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Rundle's Mission Annual General Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2007

Present: David Ridley (Chair) , Jack Tupper, Henriette Kelker, Colleen Lomas, Doug Kelker, Jo Hrycak, Sharon Seidel, Georgina Tupper, Dorothy Kelker, Morley MacCalder, Stan LaBelle
Regrets: Kathy Gregg, Ruth Harrison, Bea Moore, Ronna Jevne

Welcome: DR called meeting to order at 7:20 pm, noting the 50th anniversary of the Society, recognition of founders and memorial recognition on the recent death of Dr. Steven Wilk, a founding member of the United Church Historical Society and in connection with the Morley McDougall Mission Society.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Dorothy Kelker to accept the agenda as presented
Seconded by Georgina Tupper

Carried

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Sharon Seidel to adopt the minutes of June 8, 2006 as presented
Seconded by Doug Kelker

Carried

President's Report:

David Ridley informed all that this is his 10th year of his involvement with Rundle's Mission. We must reflect on the purpose of the Society. As our Mission Statement expresses, we are a "useful living memorial" not just a facility. We do provide a sanctuary in a broad sense and we serve people as a place of reflection and recreation.

All reports were presented by the Committee Chairs and the President.

Moved by Jack Tupper to accept all reports as presented with the addition of Doug Kelker in list of volunteers on page 13 and a special notation of the booklet "A Useful Living Memorial: a Brief History of Rundle's Mission Society" produced by David Ridley and Henriette Kelker for reference purposes only.

Seconded by Jo Hrycak

Carried

Review of Financial Statements

Jo Hrycak reported. She noted the increase in our business in the past year. The deficit is due to a carry over of projects from 2005 such as signage, brochures, chairs, cutlery, parking lot and fireplaces. These projects commenced in 2005 but many were not completed until 2006. We have received upwards of \$5,000.00 in fundraising and donations that are not reflected in the operating income. These monies are allocated to special funds and projects. We have established an endowment fund and are working closely with the Hutchinson family.

A special Thank You to Mary Jablonski for reviewing our books in 2006.

Moved by Sharon Seidel to accept the financial report as presented
Seconded by Doug Kelker

Carried

Approval of 2007 Annual Budget

Reviewed the proposed budget. Note that the insurance will increase due to a recent re-assessment by the County of Leduc

Moved by Sharon Seidel to accept the 2007 Budget as presented
Seconded by Dorothy Kelker

Carried

Election of Directors:

Moved by Jack Tupper to nominate the slate of Directors as presented.
Sharon Seidel, Bea Moore, Kathy Gregg and David Ridley
Seconded by Doug Kelker

Carried

Note: Henriette Kelker noted that we appreciate the work of our esteemed President and Thank him for all his hard work. All agreed!

Adjournment and Refreshments:

Moved by Henriette Kelker to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm

Report from the Chair

The year past marked the 50th Anniversary of Rundle's Mission Society—making the second time in consecutive years that this report has used this opening line. The founding members of the Society gathered in late 1956 to lay down the foundations of the Society, but it was early in 1957 that the objectives and bylaws had been registered.

For those who appreciate the relative clarity of numbers, Rundle's Mission had its best year to date in terms of use (nearly 65% occupancy) and in revenues from facility use (a 40% increase over 2006). The first number indicates that Rundle's Mission remains a useful and attractive retreat for many people, although it also suggests that we can continue to look at beneficial ways of using the unused occupancy, largely during mid-week. The second number is important to continuing the operation and maintenance of these retreat facilities, as it is a key source of income.

Raising these numbers is not the purpose of the Society, but it indicates a measure of ongoing success in reaching people and making Rundle's Mission a compelling and hospitable gathering place. If the question is “who comes to Rundle's Mission?” then we can say it is a wide range of groups, including Christian youth groups, people with disabilities groups, families, businesses, meditation groups and many others.

The renewal and updating of facilities is the most pressing capital issue facing the organization. By initiating the facility renewal and “Buy A Bed” campaigns, we are moving to put this funding in place. Over the past few years, the capacity of the Society to raise these funds has not met the need for renewal. The board continues to address this gap and welcomes support to this end.



