

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHABASCA HERITAGE SOCIETY
Monday, April 11, 2005

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:16PM by Jerry Maclean
In attendance were: Peggy Baker, Severna Bosik, Greg Johnson, Jerry Maclean, Richard Loken, Ann Stiles, Agnes Wurfel.
- 2.0 **Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as distributed.
Moved by Peggy Baker, Seconded by Severna Bosik, Carried.
- 3.0 **Minutes:** The minutes were adopted as distributed and nothing was contributed to clarify item 3.0A.
Moved by Agnes Wurfel, Seconded by Severna Bosik, Carried.
- 4.0 **Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was adopted as distributed.
Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Greg Johnson, Carried.
- 5.0 **Committee reports**
- 5.1 **Publicity, Fundraising, and Promotion:** No report.
- 5.2 **Heritage Site:** No report.
- 5.3 **Trans Canada Trail:** No report.
- 5.4 **Newsletter:** No report.
- 5.5 **River Rats Festival:** Jerry Maclean reported that the Athabasca Heritage Society River Rats Festival Committee has not met since the March Athabasca Heritage Society meeting and that nobody on the Society's committee attended the last Magnificent River Rats Festival meeting because of a misunderstanding about the meeting time.
- There are a number of local citizens who the committee would like to recruit as additional tour guides for the horse drawn wagon rides. Some potential guides are Marilyn Mol, Eileen Chamberlain, and Lois Ellefson.
- It is proving difficult to insure the Horse Drawn Wagon Rides because ``there are animals involved'', insurance is required because the Town of Athabasca will not issue a permit unless the activity is insured. Perry Hodder is willing to conduct the horse drawn tours again this year but a contract has yet to be negotiated. The Society paid Perry \$50.00 an hour last year.
- There are a few things that are already firmed up: the quilts will be displayed in the United Church and the Julien Cardinal Trackers Pull will be held on Friday July 1. Kim Smith of the Athabasca Native Friendship Centre has agreed to do three hours of crafts on Saturday July 2.

The Society would like to purchase one or more harnesses for the Trackers Pull and it is hoped to contract Louis Baron to make them. It is also hoped to obtain a large extension cord and a metal tent frame.

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 a matching grant has been obtained from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation which will provide \$10,000.00 toward an architectural assessment study and \$10,000.00 toward roofing and building stabilization. Additional grants can be applied for as work on the building progresses.

The architect who would do the assessment is David Murray who specializes in heritage restorations. Mr. Murray has worked on a number of heritage buildings in Athabasca including the Brick School and the train station.

6.3 **Wiwchar House:** No report.

6.4 **Heritage Supper:** The working title for the heritage supper is ``A Taste of Athabasca``. The supper will be held on Saturday April 16 and preparation has been going well with good participation by the community organizations in the Athabasca area. Volunteers will be required to setup the hall on the evening of Friday April 15 and to assist with the supper and the cleanup on Saturday April 16.

The third quilt will be unveiled at the supper. Jerry Maclean will introduce Ann Stiles and Ann in turn will unveil the quilt.

6.5 **River Breakup Lottery:** Severna Bosik reported that 851 out of 1,440 River Breakup Lottery tickets were sold for a final profit of \$1,386.95 of which the Athabasca Chamber of Commerce gave \$1,000.00 to the Multiplex Project and kept \$386.95 for themselves. The river officially broke up on April 6, 2005 at 8:09PM.

Jerry Maclean feels that the Athabasca Heritage Society should have a say in how the lottery money is spent since it is the Society that sponsored the lottery. Jerry suggested that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Commerce proposing that the lottery money be spent on the Riverfront Project rather than donated to the general Multiplex construction project.

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Athabasca Chamber of Commerce requesting that the River Breakup Lottery money be contributed to the Riverfront Project rather than being doated to the

general Multiplex construction project.

Moved by Peggy Baker, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

- 6.6 **Quilt Insurance:** Ann Stiles announced that she feels that the quilt insurance should be allowed to lapse since not much protection is obtained for the quantity of money that is spent on premiums.

Be it resolved that Quilt insurance be allowed lapse and that it not be renewed.

Moved by Peggy Baker, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

- 6.7 **Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors:** Jerry Maclean proposed that the policy for the Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors be modified to require the automatic invitation of the sitting mayor of Athabasca and the sitting president of Athabasca University to be Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors. There was some discussion in which it was argued that such an invitation process might include other community leaders in the area. A motion was made that included the mayor and the president with the understanding that the possible inclusion of other community leaders will be investigated:

Be it resolved that the incumbent mayor of the Town of Athabasca and the incumbent president of Athabasca University be automatically invited to be Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors.

Moved by Ann Stiles, Seconded by Agnes Wurfel, Tabled

This motion is tabled because there is a committee reviewing the list of Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors and investigating the process of recruiting new ambassadors and this motion infringes on that committees mandate.

Meanwhile, thanking the previous ambassadors for their services seems appropriate.

Be it resolved that a letter of thanks for their services as Athabasca Heritage Site Ambassadors be sent to outgoing Athabasca University president Dominique Abrioux and to former Town of Athabasca mayors Lionel Cherniwchan and Al Wurfel.

Moved by Severna Bosik, Seconded by Ann Stiles, Carried.

7.0 **New Business**

There was no new business.

- 8.0 **Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, May 9, 2005, 7:00PM, 2nd Floor Duniece Building