

Delta Marsh History Initiative, Steering Committee Meeting
9:00 am, 25 April 2005
Home of Shirley Christianson, Portage la Prairie

Present: Barry Bills, Maurice Blanchard, Shirley Christianson, Denzil Gamble, Gordon Goldsborough (sec), Heidi den Haan, Bob Jones, Cynthia Jordan, Winnie Pauch, Glen Suggett

1. **Minutes** of the last meeting (21 March) were approved by consensus with the following corrections: 2d) "Alvin Vust" should be "Merle Vust", and 2e) "Jordana" should be changed to "Jordan."
2. **Business**
 - a) *Elder's meeting* – It was attended by about five people. We will have to do one-on-one interviews with a few key people.
 - b) *Writing progress report* – No progress has been made since the last meeting due to flooding at the Delta Marsh Field Station. Suggett has spoken with Bill Carmichael regarding photos (he has a few, and will help find a family album). Jordan suggested Ken Lyon of Portage la Prairie (857-6466) as a Tin Town informant.
 - c) *Women's meeting* – den Haan will write a summary of this meeting.
 - d) *Fish Fry* – Blanchard's company will donate items for a silent auction. Goldsborough will make posters (about 100) and deliver them to Christianson for distribution. den Haan will call the RM to insert a note about the fish fry into the tax notices that are going out soon to Delta cottagers.
 - e) *Farmer meeting* – The meeting was informative but not especially well attended, but we had the RM Reeve and our local Councilor at it.
 - f) *Fishermen's meeting* – The meeting was informative but, like the farmer meeting, not especially well attended. We should definitely arrange follow-up meetings with Bill Hutchinson and Maurice Blanchard.
 - g) *List of prospective book buyers* – There are a few names on the list already.
 - h) *Meighen* – Christianson received two copies of drawings or paintings of Arthur Meighen from his grandson (Senator Michael Meighen) for a commemorative display on prominent local politicians that she is planning, tentatively for Fort La Reine Museum.
3. **Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Christianson (118 Wilkinson Crescent, Portage la Prairie) at **9:00 am on Tuesday, 31 May 2005**.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.