The founding objectives of the Society included providing a place of retreat for ministers and a place for Christian spiritual formation. The Society faces the challenge of translating these objectives into the present-day and maintaining the viability of the organization. The Society continues to provide programming which meets the Society's object of being a “living and useful memorial” to the early missionary presence in the region.

1. *Program and community relationships*

The Society continues to host events and programs for members and the larger community:

- **Christmas at the Mission** continues as a successful event (see following report)
- The Society completed writing and piloting of an **educational program on Rundle's Mission**, working with local schools and teachers, including those from Thorsby Elementary and the Samson Nation at Hobbema. (see report from Public Programs for further details)

- The Society has received consistent support over the past year from **Museums Alberta**, through its grant programs. However, the Society has decided, at this time, not to pursue the status of Recognized Museum.
- The **Telfordville United Church Pastoral Charge Pit Roast** is a longstanding tradition at Rundle's Mission. We have received word that this event will not be continuing, but are thankful for the many years of gathering and the generous support the Charge. We look forward to continuing the relationship in other areas.
- The board and members are thankful for the continuing support of the **United Church of Canada's**, through the Alberta and Northwest Conference and its presbyteries, congregations, and related organizations (in particular **United Church Women**) for their continuing support and interest in Rundle's Mission.

2. *Facility and furnishings renewal*

- Facility Renewal and "Buy A Bed" Campaign (ongoing fund development)
- Annual May Dinner and Silent Auction raised funds to support Facility Renewal
- Completion of budgets and quotes to continue with renewal of the McDougall-Steinhauer and Campbell Houses by Spring 2009 (initial work beginning in March 2008).

The Board decided that Memorial Lodge renewal and accessibility improvements would be delayed as a second phase of the renewal project. Interior repainting and maintenance has been done and the Lodge remains in good shape in the interior. However, more exterior log work is required. In terms of Guest Services, the linen service implemented in 2007 has been very successful, both in terms of guest use and as a modest source of revenue for the Society.

3. *Staff, Volunteers and Board of Directors*

The organization continues to be supported by the excellent work of manager **Colleen Lomas** and maintenance/ guest services staff **Lori Lum** and **Dan Brassard**, who completed their first year of service with the Society, having taken over from the excellent service of the **Len** and **Sheila Cherwonka**



For the past six years, the Society has benefited tremendously from the attentive and patient bookkeeping and financial support of **Jo Hrycak**. We are thankful for her excellent work and wish her the best as she leaves her contract work with the Society for new challenges.

Henriette Kelker has continued to lead the Public Programs Committee and the successful development of a schools program has excellent potential for the schools to learn about the region's history and the connection of this to Rundle's Mission. This work was supported by a number of dedicated volunteers.

We are thankful for the stellar work and wonderful presence of **Jack Tupper** on the Board of Directors over the past several years. Jack's dedication and commitment to the Society are an inspiration that is a great example of community spirit.

Finally, it has been my delight to serve the Board of Directors as Chair over the past few years. I look forward to the role of Past Chair and working with Chair Sharon Seidel and the new and returning directors of the Society. We appreciate the interest and support of the membership and larger community in the Society's continuing service.

- Submitted by David Ridley, Past Chair

Facilities and Services Report -

In reviewing this past year it is striking to note the increase in the number of projects we were able to complete. This is due to the stronger financial position we are experiencing and also the capability and enthusiasm of our contractors. It has been very rewarding to see the improvements we have been able to implement in our facilities. With the increase in the rentals and the generous support of our donors and members we are able maintain our facilities and services as well as plan ahead for future capital improvements.

Our immediate goal is continue to fundraise for our renewal of the guest houses. Our fundraising projects include the Annual Steak and Lobster Dinner, application for a Casino License, a 2009 pictorial history calendar of Pigeon Lake and support of a CFEP grant from Alberta Lotteries. The vision for the future is to be able to host groups of all abilities in a clean, safe and secure environment.

For the Lodge, the floors were freshly painted on both levels as well as the kitchen cupboards. This made a significant improvement in the aesthetics of the Lodge. Our future plans will address accessibility, sleeping arrangements, bathrooms and kitchen areas. We are moving ahead and are very excited that we can implement improvements for our guests.

