

APRIL 27TH - MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA

Minutes read.

Treasurers report read.

Old Business

- Treadmill has been bought.
- Photocopier has been bought.
- Have business cards.
- Attended Area Meeting in Duck Lake.

New Business

- Trauma and Grief Workshop in Saskatoon May 28 - 31, 1998.
- Received cheque from Fort MacLeod for statue of Jerry Potts.
- Letter from Philip Chartier - Minister (METSU)
- Batoche National Historic Park
 - Tenders for Concession Booth
- WRH Council Meeting
 - 10:00 a.m. Saturday May 9th, 1998
- Reports

Donations

- Tony and Verna Petit
- Joyce Phaneuf
- Metis Women's Association

Thank You

- St. Louis Parish
- Lakeview Pioneer Lodge
- Ulrick McDougall

Other Business

Next Meeting

- May 25th, 1998?

Adjourn Meeting

Western Region II Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

April 16, 1998

Dear Presidents of Western Region II:

Well another Western Region II Council Meeting will be held on May 9, 1998, at the St. Louis Metis Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is due to some Presidents being unable to attend a meeting the first Saturday of May.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- 1) OPEN MEETING
- 2) READ MINUTES/ADOPT AGENDA
- 3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - A. WESTERN REGION II EXECUTIVE
 - B. UPDATE: METC. YOUTH MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
 - C. BATOCHÉ COMMITTEE
- 4) NEW BUSINESS
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
- 5) ADJOURN MEETING.

Hopefully all of you will attend and bring a guest if you wish. However only Presidents will be able to vote.

Yours Sincerely,



Peter Rudyck

WESTERN REGION II
INFORMATION MEETING
APRIL 4, 1998

1. REGIONAL DIRECTOR OPENED MEETING
2. PRAYER BRIAN D'AMOUR
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY ROY FREDRICK. SECONDED BY BARRY ROBERTSON.
CARRIED.
4. STEERING COMMITTEE FOR METIS YOUTH MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER
FLOOR OPENED FOR NOMINATION
MIKE POCHA NOMINATED BRIAN D'AMOUR
TRYGVE LEE NOMINATES TOM GERARD
PAT LETENDRE NOMINATES TRYGVE LEE
TRYGVE LEE NOMINATES PAT LETENDRE
TOM GERARD NOMINATES JOHN DORION
GARY SINCLAIR NOMINATES DWAYNE DAVIDSON

MONA RUDYCK MOVES NOMINATIONS CEASE. SECONDED BY GARY SINCLAIR. CARRIED.

MOTION 1: TOM GERARD MAKES MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT JOHN DORION FOR POSITION
ON STEERING COMMITTEE.

SECONDED BY TRYGVE LEE. DEFEATED.

MOTION 2: MIKE POCHA MOTIONS THAT WE ACCEPT THESE 5 PEOPLE PLUS THE AREA
DIRECTOR-PETER RUDYCK TO THIS COMMITTEE.

SECONDED BY BILL DEMRY. CARRIED.

5. METC REPORT BY TRACY MEYERS
INDICATING SERVICES, PROCESS, PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. AND VARIOUS PARTNERING
ENDEAVORS TO EXPAND THE EMPLOYMENT CENTERS FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES.
COMPLETE WITH ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PAST 7 MONTHS.

* Verna Norton and Darlene McKay questioned why Selection Committee was not involved in
processing students for Qu Appelle program.

* Merrill Fiddler noted that he has access to all written material and student information from the
METC, as he knew information as to who the 16 or 17 students were that applied for the QuAppelle
partnership program, and that he did not think that the Director and Counselor were doing their jobs
according to his sources.

MOTION 3: VERNA HENRY NORTON THAT THE METC BOARD THAT WAS ELECTED AT
SHELL LAKE ALONG WITH THE CURRENT SELECTION COMMITTEE GET TOGETHER
IMMEDIATELY TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN OF ACTION.

