

1310 Louise Ave.,  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.  
January 15, 1974.

Dear Member:

In checking over the Societies Act I find that it was not possible for us to make changes to our Constitution last July. According to the Societies Act every Constitutional amendment has to be passed by a special resolution. Section two of the Act states that "not less than fourteen days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution at the annual meeting has to be given". Therefore, to pass any amendment to the constitution we have to give fourteen days notice of the proposed amendments to every member before the annual meeting.

It is an offence against the Societies Act to register constitutional amendments that have not followed the rules as laid down in section two, that is giving fourteen days notice to all members. Section fifty three states that:

It is an offence against this Act if a society:  
(c) makes a record or return, or wilfully furnishes information, in any respect false or insufficient.  
(3) A society or person guilty of an offence against this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100.00.

This means that none of the resolutions that we passed at Batoche last July can be amendments to the constitution, and that it would be an offence to register them as such.

Therefore, the resolution that divided the Northwest region into two regions, and added an additional Director is not a constitutional amendment. Our Metis Society constitution states specifically that the provincial council consists of the executive and seven Directors.

This means that there can be only one Director for the Northwest region. Since the southern half of the region voted in Rod Durocher and the northern half voted in Jonas Favel, neither member represents the entire region. I am not sure how this problem can be solved. It is possible that the Locals may wish to call an area meeting and elect only one of these two men, or possibly an entirely new Director.

I think that it is important for you to know that both Rod Durocher and Jonas Flavel were against having the financial books of the Metis Society audited, after they were informed of the misspending of the funds. They continue to support Jim Sinclair. Of course, they are both employed by the Metis Society.


For this reason, you might prefer to have a Director who would represent the people of your area, instead of having a spokesman for the President of the Metis Society.

For your information, the East Central Area (Yorkton) voted in a new Director last month. One of the main requirements was that the new Director could not be employed by the Metis Society. Since Mr. Sinclair controls the budgets, he naturally controls the workers, and when the employee is a Director of the Board, then he is subjected to control by the President.

Because of the serious internal conflict within the Metis Society at the present time, it is essential that we follow our constitution. Furthermore, that is the responsibility that all Directors have to the people who elected them.

If you require further information in regard to this matter please feel free to contact me at the above address.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Adams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Howard Adams.