The following is a summary of the major projects completed in 2007

Lodge:

- Weather-stripping installed on doors
- Fixed P.A system/ Installed DVD Player
- Chimneys cleaned

- Carpet put on legs of tables
- New paint on upstairs and downstairs floor
- Cupboards and counters freshly painted
- New paint on floor/bathroom/porch
- New vacuum in lodge
- New commercial coffee pot
- New All-Fridge

Houses:

- Carpets steam cleaned
- Weather-stripping on doors
- Toilets fixed a few times
- Eaves troughs fixed
- Newer couches in house one

All facilities:

- New dishes and cutlery
- Inventory taken and organized
- Soap dispensers installed

Grounds:

- New Canada flag
- Signs installed on roadways
- Ski trail posts secured
- Brush and trees cleaned from boardwalk
- Septic system pumped out



New All-Fridge in Lodge



Painted Kitchen Cupboards Jan 2007

Linen Service Report

With the implementation of the new Linen Service in 2007 and the hiring of contractor Irene Blumhagen, we have been able to offer a very useful service to our guests. The Linen service is optional and is operated on a cost recovery basis. The following are suggestions and comments noted by Irene:

I have looked after the linen service based on the guest bookings for house #1 and #2 and the lodge. I have also washed and shortened the shower curtains, mended and washed the quilts and made 7 tablecloths for the Christmas tables.

I am in the middle of spring cleaning by washing all the bedspreads, mattress covers, pillow protectors, pillows and blankets. I recommend this be done twice per year.

I would also like to see new mattress covers and zippered pillow protectors on each bed.

Submitted by
Irene Blumhagen

2007 Facilities Usage Report

In 2007 we experienced a significant increase in the number of groups who booked our facilities as well as the surrounding community who enjoyed a friendly bridge games, meetings and special events. Our occupancy rate was 64.38% with 3,726 guests who booked with us. This does not take in to account the number of visitors who walked the historical boardwalk or those that used the ski trails and nature path on the conservancy next door. Below are some interesting statistics on the groups we have hosted:

Number of groups renting – 131

Family Reunions – 33
Retreats – 26
School Groups – 2
Community Use – 17
Meetings – 6
Church Groups – 23

Groups Origin:

Edmonton- 44
Sherwood Park – 3
Red Deer – 5
Calgary – 8
Manitoba – 1
St. Albert – 2
Devon- 1
Ponoka – 2
Camrose – 2
BC – 2
Local – 20
Other – 10
Rundles Mission – 14



Central Alberta Antique Car Club Visits

What are our Guests Saying?

Guests are asked to fill in an evaluation form upon departure. The majority of guests do complete these questionnaires. We rely on their feedback to identify areas in need of improvement. Guests are asked to rate the level of service received in booking procedures, Lodge, House 1 and House 2, Grounds, Hosting, Catering and Support and Services. In summary, all areas were rated either a 4 (very good) or 5 (excellent). If there was an area of concern they are noted in the comments below.

Favorable Comments:

- Beautiful facility – well kept!
- We love the facility!! Hope to return in 2009.
- Lovely! Perfect for our group retreat.
- We loved our stay here – had a great time. The situation and location were ideal for us! We were able to spread out, enjoyed the grounds and facility. The kitchen was great and modern. Beds comfortable! The web-site was helpful and

important for knowing what to do/bring. Kitchen was stocked. Great stoves. We had beautiful weather – thanks for organizing things for us!