SECONDED BY PAT LETENDRE. CARRIED.

MOTION 4: TOM GERARD MOTIONS THAT WE REMOVE THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
FROM THE LAST MOTION.

SECONDED BY MAVIS PRIDHAM. CARRIED.

MOTION 5: MONA RUDYCK MOVES TO ACCEPT METC REPORT. SECONDED BY PAT
LETENDRE. CARRIED.

6. METIS ADDICTIONS CENTER REPORT BY LAURIE DAGENAULT INDICATING WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ADDICTIONS COUNCIL IN PRINCE ALBERT. ALSO INDICATING THAT A YOUTH/FAMILY COUNCILOR AND CASUAL WORKERS/APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

MONA RUDYCK MAKES MOTION TO ACCEPT MACSI REPORT. SECONDED BY BARRY ROBERTSON. CARRIED.

7. NO ONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE FOR NCC REPORT.

MOTION 6: ROY FREDRICK MAKE MOTION TO PUT ROBERT DOUCETTE'S NEXT. SECONDED BY GARY SINCLAIR. CARRIED.

8. PROVINCIAL METIS COUNCIL SECRETARY- ROBERT DOUCETTE SPOKE IN REGARDS TO THE CREDIBILITY NEEDED TO CREATE AUTONOMY AND PRIDE IN THE METIS MEMBERSHIP. ALSO ROBERT NEEDS PICTURE OF PRESIDENTS. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS. ADDRESSES. MEMBERSHIP LISTS. LAST ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES. AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IN EACH LOCAL. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE .

MOTION 7: TRYGVE LEE MOTIONS TO ACCEPT ROBERT'S REPORT. SECONDED BY PAT LETENDRE. CARRIED.

9. CLAUDETTE LAVERNE MOTIONS TO ADJOURN MEETING. BARRY ROBERTSON SECONDS CARRIED.

58 WESTERN REGION II MEMBERS SIGNED REGISTER AT BEGINNING OF MEETING

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
WESTERN REGION II-MNS
MEETING APRIL 4, 1998

1. Regional Director Peter Rudyck called meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

2. Read letter regarding appeal of Merrill Fiddler against newly elected Regional Director Peter Rudyck, which indicates that the Senate Appeals Commission will continue to recognize the official count of the February 21, 1998 election for Western Region II.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Under New Business i) Understanding for P.A. Locals
ii) Brian D'Amour /MACSI
iii) Youth Multipurpose Center
iv) Locals wishing to report anything.

Adopted by Ray Fidler and Seconded by Barry Robertson. Carried

4. Regional Director Peter Rudyck reported that since the election he has visited all Metis Affiliates in WRJII, METC, MACSI, visited various people, and attended the PMC meeting on March 26, 1998. Was placed as Associate Minister for 2 Portfolio's-Health, Internal MNS Governance Committee, and 3rd Associate Minister for Back to Batoche. Now with the official Count and Appeals completed we may get down to business of having a good working area.

Some Presidents expressed concern on booth rental, etc. for Back to Batoche. Peter asked for letter from these individuals and he will take it to the next Back to Batoche Meeting with the Minister.

5. Minutes of last meeting were read by Pat Letendre, November 1, 1998.

Adopted as read by Gary Sinclair. Seconded by Barry Robertson. Carried.

6. Old Business

* METC-Verna Norton noted - Student selections have not been in place, should not be taken board should be in charge of student selection. Staff are not working for best interest of students. Need to re-post all positions, no input. After elections we are supposed to be getting center back.

* Locals are not being informed regarding METC.

* Verna Norton noted staff contracts should be put on hold for METC.

* Merrill Fiddler noted-bring someone to evaluate staff. Why are we settling for less money?

Stack of people (applications) 4 high. Have Student loan, its for people who need more money. Try to get more money.

