

Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society Directors Meeting
September 14, 2015

Connie Evans presented museum report.

- Not very busy throughout summer
- Attended meeting with other County Museum members on Aug 10
- Bat house still in need of installation before the spring
- Suggested that we look into funding for summer students next season

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President, Don Kossey.

Directors present:

Don Kossey
Dave Tizzard
Briget Vezeau
Laverne Attfield
Chris Griffith

Maxine Whelen
Debbie Vezeau
Jeff Nickerson
Billy Smith

Directors absent:

Cutter Smith
Clayton Vezeau

Jeannette Pomerleau

Approval of minutes:

- Debbie presented the minutes as they had not been distributed prior
- President, Don Kossey approved the minutes as presented with discussed typos

Motion to post approved minutes on Website (#59-2015)

- Motion from Billy Smith to post to our web page minutes from July 7, 2015
- Motion seconded by Laverne Attfield
- No discussion
- **Motion carried**
- Resolved: Debbie to post minutes

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Altus Geomatics (Survey of 4H Camp)
 - * Jeff reported that he has yet to get in touch with the contact from Altus and will try an alternative prior to next meeting
- Pay Pal Bank Account
 - * Account has been opened with Don, Jeannette and Debbie already signed off. Just waiting for Jeff to do so. Will be completed before next meeting

- Museum Heater
 - * Debbie to contact Karuna re requirements to remove old equipment, Don yet to speak with Didier as he is on holidays. Will have necessary details and contractors in place to have this in completed prior to next meeting.

Adoption of agenda: (#60-2015)

- Motion from Jeff Nickerson to adopt agenda as amended with 3 items added
- Motion seconded by Briget Vezeau
- No further additions
- **Motion carried**
- Resolved: agenda adopted as amended

Financial Report:

Presented by Debbie as Jeannette was away

Approval of financials: (#61-2015)

- Motion from Maxine Whelen to adopt the financial statement as presented and to pay the bills reported
- Motion seconded by Chris Griffith
- No further discussion
- **Motion carried**
- Resolved: Financial Statement adopted. Debbie to pass along info to Jeannette

Committee/Reports:

1. Building:

- Discussion re fire wall specs and electrical design
 - * Don has spoke with an engineer who stated that the firewall must be constructed of concrete and is to be a self standing wall. He was informed that most engineers will only sign off on the design but will not compile the design.
 - * Jeff spoke with Integrity's designer who agreed but stated that they are not able to design nor engineer this for us.
 - * Don will contact the name given re design and will send out an email with information as soon as it is gathered.
- Electrical Drawings:
 - * Jeff reported that the drawings are complete and are in the process of being delivered to us. These drawings were done free of charge and the company will be in talks as to what portion, if any, of the installation will be sponsored.

- Donation of Panels:
 - * We have received, as an anonymous donation, 930 ft of portable panels with an approximate value of \$10, 000

2. Events:

- NAIRA Event:
 - * Debbie reported that she was once again contacted by the president of the NAIRA organization desperate for a place to hold their finals.
 - * Upon discussion it became very apparent that our new facility was not ready but that our outdoor grounds might work.
 - * Conflict with our Kids Gymkhana wind up was discussed with both parties agreed to compromise in order to satisfy both events.

RLRAS to host NAIRA Finals: (#62-2015)

- Motion from Chris Griffith for RLRAS to host the 2015 NAIRA finals by offering our outdoor grounds to them at no charge for Sept. 26 & 27, 2015 with the understanding that they make a financial contribution to our new facility. Further that they make a \$100 donation to the kids Gymkhana in place of a concession for the kids.
- Motion seconded by Billy Smith
- No further discussion
- **Motion carried**
- Resolved: Debbie to inform NAIRA President of our decision
 - Alberta Mounted Shooters:
 - * Looking to schedule events for the future.
 - * Discussion ensued and Insurance was brought up. Don will look into this matter from an insurance view.
 - Sand donation from County:
 - * Chris to call LSC about possible trucking, Jeff to call for additional trucks
 - * Buck Dyck to be contacted about use of track hoe to dig out sand
 - * Will ask about reject for the base before digging out actual sand
 - * If things come together, base to be hauled and packed while sand to be place in a pile down the center of the arena until interior work is completed.
 - Youth Dance (October 30, 2015):
 - * Ages 10 and up... 8 pm till midnight
 - * DJ in place
 - * Hall to be booked. Discussion of the possibility of getting the hall for free (Debbie to look into it)
 - * Concession to use left over stock from Rodeo (pop, Chips, Choc bars)
 - * Admission \$5 if dressed in costume (\$7 if not)
 - * Debbie will organize all details. Noted that a few volunteers are needed

- Horse Sales:
 - * Chris reported that he was approached by VJV with an interest in renting our new facility to hold Horse Sales in the future (starting this spring).
 - * Discussion ensued
 - * Board felt that it should be revisited this spring with VJV approaching the board with more detailed information

3. Marketing:

- Website to be up and running for sure in October. Designer would like to present it at our next meeting before publishing it to the internet. Board agreed and group phot will be taken at that time. Website design done free of charge at a value of \$2500.00
- Briget to attend Marketing Course on her time
- List of pkg presentations still need to be sent to Maxine
- Thank you pictures to Rodeo sponsors need to be printed out and framed. Debbie will get pictures done, Maxine to purchase frames.

4. Fundraising:

- Debbie reported on grants
 - * Aviva Community Fund opens Sept 15, 2015. Debbie and Briget will work on entry submission.
 - * Received rejection letter from AgriSpirit Fund and Coop Community Spaces Grant
- Debbie would like to do a bottle drive next month. Discussion re volunteers and dates ensued. Board decided to advertise Debbie to be a drop off point and that dependant on the response a date for return would be set.
- BINGO application on hold due to talks of amalgamation of both Bonnyville and St. Paul associations.

Correspondence:

NIL as Jeannette is away

Unfinished Business:

1. Mediation between Seniors and RLRAS as requested by County:
 - * Two reps required from both organizations as well as County
 - * RLRAS representatives, Don Kossey and Roger Harbord have both volunteered and Don sent the info into the County
 - * County Reps are Councillor John Nowak and Robert Richard
 - * No Reps from GAP have been selected
 - * Discussion ensued as to how long this will drag on. Board suggested that RLRAS compose a letter to be sent to the County with a set of our bylaws requesting to see a copy of GAP by laws and asking that a deadline for mediation be set.
 - * Don to compose and send letter. Debbie to get Don a copy of our by laws.

New Business:

1. Public Meeting:
 - * Discussion ensued as to the need for this
 - * Date for Community Info Session set for Oct 20, 2015 from 7:30 pm- 8:00 pm
 - * To be advertised on Facebook and via newspaper
2. Capital/Operating Budget:
 - * Due prior to Sept 30, 2015
 - * Don to prepare and email with a request for special meeting for approval prior to submission

Round Table

Noted that next meetings regular date is set for Thanksgiving. Board postponed until October 19, 2015. Noted that was election day. Meeting to be held at Maxine Whelen's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm by President, Don Kossey