

# EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA HERITAGE SOCIETY

## Director's Meeting Stettler Board Of Trade October 28, 2013

Present: Norma Leslie, Charlie Usher, John Grant, Al Leinweber, Edna Stuart, Alan Willis, Allan Avaramenko, Bob Willis, Bruce Gartside, John Mitchell, Ken Walker.

1. Norma Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. Charlie Usher moved to approve the Agenda, carried.
3. Allan Avaramenko moved to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2013 meeting. John Grant seconded. Carried
4. **Business** Arising from Minutes
  - a. Bob Willis reported that ties have been laid to Hwy 601 and rail has been lifted up on the ties to within a few feet of the highway.
  - b. Peggy Birse, who has been appointed as special project consultant to Western Diversification, paid a visit the ECAHS rail project. She has also been appointed by Canadian Badlands to look after this project and others. Our project is supposed to be done but there are so many restrictions laid done that there is actually very little time during each summer when work on the rail can take place.
  - c. The Buffalo Lake Naturalists have done the annual bird house servicing in the Linear Parks, a copy of their findings was distributed. Overall the bird count has increased. Cleaning the houses and recording results, including occupancy by different species, requires a lot of time and patience. The society paid the naturalist for their time and expenses.
  - d. Tree removal in Donalda – Bruce is waiting for response from Byron Norman with his thoughts on what should be done.
  - e. Bob Willis investigation of taxes is ongoing.
  - f. After some discussion it was decided that we need to come to some sort of decision shortly regarding Amish Morjaria's presentation.
5. **Correspondence**

Darlene Trantrum sent email suggesting that maybe we set up an information booth at Big Valley's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.
6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Statement for October 28, 2013 was presented by Bob Willis. The same was discussed and Al Leinweber moved to accept it. Bruce Gartside seconded it and it was carried.

**Accounts Payable**

Alberta Prairie (Interest) \$1905.74

Alan Willis moved we pay this, Roger Lee seconded. Carried

**7. Fund Raising**

Department of Municipal Affairs has a new program requiring 2 or more municipalities to get together to fund a studies and regional project collaboration.

Potential Funding Opportunities - We probably do not qualify for more CFEP funding because we are still working our first project. Going forward we will be making application for maximum funding which is \$125,000.

Norma Leslie suggested that we could set up Friends of Railway as a way of getting more funding. Al Avaramenko said we had to be very careful about how you used that.

Fund Raising Committee would like a captain to lead the pack. We need volunteers for this committee. We also need some suggestions as to how to get younger members.

**8. New Business**

It was suggested that we look at our mission statement and goals to come up with some way to get new members and new funding. Bob Willis will email the same out to our members.

**9. Adjournment** – Allan Avaramenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**10. Next Meeting** – November 25, 2013.

Chairperson

  
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Secretary

  
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