- Enjoyed stay. Thanks again!
- We had a great time!
- We all enjoyed the weekend and are looking forward to next year. Hopefully we can get more ladies to come and we can book the lodge.
- We were very impressed by your facilities and they were perfect for our extended family of about 40 people. The facility was very clean and kitchen was well stocked. Thank you so much.
- Really nice place to stay. Enjoyed the peace and quiet
- We had a great family reunion
- Awesome space! We loved the big bunk room.
- The kitchen in the lodge is looking better!
- Lovely space. Very good kitchen. Great setting
- We had a great time. Everything was fine. See you next year.
- We really enjoyed the improvements made over the last year. Keep up the wonderful work
- Thanks for the fine facilities.
- Really enjoyed the facility and promptness of staff when booking and with questions.
- A worthwhile retreat at a good spot. I look forward to returning
- The booking procedure is very easy and efficient. The new paint and varnish made a great improvement in the appearance of the lodge. Looking forward to our next visit
- This place was perfect for our retreat. It looked like a lodge from a magazine, and then it became heaven. As long as we have retreats in Alberta, and you are here, we will use this facility.
- Thanks! Great lodge. We really enjoyed our stay

Improvements needed: (* addressed)

- If you could put a sidewalk from the back up to the porch as a formal entry
- First toilet in ladies room doesn't flush * plumber fixed
- If the upstairs level of lodge is renovated, it would be great to have non-fluorescent ambient lighting; easier on the eyes.
- Tea kettles in poor shape (too long to heat)
- Beds uncomfortable in houses
- Fluorescent lights in kitchen burnt out * fixed
- Central vacuum didn't work * taken out and new one replaced
- Fireplaces a bit smoky. Needs fire poker *new poker bought
- There was one shower in house one that only runs cold water * tap replaced
- Parking lot lighting? Is there one?
- Hand railing coming downstairs in the lodge is off. *fixed
- Kitchen outlet quit when we were cooking *breaker
- Ceiling fans needed*
- Toilet in handicap bathroom keeps running * fixed
- At some point, redecorating would help house one and two

MARKETING REPORT 2007

The Marketing Campaign for Rundle's Mission made a few changes to try and determine if we could increase mid-week facility usage by targeting specific groups with advertising. In 2007 we focused on a Magazine for Body, Mind & Spirit named "Synchronicity" We placed several print ads in months focusing on retreats. There were no direct calls from the advertisement, but some individuals may have been directed to our website. The website and word of mouth referrals from our happy customers are the most effective means of telling people about Rundle's Mission.

The following is a summary of the marketing initiatives for 2007

Print Advertising:

- Lake Schooner –local -4x in summer
- Pigeon Lake Fun Map- 2 years
- Edmonton Phone Book
- Camrose Phone Book
- Legacy Magazine Museum Listing
- Backroads Directory
- Shepherds Guide
- County of Leduc Visitor Guide
- Brochure

Website:

- Monthly Updates
- Link to Retreats Online
- Link to Travel Alberta
- Link to Word Wide Web.com
- Link to Accommodation Canada.com
- Listing to Get Going Canada
- Listing Canadian Vacations

Mail Out Campaigns:

- Newsletters –four times per year.

Other:

- Lakedell Farmer's Market-(May, June, July , August, September)
- 2nd Annual Steak & Lobster Dinner
- Christmas at the Mission –tent cards for the tables
- 2ft X 8ft Banner –multi purpose –

Colleen Lomas, Manager

Public Programs at Rundle's Mission

School programs:

In Spring 2007, school programs at Rundle's Mission Society hosted students from Thorsby Elementary School and from Nipisihkopahk Secondary School in Hobbema, who completed the Grade 10 pilot. All programs are now tested and in operation. We were fortunate that Beverly Crier, Culture Coordinator and Manager of the museum of the Samson Cree Nation in Hobbema is prepared to assist with teaching this program.



Gordon teaching the school program

A new brochure was prepared and sent to all schools in the Black Gold and Wetaskiwin school districts. The cost remains a challenge for schools and we will need to look for sponsorships if the program is to remain viable.

Display and storage cabinets for the school programs, as well as books, were purchased. A substantial collection of books was received as a donation from Olga Reade.

Presence at Capital-X

From July 19-29, 2007, on the invitation of the Samson Cree Nation, we participated in the exhibition "Kiyaw" at Edmonton's Capital X. This was a rewarding experience. The Rundle's material was integrated with material from the Samson Cree Nation museum, private collections, Royal Alberta Museum and Oblate collections. Between 12,000 and 15,000 people visited the exhibition during the ten days.