Motion 980441: Dwayne Davidson motioned that Philip Chartier return the power of METC Office to Board Of Western Region II put in place at Shell Lake, and that all contracts that are presently held-staff and students be put on hold until the Western Region II METC Board can review.

Seconded by Roy Fredrick. Carried.

Motion 980442: Trygve Lee motioned our Area Director contact Perry Chaboyer and get confirmation on this letter through explanation and find out if it is tied into RBA.

Seconded by Roy Fredrick. Carried. all in favor.

New Business

i) * Merril Fiddler read Memorandum of Understanding indicating Urban Rural split proposed by the 3 PA Presidents. Merril Fiddler #109. Darlene McKay #7. and Barry Robertson #269. Three locals have come to an agreement to work together.

* Morley Norton noted they would like to do this.

* Gary Sinclair spoke against this indicating that PA only wants control of everything.

* Trygve Lee indicated that enumeration should be completed, and this is something that does not need to be brought to the Regional Council.

* Remaining Presidents felt it was trying to create another area and Dwayne Davidson noted that WR II needs autonomy.

* This issue is tabled until a public meeting called by the Regional Director -Peter Rudyck, for this information to be shared with the 3 PA Local membership.

ii) Motion 980443: Barry Robertson motioned that Brian D'Amour be an Elder/Advisor to the MACSI Center in Prince Albert.

Seconded by Pat Letendre. All in favor. Carried.

iii) Motion 980444: Mona Rudyck motions a **Metis Youth Multi-Purpose Center**. Whereas the Metis Youth in Western Region II do not have a facility in which they can develop their culture and that will prepare them for mainstream society; **Whereas** current services being offered to Metis youth in Western Region II (Prince Albert) at this time are best described as ill defined, sporadic and ineffective; **Be it resolved** that the members of Western Region II, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan approve the establishment of a Metis Youth Multi-Purpose Center for Western Region II; **Be it Further Resolved** that the members of Western Region II, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan approve the establishment of a Steering Committee for the Metis Youth Multi-Purpose Center with representation from the Metis National Council of Canada, Provincial Metis Council, Youth, Elders, and General Membership of Western Region II.

Seconded by Mavis Pridham. All in favor. Carried.

iv) Motion 980445: Ray Fidler motions that the Regional Director contact the Elections Commission so locals are paid for rentals from elections.

Seconded by Barry Robertson. Carried.

7) General Discussion decision by PMC to not receive memberships from locals. Genealogy.

* Boundaries for locals, should it go according to mailing address.

* Frozen memberships. Presidents can issue but not register with MNS.

* Several locals noted that Membership living in all areas.

* Genealogy should be followed.

* Merril Fiddler noted that the PMC had no right to stop the city from recruiting membership.

* PA Locals indicated that the 3 will sit and go through local lists.

* Merril indicated that local 109 has 2000 members.

* Locals close to PA indicate that people have joined their locals because of the friction in PA Locals.

Motion 980446: Trygve Lee motions to ask for Constitutional amendments on Boundaries, regarding local Membership.

Seconded by Barry Robertson. Carried.

Motion 980447: Roy Fredrick motions that all Presidents in Western Region II have lists of members and annual local elections to Regional Director by June, 1998.

Seconded by Pat Letendre. Carried.

Motion 980448: Merril Fiddler motions that PMC does not have right to suspend local memberships.

Seconded by Trygve Lee. Carried.

8.) Barry Robertson adjourned meeting at 12:15. seconded by Gary Sinclair. Carried.

PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

ROY FREDRICK	LOCAL 121	SHELLBROOK/CANWOOD	[REDACTED]
ERNEST VANDALE	LOCAL 61	DEBDEN	4 [REDACTED]
BETTY FITZSIMMONS	LOCAL 43	KINISTINO	[REDACTED]
DARLENE MCKAY	LOCAL 7	PRINCE ALBERT	[REDACTED]
MERRIL FIDDLER (REP. LOIS FIDLER)	LOCAL 109	PRINCE ALBERT	[REDACTED] 2
BARRY ROBERTSON	LOCAL 269	PRINCE ALBERT	7 [REDACTED]
RAY FIDLER	LOCAL 51	BATOCHÉ	[REDACTED] 5
CLAUDETTE LAVERNE	LOCAL 28	ST. LOUIS	[REDACTED] 7
BLANCH E. POTT	LOCAL 81	SHELL LAKE	[REDACTED]
TRYGVE LEE	LOCAL 108	CHRISTOPHER LAKE	[REDACTED] 8
MAVIS PRIDHAM (REP. JANE SMITH)	LOCAL 83	MACDOWALL	[REDACTED]
MONA RUDYCK	LOCAL 10	DUCK LAKE	[REDACTED]
DWAYNE DAVIDSON	LOCAL 59	BIG RIVER	[REDACTED]
GARY SINCLAIR	LOCAL 168	LILY PLAIN	7 [REDACTED]

APRIL 27TH, 1998 - ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA

- Opening prayer.
- Secretary reads minutes of last Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Annual report
- President's report
- Guests: Robert Doucette
Peter Rudyck
- Elections for Committees
 - Finance
 - Education
 - Recreation
 - Point System
- Review of By-Laws: Any changes must be done at this time.
- Adjourn meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for attending our 1998 Annual Meeting. This past year has been an interesting one. There has been some rough spots over the past year in our Region. There have also been some positive changes in our region such as the elections. Which has cleared up the problem of who is recognized as our Area Director in our region. Peter Rudyck is now Area Director. We also have a new provincial executive.

President: Clem Chartier

Vice-President: Murray Hamilton

Treasurer: Allan Morin

Secretary: Robert Doucette

At this time I would like to thank our local executive, Marlene Vandale as Vice-President, Lucille Crivea as Treasurer, and Trevor McNabb as Secretary for all their hard work, dedication and support. They've been a great group of people to work with. Our senator John Boucher, elders Evelyn Richard, Raymond Boucher and Oscar Regnier are valuable assets to our local and willingly share their wisdom and experiences. I would also like to thank our committee members who have been willing to help out, whenever the need arose. There's an important group of people I would also like to mention and that is the people who regularly attend our monthly meetings.

Without this presence we would not be able to carry out our local business. I truly appreciate your loyalty to the Metis Nation and especially to our local. I realize that there are many members who would like to attend but because of other commitments are unable to attend. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years. We have a purpose and our work must continue. Some of the major highlights over the past year include:

Several donations:

- IMED Grant
- Family Benefit program
- Minor Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Christmas Party
- Treadmill for the Sunset View Lodge
- Community Donations
- Support for Bob Rock's "Missing Bell of Batoche" tele-play

Members were sent to the Annual Meeting in Shell Lake, the Metis Legislative Assembly, the Annual General Meeting in Batoche and Saskatoon, the court hearing in Regina for hunting rights, the Awasis Conference in Saskatoon and to Regional presidents meetings.

As you can see, we have had a very busy year.

Thank You

Claudette Lavergne

BY-LAWS OF THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN
ST. LOUIS LOCAL #28

