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Communications

Very interesting and pertinent information is being posted on the **AAMS blog**. The information consists of Métis news and affairs plus green energy initiatives and much more... Check out the blog on the **AAMS web site**:
<http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/index.html>

Check out our new **Communications Page**:
<https://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/communications-centre.html>

AAMS Office

Claire Robicheau is the Office Administrator and can be contacted at aams.office@gmail.com or by phone (902) 746-3652. Or drop in **Tues, Wed and Thurs, 9-4** at the Clare "Cultural Building", civic 795 highway1, Comeauville, N.S. **Please call ahead** to visit to the office.

Vice-president's Report: MNOC AGA

By Marcel Jean d'Entremont – AAMS First Vice-president

I would like to thank AAMS President Joseph Jacquard, the AAMS Board of Directors and AAMS Membership for bestowing upon me the privilege of attending the Métis Nation of Canada (MNOC) Annual General Assembly (AGA) and presenting this report in your name. I am humbled.

I attended the five-hour MNOC AGA on 14 July 2019 at Douglas Street Recreation Center in Truro NS. Leading the AGA was Karole Dumont, MNOC National Chief; and, also included: Randy Roach (Highlands Métis Nation Chief); Shane Savoury (Bras d'Or Lake/Unama'ki Chief); Della Spears-Horne (Eastern Shore Métis Nation Chief); Arnold Dithurbide (MNOC Ambassador Nova Scotia); Albert Chiasson (Métis Nation of Saint John N.B. Chief); three invited guests from groups in New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia and myself. AAMS was invited because we are part of the Nova Scotia Métis Alliance (NSMA). There were ten people present at the assembly.

Overall, this was a unifying event meant to foster stronger alliances with its treaty partners and a way to showcase the great work the MNOC has been doing. They brought these people together to create alliances and hopefully forge new friendship treaties with maritime groups. I felt welcomed/wanted.

Some of the topics discussed were: Maritime groups taking over the First Métis People of Canada (CFMPC); National Park Passes should be offered to Métis; MNOC structural changes around elections; 2020 Metis Youth Cultural Camp; and, 2020 Art & Culture Show. Two members brought up issues; one was an illegal fishing (Clam Case) court case and the other was grant applications. It was agreed that all groups share grant application resources and research. I have filed a 10-page report with AAMS Board of Directors.

It was an honour to represent AAMS at the MNOC AGA and file this report.

Quotes:

"The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has started to understand the meaning of life". ~ **Author unknown**

« Nos garçons se marierons à vos filles et nous ne ferons qu'un seul peuple ». ~ **Samuel de Champlain**



Aboriginal Day & Summer Solstice Celebration

21 June 2019, Meteghan Fire Hall

To celebrate **Aboriginal Day** and the **2019 Summer Solstice**, AAMS members gathered on the longest day of daylight of the year with more than **40 people** in attendance.

Due to the **pouring rain**, celebrations which were anticipated at the **Cape St. Mary's lighthouse** were relocated to the **Meteghan Fire Hall**.

The **legend of Cape Saint Mary** was read from the book "Along the Shores of Saint Mary's Bay" by **J. Alphonse Deveau**, 1977. Paul Tufts informed the group of interesting **historical facts** relating to the summer solstice.

A very informative session about **edible and medicinal plants** was presented by David Melanson. The participants found **the interactive session** very interesting. Plans are in the future to have Dave present a two-hour session exclusively dedicated to medicinal and edible plants.

A delicious supper of **fricot, rolls and cake** were prepared and served by Lisa T. Café.

A very good time was had by all.

Claire Robicheau
AAMS Office Administrator

Did you know?

Hummingbirds will build their nests **below the nests of hawks** for protection. Jays prey on hummingbird nests while hawks will hunt from above. The jays will avoid the area below a hawk's nest creating a **safety zone for hummingbirds**.

Quote:

"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?"

Marcus Tullius Cicero (died December 7, 43 BC)

Cost cutting measures

The **cost of sending a letter** to over 1700 AAMS members of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and dues notice every year by Canada post is approximately **\$3400.00**. It costs one dollar for the paper, small return envelope, ink and envelope plus one-dollar postage for every letter. To cut costs, AAMS members will now receive **all correspondence via e-mail** except for the 120 members who do not have internet or an email address.

Members with email, who still wish to receive AAMS correspondence via Canada Post are asked to **email the office; aams.office@gmail.com** and the request will be accommodated.

AAMS Bursaries

The two 2019 AAMS \$500.00 bursary winners are **Ramona Blinn** and **Renée Blinn** (no relation).

Ramona, from Meteghan River N.S., continues her studies at **l'Université Sainte Anne** with the goal of graduating with a Bachelor of Arts double major: English and French. Renée is pursuing her University studies towards **helping her Acadian Métis community** as a social worker.

Members

If you have any story ideas, messages or photos you would like included in the Newsletter, please contact the AAMS Office. Members are asked to submit interesting photos for the AAMS social media campaign. **The photos must be of typical Acadian Métis food, hunting, fishing, trapping, clamming, quilting, organic gardening, activities and locations... things taught by grandma and grandpa.** A one-line photo description or caption must accompany the photo as well as the name of the photographer. **Please email your photos to aams.office@gmail.com**