Annual Worship Service

When the choir of Robertson Wesley United Church wished to hold its Choir retreat on the very weekend that we had tentatively planned our annual worship service, we came to an arrangement: The choir enjoyed the facilities and offered the music for the Rundle's Mission Service on Sunday afternoon. Their minister, the Rev. James Ravenscroft, led the worship service. This is a recipe worth repeating. Unfortunately attendance was small; many missed a wonderful service and great music.

Concerts

Two more concerts were part of this year's offering: September 14 – a double header: Jasmine Whenham returned to offer her faithful local fans an animated performance, while the new band Prairie Pilgrims shared their enthusiasm for bluegrass and blues.



Prairie Pilgrims in Concert

November 25: Kokopelli Choir Concert in cooperation with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Thorsby. This concert required more space than we could offer and we were pleased to find our neighbours in Thorsby prepared to host this event. A wonderful performance, during which this enthusiastic group of young people shared some of their African experiences and high quality of music. They may be back – keep tuned in to our program news.

Skiing at the North Pigeon Lake Trails

Just when we received a modest grant to assist us with professional grooming of the trails the snow failed us... Though some enjoyed the trails just the same, activity was down this year and no public events were scheduled. We hope for better conditions next year.

A big thank you goes to our faithful program and trail volunteers:

- John and Ebeline Hawtin
- Kathy Gregg
- Doug Kelker
- Lomas family
- Bruce Morden
- Phyllis and Gordon Schnick
- Sharon Seidel
- Erwin Zotzman

- submitted by Henriette Kelker, Program Committee Chair

Christmas at the Mission 2007

The Christmas at the Mission program has become one of Rundle's Mission standard events in large [art to the dedication of Mr. Jack Tupper who chairs the event every year. Volunteers place signage, set up the tea room, decorate and welcome vendors to the mission to sell their home-made wares during the Christmas season. The event has become a place for neighbors and friends to meet and share a refreshment and good conversation. Both the vendors and attendees have commented on the friendliness of the event. Below are some of the comments and suggestions for improvement which we will take into consideration when planning the 2008 Christmas at the Mission on November 15th from 10:00 to 3:00 pm.



Tea Room Volunteer Marge

Vendors:

Vendors were asked to complete an evaluation form following the event. Ten of the fourteen vendors replied. They were consistent in their feedback with a positive response to our questions. The majority felt that we should change the time from 10 to 3 pm. The following comments were received:

- ≈ Lunch was great
- ≈ Change the time of sale for next year
- ≈ Place ad sign on Hwy #39
- ≈ Need more customers
- ≈ Lots of advertising
- ≈ Met lots of nice people
- ≈ Send an e-mail confirmation of table booking
- ≈ After 3pm there are very few people
- ≈ Advertise on Glen Park Rd and corner of Sandholm



Volunteer Suggestions:

- ≈ Charge \$3.00 for soup or Sandwich with RM receiving 50 cents
- ≈ Tickets with sales at RM table worked well
- ≈ Seating was an issue in Tea Room especially when lunch was served
- ≈ Question if vendors can rent two tables as this does decrease the variety of vendors – e.g. the jewelry lady



Land Underfoot Museum Network

Due to various constraints, partners of the Land Underfoot Museums Network had to reduce their active involvement. This has resulted in the decision to suspend formal Network activities. The partners continue to seek each other's cooperation for ad-hoc projects. In this way, Rundle's is assisting again this year in the Exhibit organized by the Asimokamik Museum (Samson Cree Nation) at Capital X in Edmonton in July. Other cooperative projects may emerge as opportunity and interest dictate. The network has served well to establish collegial relationships and reciprocal knowledge - which was the reason for its formation in the first place. Rundle's Mission will continue to benefit from these relationships in years to come.

