

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Tumbler Ridge
August 25th, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:29pm with 9 people present: Sue Popseku, Brian Sipe, Heidi Kux-Kardos, Carole May Cote, Sonja Butts, Erin Hanna, Pat Markin, Barb Schuerkamp (Maureen Sywolos) Ellen Corea recorder

Approval of agenda with additions /Erin

Approval of minutes from last meeting – June 3rd, 2006 **Brian/Heidi passed**

Correspondence – list accepted as circulated.

Business Arising

1. Conference Bid Package – The members of the TR CAC stated that they are hesitant (because of the current oil activity and accommodation crunch in the area) to reapply for the ABCAC Conference.

Motion that the PLRAC would support any community in the PL Region that would like to make a bid package. Sonja/Carole May passed

2. Strategic Planning Outcomes TACSOTE – Pat reported on the Strategic Planning session in HH with Ellen. They have not had any meetings since but hard copies of the results were sent to the members and the results will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Some of the points reviewed were: Summer School of the Arts, Job Creation Program, and “being an umbrella organization for the arts in the community”
3. CIRAC - Northern BC Alliance – Sue went over the progress with the NBCA which has had initial meetings in Williams Lake, Dawson Creek, Prince George and Terrace. There was some discussion re CIRAC including the “North”, “Who is the North” when the NE did not request inclusion. CIRAC is not sure how the cultural corridor will work in our region. We will continue to monitor ongoing developments and bring any more information to the next meeting.
4. NEBCRRT (North Eastern BC Regional Round Table) membership – Brian went over this project which is federally funded and driven by NRAHTA. It will also be part of the Scenic Byways Project. From the discussion:

Motion to get a membership to NRAHTA

Sonja/Heidi passed

Motion to send a delegate to the NRAHTA conference (specifically the Regional Round Table Session on the 21st)

Brian/Sonja passed

Who ever is interested in attending will e-mail Ellen

5. Aboriginal Liaison – The policy was reviewed and
Motion to accept the policy as presented with spelling correction.

Brian/Sonja passed

New Business

1. Budget and Grant information from morning meeting – after some discussion the following items were added into the provisional budget:
 - ◆ Brochure: budgeted amount of \$2500
 - ◆ Advertising/Promotion
Increase our public image through promotion and advertising throughout the region.
Explore cost of NE News
 - ◆ Fairly compensate our financial reviewer for year end
 - ◆ Fairly compensate our artists through the art collection program
2. Website Development: Sue stated that it is important to proceed with the website development. From the discussion, Ellen was directed to begin the process of developing the website. She will get a quote which will include development and maintenance.

Reports

1. Treasurer – In Rosaleen's absence, Ellen presented financial statement.

Motion to accept the financial statement as presented

Sonja/Heidi passed

Motion to ratify the provisional budget for 2007 as presented

Carole May/Pat passed

2. Coordinator - Ellen presented a written report. Accepted for information.
3. President – Sue reviewed the Mission Conference. She also gave an overview of the Canada West Play Festival.
4. Theatre BC Rep – not available
5. BCTC Rep – Heidi stated that they had a meeting in June and the date for **Arts Week is February 3-10th**. She went to Pacific Contact and is trying to block book throughout the region.
6. ABCAC Rep –not available

Adjourned at 3:30pm

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

November 4 th	Chetwynd
January 27 th , 2007	Fort St. John

Diary: November 15th - B.C. Achievement Awards

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Fort Nelson
June 3rd, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm with 9 people present: Sue Popseku, Anna de Montezuma, Brian Sipe, Heidi Kux-Kardos, Lisa Bush, Doug Roper, Jan Edwards
Ellen Corea recorder

Approval of agenda with additions

Approval of minutes from last meeting – March 25th, 2006 Brian/Lisa passed

Correspondence – Chetwynd sent community report that was presented in the morning session.

Business Arising

1. Arts Week – Ellen reported on the arts week project - final report and the advertising.
2. Theatre BC Zone Festival – The results for the Zone Festival are published in the Newsletter. Pat Markin did a great job as coordinator and the fact that the event was in Hudson's Hope was a very positive step. Next year it will be in Dawson Creek.
3. RJAЕ Calendar – Ellen presented the Day Book that was made from the RJAЕ Winners and Honourable Mentions. She was fortunate to have sold 150 of them to the City of Dawson Creek which brought our cost per copy down and we will be able to sell the extras for \$25 each.
4. Conference Summary – Sue gave a report on the conference and felt that it was a very good event, with great presenters. She especially enjoyed the session on health and the Arts. She also said the session on increasing participation in the arts was very good and asked if we could reproduce this in our region.
5. Aboriginal Liaison – Ellen met with Theresa and they formatted a job description for this position. Everyone agreed that they would like to discuss it with Theresa there so it was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

1. Literary Series Funding Request – A request from Donna Kane was brought forward for a Grant for the Literary Series.
Motion to support the Literary Series for \$500 Brian/Heidi passed
2. Strategic Planning Meeting for Hudson's Hope – Ellen has volunteered to go to Hudson's Hope to help them with a 3-4 year plan for the CAC.
Motion to pay Ellen's travel and out of pocket expenses to assist with this. Brian/Anna passed
3. NEBCRRТ – Brian gave an overview of this organization which is a collective unit making decisions about highlights on the Alaska Highway. Although it is in a Tourism vein, Brian suggested that we become a member and that we talk to April Moi about asking for

representation for the arts. The next meeting will be in Dawson Creek on September 23rd.

4. Northern BC Alliance – Gail will be meeting with representatives in Dawson Creek to discuss the NBCA. Sue, Anna and Ellen have agreed that they will attend the meeting. Ellen will contact Gail and get the information.
5. Spirit of BC – it was noted that there was a new Spirit of BC Program (deadline July 17th) and that everyone should check it out.

Reports

1. Treasurer – Rosaleen presented financial statement.

Motion to accept the financial statement as presented

Rosaleen / Brian passed

2. Coordinator - Ellen presented a written report. Accepted for information. It was suggested that Ellen put in a paragraph for each of the special projects into the report.
3. President – See: Conference report – Sue feels positive about the experience and learned how the arts are functioning and that they have great potential.
4. Theatre BC Rep – See report above
5. BCTC Rep – Heidi stated that there will be a face to face meeting next week. There are two face to face per year and one teleconference. She suspects that they will be wrapping up Pacific Contact at this time.
6. ABCAC Rep –The ABCAC has asked for bids to host the 2007 conference. The PLRAC encouraged the TRCAC to apply for the conference again. Brian and Ellen will work with Lisa - Copy of the application to go to Ellen.

Adjourned at 3:25pm

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November 4 th	Chetwynd
January 27 th , 2007	Fort St. John

Next Meeting: August 25th, 2006 Tumbler Ridge

Diary: November 15th - B.C. Achievement Awards