



April 23, 1992

Senators  
Metis Society of Saskatchewan

Dear Senators:

Enclosed please find a copy of the conference call minutes, a Justice Review book and a list of Elders that was requested at the last meeting.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely

*Marlene Laubert*

*for* Bernice Hammersmith  
Provincial Secretary  
Metis Society of Saskatchewan

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MINUTES OF THE  
METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN SENATORS  
CONFERENCE CALL

APRIL 10, 1992 - 1:00 p.m.

ON LINE:

Stan Durocher - Northern Region 1  
Louis Morin - Northern Region 11  
Vital Morin - Northern Region 111  
Alfred Genaille - Eastern Region 11  
Edward King - Western Region 1  
Lawrence Martell - Western Region 1A  
John Boucher - Western Region 11  
Clifford Laroque - Western Region 111

REGRETS:

Leo Amyotte - Western Region 11A  
Claude Langan - Eastern Region 11A  
Marie Alma Chaboyer - Eastern Region 1  
Joe Fayant - Eastern Region 111

AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda  
Minutes of last meeting  
Royal Commission on Aboriginal People re:  
Winnipeg trip April 20 - 23, 1992  
Other Business  
Next Meeting  
Adjournment

GENERAL CONCENSUS  
OF AGENDA:

Minutes of last meeting held at the  
Holiday Inn are not available. Maybe  
Ingrid from G.D.I. has these. Bernice  
Hammersmith will do search.

General Consensus that Bernice  
Hammersmith chair the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 1:

Royal Commission on Aboriginal People.  
RCAP has issued an invitation for two  
Senators (elders) to participate in the  
official Launching of Public  
Consultations by RCAP. It will take  
place in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 21-  
23, 1992. Travel day will be Monday,  
April 20 and return on Thursday, April  
23. All travel arrangements will be paid  
for as well as hotel accommodation, meals  
and travel. There will also be a \$175.00  
honorarium for each senator per day for  
four days.

**DISCUSSION:**

Alfred Genaille nominated Vital Morin seconded by Louis Morin.

Lawrence Martell nominated John Boucher seconded by Louis Morin.

Louis Morin nominated Alfred Genaille seconded by Stan Durocher.

Stan Durocher moved that nominations cease seconded by Clifford Laroque.  
CARRIED.

John Boucher declined - reason he felt that others should have an opportunity to go to things like this because he has been to quite a few.

Consensus that Vital Morin and Alfred Genaille will go to Winnipeg on April 20 -23, 1992.

Vital Morin nominated Edward King as alternate in case either of the two selected senators couldn't go. Seconded by John Boucher. CARRIED

Mr. King said that he would make his own travel arrangements if he goes.

Vital and Alfred will be in touch with Bernice to finalize all plans and to determine where to meet on Monday, April 20.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bernice brought up the point that no chairperson for the council had been chosen at the last meeting. Vital and others said they would do this at their next meeting and it should be on the agenda.

Stan Durocher brought up a point that the senators must have a more active role to play in the organization. He mentioned that the last minutes reflected that he (Stan Durocher) was organizing another local in his area. The records should show that this is not true and the correction should be made. He further added that he felt that the by-laws of Metis of Society of Saskatchewan should not be second locals in each village - there should only be one and the people should work together towards common goals.

Others felt that this should also be put on their agenda for the next meeting.

Bernice reminded them that the next meeting will probably be held the second week in May. Senators will be notified.

Lawrence Martell said he may be attending a meeting by the area director Albert Delaire. Unsure what kind of role he would play there. He thinks that we must work on the roles and responsibilities of the senators.

John Boucher said a local in Kinistino has been revived and is up and running.

Mr. King wants a copy of the Justice Report by Metis Society of Saskatchewan. All senators will receive one, Bernice will mail out.

A list of all the Alberta senators should be mailed to all the Saskatchewan senators. Request by consensus.

General Agreement that information regarding Gerald Morin's trip to Halifax should be sent to the senators. Bernice will approach Gerald on this matter.

Louis Morin - Briefed the senators about a trip to Edmonton arranged by Bernice Hammersmith to attend a meeting re: Canadian Arctic Resources Committee organized a meeting on behalf of the Canadian Wildlife Service to organize consultation workshops on the closed season provision of the Migratory Birds Convention. Two people were asked to go and Max Morin and Louis Morin went on behalf of MSS.

Louis mentioned that some provinces allow hunting, fishing etc. to Metis People however our government still enforces the law against our Metis population. Louis was asking why not us here in Saskatchewan? Saskatchewan won't recognize the Federal governments handling of this matter. Louis wants support of Metis Society of Saskatchewan Board on this issue and that this government should be made aware of this

situation. Louis wants a letter written to Parliament and provincial government regarding this issue.

Ed King asked Vital Morin about Metis Veterans... Vital said that DVA will have a committee in place in April. Myrtle Lockheed daughter of Mr. Wilke requested help from DVA for her father and unsure what the response was. Martin Aubichon Area Director for Western Region IIA was working on this, Vital will keep senators informed.

Clifford Laroque mentioned that it used to be possible to get a domestic licence for big game. How it is now that if Metis have income they do not qualify? Clifford would like all the Metis to be able to have rights such as those given to Indians.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Edward King moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Vital Morin. ~~CARRIED.~~  
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes done by Bernice Hammersmith