Board of Directors Biographies

Sharon Seidel (President)

My husband Wes and I came to Pigeon Lake area in 1973. As an expectant mom we owned and operated the Mission Beach General store. We worked periodically with Gerald Hutchinson –catering to functions and groups as well as Wes helped clear the area for the existing facilities. After a few years, we found that we had to broaden our horizons and went to High Level and managed a hotel, something we were not that interested in as we were away from our family. We then moved back to the Nisku/Devon area where we owned and managed a bussing company for 20 years. We had two more children-the girls who married into families from the area and our son who is presently buried in the Fisherton cemetery. Three years ago, we decided to move back to the lake and make it our home. I do have a passion for the area and would like to see it grow. I am chair of the Thorsby Library Board and have worked on the Leduc County Recreation Board for several years. I belong to the Lakedell Ag society where I enjoy curling in the winter. We have a recreation quarter of land just north of the lake where we enjoy our horses, ski-dooing and camping with our grandkids. Sharon has served a two year term on the Board.

David Ridley (Past President)

David has worked in the museum and heritage field for several years, serving with the Folklife Program at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, the Central Alberta Regional Museums Network and the Heritage Community Foundation. He taught Social Studies and Outdoor pursuits for a number of years and is a graduate of St. Stephen's College, Edmonton. He has served on a number of volunteer directed organizations over the years, serving with the Society since 1997 (beginning with the historical committee) and as a director since 1998. He resides in Edmonton with Heather and Ian James –a very recent addition to the family.

Kathy Gregg

Kathy Gregg is a fourth generation resident of Pigeon Lake. Her great-grandfather, *Forest Quick* and his family lived in a house where the present day Telfordville Church is located. Kathy is employed by Canada Post and works as a rural mail courier. Her past employment included bank employee, self-employment florist, Bookkeeper, Office Manager for a medical office, landscaper, caterer, rental property manager and farming. Kathy has volunteered with various school committees and Camp Maskepetoon through the years and has been a member of the Agricultural Society. She organized two Trade Shows for the Horticultural long weekend. She is looking forward to being involved in her community once again. Kathy has served two terms on the Board and was involved in several programs conducted at Rundles Mission.

Bea Moore

Bea has served on the Board for one year as a Director. She has been involved in our special events and is our representative for the United Church. She has lived in the area for many years and has been an active member of the Telfordville Pastoral charge. She is presently working in the charge office on a part time basis and also works at Ranchland Meats in Thorsby.

J. Arthur Trace

Art and his wife, Irene retired to Mulhurst Bay in 1992. Prior to that, he spent 40 years in the work force living in Alberta, Northwest Territories and B.C. Employment included 25 years in the R.C.M.P. and 15 years with private industry. He is presently President of the Mulhurst Legion Branch 246 and is involved with the Wetaskiwin Bingo Association, on the Board of Directors of a Condominium Association in Edmonton, Mulhurst Bay Community League, R.C.M.P. Veterans Association and the Mulhurst Bay and District Fire Protection Society.

Morley MacCalder

Born and raised in Alberta, south of Black Diamond, my first ambition was to be a cowboy who could play all sports. My parents then moved to Vancouver, where I first secured full time employment in an insurance office. I then moved back to Calgary and was working as a bookkeeper when I joined an older brother in a contracting business at Leduc in 1948. MacCalder Construction was my sole employer from then to 1996 when I retired to Pigeon Lake from Edmonton. My volunteer contributions have been through community leagues, Rotary Club, Presbyterian Church and business associations. I have been married to Marge for fifty plus years and my volunteer hours pale in comparison to hers. We were blessed with four daughters, Barbara, Laurie, Janet and Colleen, plus eight grandchildren. Our daughter Janet and her daughter Avery were both deceased in 2003. I look forward to contributing to a successful future at Rundle's Mission Society.

Jack Tupper (- Program Committee Christmas at the Mission Chair)

Jack is a retired Canadian Forces pilot, stationed at bases throughout Canada and overseas. Having served as a municipal officer in Brighton, Ontario, Jack and Georgina moved to the Pigeon Lake district and reside at Johnsonia Beach. They have two married children, daughter Karen at Sundre and son Stuart in London, England. Jack is an active member at St. James United Church at Mulhurst Bay and counts woodworking, stained glass crafting, wine making and political and community issues as his current interests. Jack has been key in the growth and success of "Christmas at the Mission", the Society's annual craft boutique sale held in November. In the past year, he was also key in establishing the Society's office at Rundle's Mission. Jack has served as a Director since 2001 and has served as Society Chair.