BY-LAW 1: Name of Organization

1. Metis Nation of Saskatchewan St. Louis Local #28

BY-LAW 2: St. Louis Local #28 Head Office

1. The head office shall be at the Community Centre in St. Louis with a designated office within the Community Centre.

BY-LAW 3: Membership

1. a) Membership is comprised of the Aboriginal people known as "Metis" and who meet the criteria in sub-section b).
b) A Metis is a person of Aboriginal ancestry who:
 - i) Can provide proof of his/her ancestry.
 - ii) Declares himself/herself to be Metis.
 - iii) Meets one of the following tests:
 - a) Is accepted as a Metis by the community.
 - b) Has traditionally held himself/herself out to be a Metis.
 - c) Has been recognized by the community at large as a Metis.
2. Any Metis who is a member of a duly registered Local is a member of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
3. A member shall only belong to one (1) Local.
4. Members shall be issued a membership card.
 - a) This card shall provide lifetime membership in the organization.
 - b) Membership cards shall be numbered and a register maintained by the Executive in the Head Office and along with the Local. Replacement cards shall retain the original number.
 - c) There shall be a fee for membership cards. This fee shall be governed by the Membership.
 - d) Membership cards shall be issued by the President or Secretary of a duly registered Local upon completion of the designated form.
5. Where there is a dispute as to membership, a ruling shall be made by the Senate, with a final right of appeal to the Metis Nation Assembly, the decision of which shall be final and binding.
6. A person applying for a membership card shall come in person to a meeting with proof of family history.

BY-LAW 4: Executive

1. There shall be four Executive members which will be voted on at the Local.
2. The Executive shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. The term of office for the Vice-President and Secretary will expire in 1996 and the term of office will then be for three years. The term of office for the President and Treasurer will expire in 1997 and with terms of office for three years there after.

4. a) The President of Local #28 shall be the head of the Executive and chief political spokesperson for the organization.
b) The President shall assign and recommend portfolios subject to the approval of the Executive.
5. If needed the Executive will meet once a month and three Executive members will constitute a quorum. Either one of the four will be able to call the meeting.
6. The Executive shall give a report on any meeting affecting Local #28.
7. Where a vacancy is created for any reason, the Executive will call an election from the Local membership at a monthly meeting and an interim Executive member shall serve until the next election.

BY-LAW 5: Locals

1. a) The Local shall be made up of at least nine members.
b) Nine members will constitute a quorum.
2. New members will be accepted by the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and by the Local Executive.
3. The Executive will adopt rules pertaining to the admission and expulsion of non-Metis people.
4. Each Local shall be governed by an elected leadership as determined through the By-Laws of the Local, which may be by ballot box or conducted at a General Assembly of the Local membership.
5. a) Any Metis who is sixteen years of age or older and is a member of Local #28 shall be entitled to vote.
b) Any Metis who is sixteen years of age or older and is a member of Local #28 in good standing shall be entitled to seek office. Prior to the elections, to be a member in good standing, a member must attend a minimum of six (6) meetings in the twelve months prior to the election for executive and committees.
6. Local #28 shall enact By-Laws which are not inconsistent of the Provincial Constitution, including the establishment of portfolios, committees or other bodies required to address community and other issues and such Local By-Laws shall be registered with the Regional and Head offices of the organization.
7. The Locals shall provide yearly updates of their membership to the Regional and Head offices, separating those members who are under sixteen years of age from those sixteen and over.
8. a) Local #28 will have committees consisting of:
 - Finance
 - Training and Employment
 - Education
 - Justice and Social Services
 - Human Resources, Labour and Administration
 - Youth Recreation and Culture
 - Health
 - Environment, Natural Resources and Land
 - Economic Development and Trade
 - Communications

- Intergovernment Affairs and Urban Development
 - Community Affairs and Electoral Reform
 - Housing
 - Point Membership
- b) Each committee shall have a designated chairperson and this person must attend a minimum of six (6) meetings in the twelve months prior to the election of committees. The committee members shall serve two years in their position.
9. Local #28 may seek the necessary finances and resources to carry out their programs, services and objectives.
10. A Point System will be put in place for all members. These points will determine eligibility for benefits to these recipients.

