

Delta Marsh History Initiative, Steering Committee Meeting

9:00 am, 2 October 2009

Home of Shirley Christianson, Portage la Prairie

Present: Shirley Christianson, Myrna Mackey, Heidi den Haan, Gordon Goldsborough (sec),
Bob Jones, Glen Suggett, Winnie Pauch, Barry Bills

1. **Minutes** of the previous meeting (18 March 2009) were circulated and corrected. 2A) The search for Kirchhoffer in the *Free Press* archive found a few hits, not a few hundred. 2C) Spelling: Andruchuk; Kirchhoffer; the Maud scrapbook is in the hands of a granddaughter in Colorado.

2. **Business**

- a) *Book publishing* – Goldsborough described his discussion with David Carr of the University of Manitoba Press. Although interested in our project in principle, Carr made clear that it would be subject to their normal peer-review process which would lengthen the time to publication. Instead, he offered to make an introduction to Turnstone Press, a commercial publisher. After discussion, it was agreed that we would approach publishers in the following order: 1) Turnstone, 2) Great Plains, and 3) Heartland Associates.
- b) *Dunn memoir* – Goldsborough had received an inquiry of someone looking for a copy of the Delta memoir by Grace Dunn, wondering if we have a copy. Suggett believes that we have one and will look for it among our files.
- c) *Camp Jubilee* – Pauch described her work on the five church denominations involved (Trinity United Church, Church of Christ, Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian). Portage la Prairie mayor Henderson (a Presbyterian cleric) set up the Boy Scout camp as well. Ian Mackenzie (former Portage mayor, reporter and publisher) may know when the camp was set up. It was later turned over by the local group to a “Manitoba group” in the 1970s or ‘80s so they could pay taxes. The School Division turned the Delta school over to the Delta cottage association. When?
- d) *Military* – Mackey proposed asking soldiers to write about their experiences. She is attempting to obtain a “trunk” of information from Brenda (nee Borland).
- e) *Organization* – We need to work out how to proceed with writings by people as sections are done. Should we pass completed sections around to other committee members? Who reads them? Should we leave to the editor to make cohesive?
- f) *Oakland project* – Mackey will try calling Darlene Rice again to find out the status of the Oakland history project.

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 Friday, 13 November 2009**.

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.