

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
October 4th, 2008 Chetwynd

The meeting was called to order at 1pm with ten people present: Sue Popesku (Chair), Pat Markin, Donna Ony, Nicole Parker, Yvonne Elden, Erin Hanna, Jean Pawlucki, Sherry Berringer, Anna de Montezuma. Ellen Corea recording secretary.

Agenda accepted with additions

Approval of minutes from last meeting with corrections – August 22nd, 2008 **Pat/Sue**

Correspondence Ellen circulated correspondence. Accepted for information

Business Arising

1. **Power-Point** – The Pearkes Centre will be developing the Power Point presentation. It should no be more than 7-10 minutes in length. This will be used to promote the PLRAC to Regional Districts, Municipalities, Community Arts Councils, and at the ABCAC conference. It would also be sent to accompany our BCAC grant application. Pat want to have it completed by the next meeting and will send a draft to all the CACs as an attachment. Pat reviewed her plans and noted that she wanted to add the permanent collection for the PLRAC (currently housed at the PRRD) into the presentation.
2. **Symposium** – Ellen gave a verbal report about the plans for the Symposium and passed out the completed brochures
3. **Advertizing** – After some discussion re: advertizing and the benefits of numerous options (magazine, bill boards, etc)

Motion to produce our PLRAC in full colour, with a budget up to \$2000.

Sherry/Erin passed

Ellen will contact Angela and make some changes to the format so it is “rackable”. She will also have the brochures folded.

There was also some discussion about the definition of “promotion” and “advertizing”.

New Business

1. **Federal Cultural Cuts and Harper’s new proposal for tax credits to parents who enroll their children in arts programs** – Sue led a discussion re: the current federal cuts to arts funding and noted that there is a large amount of information coming through from the CCA. She also brought forward for discussion that there is a new proposal from the Harper government to give tax credits to parents who are enrolling their children in arts related programs. This is the first time that the feds have recognized the importance of “Grass Roots” arts development. However, she warned that we do not know how they will “regulate” the credits – what programs will be applicable? Sue encouraged everyone to write a letter to support the CCA policy against the federal cuts to arts funding.
2. **BCAC Operational Grant** – Erin went over her discussion with the BCAC coordinator when she inquired about applying for the operating grant. There was some discussion about census and other communities being able to access surrounding numbers. It was all very confusing for everyone. Ellen will contact Monique at BCAC and see if she can get clarification.

3. **Questions for Municipal Election** – Ellen will look and see if she has a list of questions that the PLRAC complied to ask our municipal candidates re: their support for the arts. She will also check the ABCAC website. Sue also mentioned that the CACs may want to do an arts panel where the candidates are invited to talk specifically about the arts.
4. **Nominating Committee** – Our next meeting will be on January 31st in Fort St. John and it is also our AGM. Sue mentioned that we need to have a nominating committee. Yvonne volunteered to head the committee and will find someone else to help.

Reports

1. **Treasurers** – Anna presented the financial statement
Motion: to accept the financial statement as presented Anna/Yvonne passed
2. **Coordinators** – Ellen presented a written report, accepted for information
3. **Presidents** – Sue stated that she has attended a number of functions and meetings and represented us a chair of the PLRAC. She also stated that there is an Alaska Highway Initiative meeting on October 25th that she can not attend and asked if anyone else could attend. Unfortunately, no one at the meeting was available.
4. **Theatre BC Rep** – Cynthia sent a written report as she was unable to attend. Report attached.
5. **BCTC Rep** – Heidi also sent a written report. (attached). She also asked for a leave of absence for the PLRAC as she now has two jobs that keep her busy 45 hours a week. She would also like to have someone else fill in for her at the BCTC as she will not be able to attend all their meeting either. Since Dawson Creek is the only CAC that is presenting, it will have to be from that community. Ellen will ask Cynthia Livingstone if she is interested. Ellen will write a letter to Heidi to thank her for all her hard work and wish her luck in her new endeavors and state that we look forward to having her back.
6. **ABCAC Rep** – Report not available .
7. **Aboriginal Liaison** – Report not available
8. **Visual Arts Liaison** – Donna was welcomed and she gave an overview of her plans to establish a Canadian Federation of Artists Chapter in the Peace area. She will keep us informed. We will help her get the word out to all the artists about this opportunity.

Adjournment 3:20pm

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 26th, 2008 Hudson's Hope

The meeting was called to order at 9:20pm with six people present: Sue Popesku (Chair), Sonja Butts, Heidi Bollogis, Pat Markin, Rosaleen Ward, Lisa Bush.
Ellen Corea recording secretary.

