

Delta Marsh History Initiative, Steering Committee Meeting

9:00 am, 1 March 2010

Home of Shirley Christianson, Portage la Prairie

**Present:** Barry Bills, Shirley Christianson, Heidi den Haan, Gordon Goldsborough (sec), Bob Jones, Cynthia Jordan, Glen Suggett

1. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were circulated and corrected. 2E) “Stevenson” should be “Anderson”.
2. **Business**
  - a) *Solomon memoir* – Goldsborough will contact Alice Solomon’s daughter to see if we could get a better-quality scans of the memoir photos, maybe to produce a revised version?
  - b) *den Haan progress update* – She spent three days at the provincial archives. She found considerable material on negative views of Jimmy Robinson by Bell and Hochbaum, that he was a killer, not a conservationist. James Ford Bell was very involved in the day-to-day operations at Delta, sending several letters per week at times. They wanted Tom Naylor’s lot to expand the station but he would not cooperate. Other details: there were problems with the Wildlife Foundation in 1948; Kirchhoffer Lodge was moved in 1950; Ed Ward was hired to address a need for a full-time caretaker; details on the method of construction of the original Kirchhoffer Lodge (lumber was carried through the marsh); Cadham Lodge and property was given to Delta
  - c) *Suggett progress update* – He is still editing the Pauch text and expect to have it done by the time she returns from holiday, and hopefully by the time of our next meeting. He is halfway through a chronological history of Delta Beach. He is adding a few additional dates and events. Gaps: he needs information on St. Ambrose equivalent to the level of detail for Delta. Our interview with long-term residents was not as thorough. Poplar Point has some information on Sts. Marks.
  - d) *To do* – Goldsborough will do PCC and Lakewood; den Haan will do Delta Waterfowl; Jones will do history of marsh management. Suggett thinks we are on track for completion of at least a rough draft by May.
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 Wednesday, 21 April 2010.**
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.