BY-LAW 6: Elections

1. Any member who is sixteen years of age or older may vote within Local #28. Any person who is running for an Executive position in Local #28 must be a member for at least twelve (12) months.
2. a) Elections for Local #28 of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall be held on the date set by the Local #28 Executive, at the Annual meeting.
b) At that time the President will hand the chair to the Elder. At that time nominations will be announced and seconders. Time limit will be Elder's choice. After the election for the Executive, the Committee members will be nominated and elected.
3. Elections for Local #28 shall be held with one month posted notice.
4. The Executive for Local #28 shall be elected by the majority of vote of the Local #28 at the Local polls by secret ballot.
5. a) A Metis Elections Committee composed of three Local #28 members is empowered to oversee and conduct the general elections and by-elections of Local #28.
b) The terms of office of the Elections Committee shall cease at the first regular meeting of Local #28.
c) The Elections Committee shall be named by the Elder or Elders and shall be appointed at the Local #28 regular monthly meeting one month prior to the Election and nominations for Executive will take place.
d) When the election or by-election date has been set and the election called by the Local #28, the Elections Committee shall have sole authority and responsibility to conduct the election and shall be independent and answerable only to the Elder or Elders.
e) The Elder or Elders shall appoint the chief Electoral officer and other required personnel.
f) The Elder and Elections Committee shall be solely responsible for official recounts and appeals. The decisions of the Elder shall be final and binding.
6. When nominations close and until candidates are officially elected, the Elder shall be solely responsible for conducting the affairs and activities of the Local.
7. All defeated or retiring candidates who were on the Executive prior to the election shall be entitled to receive their monetary salary to date and any records pertaining to the Local #28 shall be handed over.

BY-LAW 7: Annual Meeting

1. An Annual meeting, composed of the members of Local #28, shall be called by the Executive every year.
2. The Annual meeting shall provide a forum whereby the members of Local #28 will receive information, review developments and provide guidance to the Executive and discuss, clarify, amend, vote on and ratify amendments to the By-Laws.
3. That Local #28 has a yearly financial audit done by an independent auditor. The report shall be made available to the Local members ten days prior to the Annual meeting and the said report shall be presented by the Local treasurer.

BY-LAW 8: Elders, Women and Youth

1. The Local #28 shall make these items a priority and shall involve the Elders, Women and Youth in the determination of their role responsibilities with the Local #28.
2. The Metis women of Local #28 shall be designated one (1) seat in the Annual meeting. This provision shall cease to apply when women have achieved equitable representation in the Local #28 Executive in Local #28.
3. That appointments to vacancies as an Elder/Elders be made at Local #28 meetings. Further, that Elders appointments be for a lifetime. If in the event that one of the Elders is unable to fulfill his/her duties, another Elder shall be appointed by Local #28.
4. That the Elder/Elders be given power to resolve disputes occurring in Local #28. The decisions of the Elder or Elders shall be final and binding.
5. That the Elders be represented by male and/or female and not to exceed three (3) Elders.

BY-LAW 9: Metis Independence

1. Whereas the Metis are seeking self-government as a third order of government within Canada, the organization, the organization shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan.
2. The loyalty of the members of Local #28 must be to the Metis People and Nation. The Executive members shall swear an oath of Allegiance prior to taking office accepted by the Elder on behalf of Local #28.
3. The Executive shall be held responsible and accountable to the members of Local #28.
4. Members of Local #28 are not precluded from joining political parties of the two other orders of government, being the federal and provincial levels of government.
5. Any Local Executive member of Local #28 who chooses to seek the nominations of any Provincial or Federal political party in any provincial or federal election shall take a leave of absence from his/her position.

BY-LAW 10: Amending Formula

1. The constitution shall only be amended by the majority of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Annual meeting.

BY-LAW 11: Implementation

1. The By-Laws shall take effect upon its adoption by the Annual Assembly subject to the amendments validly passed by two thirds of the members present and the conclusion of the Annual meeting. Upon the happening of these two conditions all previous By-Laws of the Local #28 are invalid and this By-Law shall constitute the sole By-Laws of the Local #28, until otherwise determined by the Local #28.

BY-LAW 12: Dissolution

1. Should the Local #28 dissolve, the Executive in power at that time will call a general membership meeting to determine what will be done with all moneys (including all accounts) pertaining to Local #28. All moneys raised from any bingo activity (including Nevada's) shall have to go through the Gaming Commission.