

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, January 10, 2005

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by Jerry Maclean.

In attendance were: Peggy Baker, Severna Bosik, Bertha Clark Jones, Lori-Ann Claerhout, Flora Gilmore, Ralph Gilmore, Mike Gismondi, Richard Loken, Jerry Maclean, Elaine Magusin, Christine Nelson, Merilyn Peruniak, Agnes Wurfel.

2.0 **Agenda:** Item 7.3 under new business should be ``Wiwchar house`` rather than ``Lewis house``. Two new items will be added to new business: Winterfest, Billy Loutit Duathlon as item 7.4 and Town Heritage Programme as item 7.5.

Moved by Christine Nelson, Seconded by Merilyn Peruniak, Carried.

3.0 **Minutes:** two sets of minutes were reviewed at this meeting: the October minutes which went unremarked and the September minutes which contained two errors in item 5.5. First, the fourth paragraph contains two references to ``the trappers' pull`` which should, of course, be ``the trackers' pull`` and the secretary knows that but it seems that his fingers do not know that. Second, the sixth paragraph of item 5.5 should say that the horse and wagon tours cost \$700.00 plus \$304.00 for a total cost of \$1,004.00.

Moved by Merilyn Peruniak, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Carried.

4.0 **Treasurer's report:** There is no printed treasurer's report.

The account balances at the end of November 2004 were:

Site Account	\$9,937.40
Current Account	2,401.31
Harrison Prints	5,128.34
Investments	17,577.05
	8,302.85
	7,115.24

The investments were recently renewed at an earth shaking 2.55% interest.

There are two outstanding bills: one for the mortgage and one for the insurance.

Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Elaine Magusin, Carried.

5.0 **Committee reports**

5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** Mike Gismondi reported that the ARMS Committee will start fund raising in February. It is time that the Athabasca Heritage Society formally make its contributions to the Multiplex Project but the Society should arrange the presentation so that there is public recognition for the donation.

There are perhaps six or seven organizations that offer grants for which the Riverfront Project may be eligible but for which the main Multiplex Project is not eligible. Some of these grants cannot be applied for directly by the ARMS Committee so they must be applied for by a organization like the Athabasca Heritage Society. Of course it is desirable that the Society apply for these grants.

Mike asked the Society members to consider making a much larger financial donation to the Riverfront Project than had originally been considered, perhaps \$20,000.00 instead of \$10,000.00. The Athabasca Heritage Society has some money which could be used for this purpose and the Society could also do some fundraising among its members and supporters for the Riverfront Project.

An ad-hoc fund raising committee was formed to examine the Society's finances and see how money we could afford to donate to the Multiplex Project. The ad-hoc committee is composed of Mike Gismondi, Richard Loken, Severna Bosik, and Jerry Maclean.

It was suggested that the Athabasca Heritage Society produce a brochure which would promote the Riverfront portion of the Multiplex Project for fund raising purposes. Lori-Ann Claerhout and Christine Nelson will will do some communications planning which will include a Riverfront Project promotional brochure.

- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** Mike Gismondi reported that he has \$12,000.00 available to spend on heritage signage around town. Science Outreach-Athabasca would like to install a sign and they are co-operating with Mike to have it built and installed.

Mike has three signs that are progressing toward installation but he needs fresh ideas for any future projects beyond these three. Marilyn Mol has found some new (old?) photographs which may provide inspiration for new heritage projects.

Mike regretfully reported that SAAN Stores is in receivership which may make it impossible to put up a heritage sign on the Athabasca SAAN building.

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

- 5.4 **Newsletter:** No report.

- 5.5 **River Rats Festival:** Elaine Magusin has been tentatively recruited to the River Rats Festival sub-committee. The sub-committee members are Jerry Maclean, Peggy Baker, and Elaine Magusin.

- 5.6 **Membership:** No report.

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

6.0 **Old Business**

- 6.1 **Multiplex Project:** No report.

- 6.2 **West Athabasca School:** Agnes Wurfel reported that the West Athabasca School committee has begun their fundraising campaign. Committee members have approached some local organizations for support and have had some positive response. Mike Cardinal was asked for a donation of \$2,000.00 and they are considering applying for some Alberta Centennial grants.

The West Athabasca School committee will have a display at the Winterfest and they are planning a multicultural supper at the Community Centre for the Winterfest with an admission charge of \$10.00. Entertainment is being planned for the event. Tentatively, it is planned That the supper will consist of 14 organizations who will each have a booth that supplies one course for the meal. It is hoped to unveil the third Heritage Quilt at the multicultural supper.

- 6.3 **Annual General Meeting:** No report.

7.0 **New Business**

- 7.1 **Garden Club Request:** Merilyn Peruniak reported that The Athabasca Garden Club has offered to assist with the maintenance of the Society's flower beds. Needless to say, the offer of assistance was well received by the members in attendance.

- 7.2 **Oral History Workshop:** Merilyn Peruniak reported that another Oral History Workshop will be held on Saturday February 5. The workshop will be very similar to the one held last year. The registration fee will be \$30.00 with a registration deadline of January 28. The Learning Connection brochure will be distributed at too late a date (January 25) to be of much use in promoting the workshop so Merilyn will use other means to publicize it.

The Athabasca Archives are granting the use of their premises for the workshop and donating \$200.00 as well. The Legion has donated \$100.00 and if the Athabasca Heritage Society will put up \$100.00 then the event will be financially viable provided that there are a minimum of ten registrants.

Be it resolved that the Athabasca Heritage Society provide a maximum of \$100.00 to help fund the Oral History Workshop.

Moved by Merilyn Peruniak, Seconded by Christine Nelson, Carried.

- 7.3 **Wiwchar House:** Richard Loken reported that he had been called by Tim Wiwchar who would like somebody like the Athabasca Heritage Society to move the Wiwchar House to another location so that a new structure can be built on the original site. The Wiwchar House started life as the Hudson's Bay Company factor's house so the building has some historical value but that value would be reduced by moving it from its present location. The Athabasca Heritage Society does not have the people or the money to preserve the Wiwchar House but the Society would be interested in any proposal that Mr. Wiwchar might want to make.

Richard said that he would phone Mr. Wiwchar, tell him that the Society did not presently have the resources to preserve the house, and invite him to come to the February meeting and tell the Society what he would like to see done with the house.

7.4 **Winterfest / Billy Loutit Duathlon:** Lori-Ann Claerhout reported that the Winterfest and the Billy Loutit Duathlon will be held on Saturday February 26. The Duathlon is composed of 42Km of snowshoeing and skiing and will be headquartered at the Muskeg Creek Ski Chalet. The Billy Loutit Duathlon organizing committee will be looking for volunteers and perhaps financial support from the Athabasca Heritage Society in February.

7.5 **Town Heritage Programme:** Jerry Maclean reported that the Town of Athabasca has been working on a project to catalogue, photograph, and record the history of any buildings in Athabasca that were built before 1965. The residential survey is way behind schedule and help is needed to get the project completed by the end of February. Volunteers are needed to work in the Athabasca Archives on Tuesdays and Thursdays identifying historical sources.

8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, February 14, 2005, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Duniece Building.

Adjournment moved by Christine Nelson.