

**Arts Centre for Edson Society
Minutes
June 12, 2013**

PRESENT:

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Peter called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

1. Agenda

MOTION: Douglas Woodhouse moved to accept the June 12, 2013 Arts Centre for Edson Society agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

MOTION: Douglas Woodhouse moved to accept the April 10, 2013 Arts Centre for Edson Society minutes and May 8, 2013 Arts Centre for Edson Society Notes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Advocacy

3.1 Membership List: Kristie was not in attendance to speak about this issue.

3.2 Presentations: Peter reported that the presentation to the Edson & District Chamber of Commerce went well. He also mentioned that ACES will be presenting to the Edson Rotary Club on August 13. Tracy recommended that ACES perhaps make presentations to the Edson Curling Club and Edson Golf Club. Peter will talk to Dave and Ron about setting this up.

3.3 Displaying Drawings: The display was seen at the Library Book Sale and will be seen at the Rotary Sundays in the Park this summer. Peter will arrange people to drop off and pick up the display. Greg recommended a similar display be put on permanent display at the Edson & District Recreation Complex. Peter will check with Dave and Ron to see if this is acceptable. It was also recommended that the display be put up at the Sidewalk Jamboree. Peter will look into this.

3.5 Meeting with Dignitaries: Peter has had some informal meetings with some local dignitaries that have been quite positive. More meetings will take place over the summer.

3.6 Theatre Alberta Article: Peter has not heard back on this issue. He will contact them again.

3.7 Rotary Sundays in the Park: ACES will once again be supplying volunteers for this event. Two people per Sunday will suffice. The dates are:

- June 23 - Rockin' the Park 1pm - 5pm
- July 7 - Rock Camp Alberta 2pm - 4pm
- July 14 - Play in the Park 1pm - 5pm
- August 11 - Homegrown Folk & Bluegrass Community Pig Roast 1pm - 5pm
- September 8 - Country Harvest Jam & Chili Cook-off
- September 28 - Alberta Culture Days, time TBA

3.8 Alberta Music Industry: Tracy mentioned a possible fundraising opportunity for ACES to create funds to continue lobbying. She will look further into this issue and report back.

3.9 Brochures: There was an idea presented to create some informational brochures to give to local real-estate companies and the Welcome Wagon. Peter will talk with Shari about setting this up. Tracy recommended we begin pushing the renovations of the current Rec Complex in our publicity.

4. Business Grant

Peter reported that Husky Energy has donated their funds to the hospital, however they highly recommended contacting them when ACES begins fundraising as they fully support arts and culture.

5. Budgets from Other Theatres

Doug reported that he has created a report for the Arts Touring Alliance on this issue with statistics from every theatre in Alberta. He will ensure ACES will receive a hard copy of it in the near future.

6. Funding from Local Organizations

Funding is still being accepted. Peter recommended contacting a larger corporation for a larger donation to help ACES continue advocating for the arts and a new theatre. These funds would be for advocacy and publicity.

7. Business Plan

ACES will be updating their business plan with more information to prepare for the fall AGM. Tracy recommended we also showcase a section that explains the renovations to the current Rec Complex in our publicity.

8. Provincial to Municipal Borrowing Limit

Peter reported that the Town of Edson has increased its borrowing limit from \$27 million to \$33 million, however this does not drastically alter the Town's debt servicing limit. This information does not change the Town's financial issues.

9. Capital Fundraising Plan

Peter, Greg and Shari met in mid-May and decided to not pursue creating charity status for ACES at this time. ACES will wait until they begin fundraising to create this status. Shari will still contact a local accountant to understand the process.

10. Arts on Fire Awards

ACES highly recommends nominating as many people as possible that have advocated for the arts in our community. A full list of awards is available on the ACES website.

11. Edson & District Recreation Society update

Dave and Ron were not in attendance to speak about this issue.

12. Secretary Treasurer’s Report

Shari was not in attendance to speak about this issue.

13. Next Meeting / Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday September 11, 2013 in the library at Holy Redeemer High.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: Tracy Templeton moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes approved on _____.

ACES President (Print)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Print)

ACES President (Signature)

ACES Secretary Treasurer (Signature)