

Lebret Metis Cultural Days 2004  
Organizing Committee Meeting  
April 24, 2003

In Attendance:

Allister Blondeau

Nelson Kingston

Denise Lagace

Absent:

Ralph Blondeau

Lois Blondeau

Wilfred Blondeau

Gerard Lagace

1. Minutes from April 3 meeting read by Denise - no errors or omissions - carried by Al Blondeau.
2. We need to develop program for M/C prior to Metis Day Celebrations.
3. Al will be sending another letter to Gary Bedore to request permission to have access to the farm and the hall for meetings. He will also be requesting a key for the hall. Al will also be contacting Bernard Tripp regarding his participation in the organizing committee.
4. Denise will be sending a letter to Patricia Fayant - President of the Lebret Local acknowledging their participation in the Cultural Days and attendance at future meetings. She will also request that Lebret Local send a letter advising that they accept and support the committee's efforts to put on cultural days.
5. Nelson advises he has spoken to "The Beach People" and they will be in Lebret that weekend and more than willing to assist in any way that they can.
6. Wilf has forwarded application to Gabriel Dumont Technical Institute for a grant to the attention of Geordie McCaffrey and it has been given to Cheryl Troupe. It would appear that we qualify for a Metis Cultural Development Fund Grant however we are required to fill out two more application forms - 1 with profile which Wilf will take care of and 1 with three support letters.
7. Denise will be sending a letter to Johnny Fayant confirming booking of his band for the weekend at a cost of \$4,000 and request that further comments or questions regarding the weekend should be directed to Gerard.
8. Another letter will be sent to Gary Bedore regarding upgrades to the farm. Gerard has determined that a bleacher will require 260' of steel at \$1.25/foot, he feels it is unlikely that we will get it for free. Nelson will be writing a letter to IPSCO as well as Fries Tallman Lumber (1976) Ltd for supplies to build the bleachers. Need to get info from Gerard regarding the type of steel as well as how much lumber we require.

A letter will be sent to Paul Tourond A/Regional Director regarding the Training Program and a carbon copy will be sent to Lorna Docken. If no reply received from farm Lorna Docken will be contacted direct.

9. Nelson has revised program with regards to the Chuckwagon and Chariot races and a copy of the new program is included with these minutes.

The Chuckwagon/Chariot club has their own insurance. Marilyn Gibson advised that we need to sign a contract with them. A camp area for the drivers/teams/etc will be defined at the farm and we will ensure that water is available in the track area.

Al still needs to contact Joy LaFramboise regarding the jigging demonstration.

Paddy Fay has advised that he will assist in the set up of the beef pits, he maybe working that weekend but will provide the necessary direction to ensure that the beef gets cooked.

Hamburger/Hot dog sales. The Fort Rotary Club rent the BBQ at \$50/day plus you have to pay for your propane. Denise will be sending a letter advising that we require the BBQ for Friday/Saturday and Sunday.

10. Nelson will contact Dept of Highways regarding access to the farm off #10 Highway.
11. No advance registration forms being sent out. Nelson does suggest that letters be sent to decedents of the farm families. Al will email Nelson and Denise the list of farm families.
12. Al sending letters to SaskTel/SaskPower and Energy, Aboriginal Affairs and Heritage Canada in the next week requesting funding. A response was received from Joan Beatty Minister of Culture and Youth and she advises that no funding is available from her department.
13. Next meeting May 15, 1 p.m. at the hall at the farm.