Approval of agenda with additions

Approval of minutes from last meeting – March 8th, 2008

Heidi/Sonja as corrected passed

Correspondence Ellen circulated correspondence

Business Arising

1. **Regional Juried Art Exhibit:** The policy was reviewed with suggestions for improvement and updating. The next community to host the RJA is Tumbler Ridge
2. **Arts and Culture Week** – Everybody gave community reports at this point reviewing the activities during arts and culture week as well as other activities that their communities are involved in. This year we had a three page spread in the northeast news.
3. **Three Year Plan** – The brainstorming notes were reviewed and discussed. Sue will meet with a smaller committee to begin the discussion on the new Three Year Plan. Suggestion was to meet in Tumbler Ridge. This sub committee will bring the initial draft forward at the August 22nd meeting.
4. **Signing Authority** – The PLRAC has tried to conduct its financial business with only board members as signing authority. Due to new and rigid regulations at the bank, the ED has no access to the account and cannot do the basic work associated with maintaining the financial responsibilities of the organization (e.g. Transfer money within the account, have access to the bank statements, make corrections to bank statements if there are discrepancies etc.). Therefore

Moved to add the Coordinator onto the list of signatories for the bank account at the Credit Union.
Lisa/Heidi Passed

5. **Community Workshop** - There was discussion around the feedback from the community workshop. One of the suggestions was that the PLRAC develop a current Power Point presentation. After further discussion it was decided that this would be an excellent idea and that it should be contracted out. Pat was asked weather she would be interested in developing it under the auspices of the Pearkes Centre. She said that she would and she would bring an outline for the August meeting. This would be an excellent presentation for the Regional District and it would be beneficial to have it for October 4th. Out of this discussion also came the idea of a brochure. It was decided that a book mark for the PLRAC and the communities was a better idea. "Matchbook" series was brought forward.

New Business

1. **Visual Arts Rep** - There was considerable discussion around the benefit of having a "**Visual Arts Representative**" on the board who would act as a liaison to the visual arts community within the region, bring forward concerns and ideas as well as advise, with consultation, on visual arts related issues. It was decided that we would embark on a pilot project and that Ellen would draft up a Visual Arts Representative (VAR) Job Description using the points outlined within the

meeting. The VAR would be invited to sit on the board through a formal letter of invitation.

Motion to include a pilot project for a Visual Arts Representative on the PLRAC

Lisa/Pat Passed

2. **Job Description for other Representatives** – We did a quick review of the job descriptions for the other representatives and we felt that it was very important that we make sure that we utilize the representative's skills on a regional level. It was also discussed that we may look in the future at a Heritage Rep for the board.
3. **Regional Historical Initiative** – This is a national program similar to Science Fairs. This year Rosaleen did a pilot project in Hudson's Hope and the provincial organization would like her to spearhead a regional project. Fort Nelson is very keen as well. Sue noted that we have no regional museums network in the Peace Liard. Although the Heritage Fairs are largely school based, perhaps it would be a catalyst to develop a larger program. Perhaps the PLRAC Regional Facilitation Program could initiate communication among the museums in the region.
4. **Cultural mapping** – NRAHTA has an application into Human resources Canada to do Arts and Culture mapping of the Alaska Highway. We are partners in this project by nature of our Memorandum of Understanding. We will not have to do provide any funds for this project and this project will be based out of the NRAHTA offices and they will be supervising the process. However, our role is to assist the supervisor and staff to identify all the cultural features within our communities and areas, "who they should see, who they should talk to".

Reports

1. **Treasurers** – Ellen presented the YTD financial statement in Anna's absence
Motion: to accept the financial statement as presented Heidi/Sonja passed
2. **Coordinators** – Ellen presented a written report
3. **Presidents** – Sue stated that she was delighted with the RJAE and the wonderful job that Barb Daley did.
4. **Theatre BC Rep** – Sue noted that the Zone Festival is coming up in Dawson Creek and it will be a very exciting event. It is the first time it has been in Dawson since 1992.
5. **BCTC Rep** – Unavailable
6. **ACAC Rep** – Lisa noted that the new president is a very enthusiastic leader. They have succeeded in getting sponsorship for the ABCAC Conference from their Insurer. The BC 150 grants received 88 applications and the ABCAC will be going back to the province to ask for more money. Gina is involved in adjudication the applications. The Assembly also gained new members because of the BC 150 grant.

Adjournment 3pm

Upcoming Meetings: June 7 in Tumbler Ridge, August 22 (Friday) in Fort Nelson, October 4 in Chetwynd.