicky gave the report and this will be her last one because she is moving to Edmonton which obligated her to pass on various bits of information.

Vicky has a CDrom which contains various Athabasca Heritage Society images and logos which the Society should not want to lose. Vicky will make a few copies of the CDrom and give them to Christine.

The Harrison Serigraphs are stored in the Athabasca University Archives and are under the care of Lori Ann Claerhout. Vicky will pass on all materials related to the Harrison Project, including the two display prints, to Lori Ann Claerhout. The two display prints can be used for promotional or display purposes and Lori Ann will keep track of their location. The display prints remain the property of the Athabasca Heritage Society and they cannot be sold but should be destroyed in the event of the dissolution of the Athabasca Heritage Society.

Be it resolved that no Harrison serigraphs be sold for less than \$500.00, donated, or otherwise dispersed in a manner that would result in payment of less than \$500.00 per serigraph to the Athabasca Heritage Society. Be it further resolved that that in the event of the dissolution of the Athabasca Heritage Society or discontinuation of the project, that any unsold serigraphs be destroyed.

Moved by Vicky Busch, Seconded by Jerry Maclean, Carried

Vicky has a quantity of AHS promotional material which she will hand over to Christine.

Be it resolved that the members of the Athabasca Heritage Society thank Vicky Busch for all the work that she has done for the society.

Moved by Greg Johnson, Seconded by Jerry Maclean, carried.

- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** There is some fall preparation of the garden beds which will be completed in the next couple weeks by Vicky and other volunteers. Vicky discussed matters related to the heritage site that will have to place in the hands of other Society members now that Vicky is moving away.
- 5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** No report.
- 5.4 **Newsletter:** No report.
- 5.5 **River Rats Festival:** Merilyn Peruniak reported that the River Rats Festival was a success this year and in particular it was a success for the Athabasca Heritage Society. The River Rats Festival Committee was very co-operative and accommodated the Society in any way that they could.

The quilts were displayed at the United Church as originally planned. The United Church was very helpful and co-operative and Merilyn sent them a thankyou letter.

The horse and wagon tours were put on by ``Perry from Perryvale`` rather than by Rob Serson as had been originally planned. The horse and wagon tours were very well received and Mark Neaves has said that he will be happy to sponsor them again in 2005.

The ``Trapper's Pull`` is now officially known as the ``Julien Cardinal Trapper's Pull`` and 19 members of the Cardinal family showed up to mark the occasion. Greg Johnson and Charlie Stratton printed up a handout that outlined the history of Julien Cardinal.

Our tour guides: Mike Gismondi, David Gregory, and Greg Johnson were well received by the festival attendees.

The Society made \$94.00 profit from an investment of \$1341.00 and an income of \$1435.00. The horse and wagon tours cost \$700.00 including \$304.00 insurance and brought in \$544.00 and it was worth every penny.

The River Rats Festival Annual General Meeting will be held on October 4 and a workshop will be held on October 16 but Merilyn will be away so somebody else will have to attend.

The Athabasca Heritage Society thanks Marilyn Peruniak and her committee for their tremendous amount of work and the excellent results that their work produced.

5.6 **Membership:** No report.

5.7 **Web Site:** Marguerite reported that she has the Athabasca Heritage Society website 80% complete. The site was built with **Macromedia Contribute** which is a product that allows a web site to be built and maintained by people who do not have any web programming skill. The Society will have to purchase a **Macromedia Contribute** license, it costs about \$200.00 for a license that allows three people to use the product.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society purchase a three seat **Macromedia Contribute** license.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Bertha Clark Jones, Carried

The Athabasca Heritage Society web site can be found at:

<http://www.athabascaheritage.ca>

6.0 **Old Business**

6.1 **Communities in Bloom:** Marilyn Peruniak did a poster display for the potluck supper that was held July 22. The Society won two certificates: one for native flora and one for heritage preservation.

6.2 **Multiplex Project:** No report.

6.3 **Second Scow:** No report.

6.4 **West Athabasca School:** The Alberta Government has sent a notice that the West Athabasca School will be designated as an historic site. The West Athabasca School project needs to be placed under the umbrella of a registered nonprofit society so that the project can meet the requirements set out by the Alberta Government.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society act as the official sponsorship society for the West Athabasca School committee.

Moved by Jerry Maclean, Seconded by Bertha Clark Jones, Carried

Two applications for grants have been or will be submitted: One is for \$32,000.00 to cover some of the cost of restoration, and the other is for \$25,000.00 to hire consultant David Murray to determine the restoration requirements and to write any required paperwork.

6.5 **Insurance:** It is the intention to review the insurance policy and see if it still conforms to the Society's requirements. Vicky Bush pointed out that the Harrison serigraphs should not be insured.

- 6.6 **Meeting Place:** The senior's building, where the Society is meeting today, costs \$50.00 for each meeting so a more affordable venue would be appreciated. The Native Friendship Centre was suggested and Jerry Maclean said he will investigate.
- 6.7 **Billy Loutit Dispatch Relay Race:** There was an article about the race in **legacy** which is an independent magazine devoted to Alberta culture, arts, and heritage.
- 6.8 **Heritage Signs:** All the signs are up and well received. The secretary thinks that they are marvelous and brags about them to all his out of town friends and relatives. Science Outreach will be putting up some signs of their own soon.
- 6.9 **Oral History Workshop:** The Oral History Workshop was so successful that Merilyn is thinking of doing another one in the spring.
- 7.0 **New Business**
 - 7.1 **Lewis House:** No report.
 - 7.2 **Annual General Meeting;** The AGM will be held in November.
- 8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, October 18, 2004, 7:00PM, Location to be announced.