

**WestMenn Historical Committee**  
Minutes for meeting #17

Saturday, September 29, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Roadhouse in Morris

Present: Lawrence Klippenstein, John Giesbrecht, Jake Peters, Albert Falk,  
Peter Priess, Eleanor Chornoboy

Visitor: Ray Giesbrecht

New Members: Pamela Klassen Dueck, Andrew Brown, Sean Goerzen

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lawrence Klippenstein.
2. Minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were read. Motion: Eleanor Chornoboy/Jake Peters that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried
3. Lawrence introduced and welcomed Ray Giesbrecht to the meeting. Pam Klassen-Dueck, Sean Goerzen and Andrew Brown were introduced to the meeting and welcomed as new members.
4. Albert Falk reported that he had installed the bridge at the Post Road sign located at the corner of the Post Road and Highway #75 in 100° Fahrenheit temperatures. He added that a railing on one side of the bridge would be helpful and he has purchased lumber for the bridge. The bridge is currently not wheelchair accessible and there is need for gravel to be added.
5. **Membership:** Lawrence advised the meeting that Peter Priess and John Giesbrecht's terms were up, but that according to the constitution, they may remain on the committee for another term.
  1. Motion: Albert Falk/Eleanor Chornoboy that John Giesbrecht and Peter Priess remain members for a new two-year term. Carried.
  2. Motion: John Giesbrecht/Peter Priess that Lawrence Klippenstein and Eleanor Chornoboy remain in their current roles as chair and secretary respectively. Carried.
  3. Lawrence advised the meeting that Bert Friesen and Glenn Penner are adjunct members of the committee
6. Eleanor Chornoboy with Peter Priess reported on the MMHS meeting that occurred September 27, 2018. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the MMHS website.
7. Lawrence circulated a report and gave a verbal overview of the NeuBergthal barn, Culture Day, and budget.
8. **Atlas discussion**
  1. Albert reported that Dave Harms does not want to be the driving force of the atlas work, but would be available as a consultant.

2. Dave Harms and Jake Rempel have given permission for WestMenn Historical Committee to use their fathers' (Bill Harms and John Rempel respectively) original atlas.
3. Interest in working on the atlas project was expressed by Sean Goerzen, Andrew Brown, Pamela Klassen Dueck. Peter Priess indicated a willingness to help out as editor.
4. **Motion:** Eleanor Chornoboy/John Giesbrecht that Albert Falk, Sean Goerzen, Pamela Klassen Dueck, and Andrew Brown create a committee and prepare a model of an atlas to be presented to the committee. Carried.
9. Lawrence presented and reviewed a map of early villages, railroads and railways of the Mennonite West Reserve. The map mentioned at the end from the Post Road brochure that it came with a brief "celebration" of the completion of re-thatching the Waldheim House at MHV. The original site of where the pioneer home was located, is shown on the map. The renovation of the Waldheim House has been an important focus for the MHV this summer.
10. Next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m - noon on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at the Roadhouse in Morris
11. Meeting adjourned.

Footnote provided in a subsequent email from Lawrence: Albert has agreed to be chair of the new atlas committee which is now composed of the 3 new members, Albert, David Harms, as ongoing consultant, Peter Priess, helping with editing when the time comes, me as ex officio member and liaison with EastMenn Committee - total of 7. Will be movement now. Their first meeting as you may know is scheduled for Nov. 3 in Altona.