

Delta Marsh History Initiative, Steering Committee Meeting

9:00 am, 17 October 2007

Home of Shirley Christianson, Portage la Prairie

Present: Barry Bills, Maurice Blanchard, Shirley Christianson, Gordon Goldsborough (sec),
Bob Jones, Winnie Pauch, Glen Suggett

1. **Minutes** of the last meeting (29 May 2007) were approved by consensus.
2. **Business**
 - a) *Long Time Fishers Awards* – Goldsborough will forward information on this program to Pauch.
 - b) *Campbell House* – It is still unfinished. A small group was at Fort La Reine Museum on Canada Day, but no big event as anticipated.
 - c) *Oakland book* – Goldsborough will contact Darlene Rice Doty to ask on status of photograph copies she promised to provide, and Oakland book. Christianson noted that the Poplar Point local history books will be available at a launch on 10 November, at a cost of \$80 each.
 - d) *Conservator* – Goldsborough provided copies of a special waterfowling heritage issue of *The Conservator*, the Ducks Unlimited Canada magazine, containing an article he wrote on Donald Bain and Mallard Lodge. It has a sidebar on our Delta history project and a link to our web site.
 - e) *Delta photos* – An album of Delta photographs were loaned to Christianson by Les Green, who located them among photos loaned to him for a feature he is writing on Portage la Prairie in 1910.
 - f) *Contacts* – Frank Upward ran the mail truck to Delta for 21 years in the 1970s. Jones knows him. He is retired, in his 80s.
 - g) *Book completion* – We discussed the mechanics of how to proceed to finish the book. We need to “flesh out” a more detailed outline. A one-day strategy session at the field station was proposed. It will be our next meeting.
 - h) *Christmas dinner* – Possible dates for our annual dinner at the field station are Wednesday, 12 December or Thursday, 13 December.
3. **Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the Delta Marsh Field Station at **9:00 am on Wednesday, 21 November 2007**. (An alternate, if needed, is Friday, 30 November.)
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.