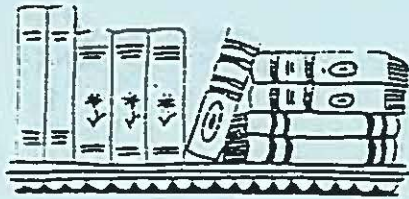


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MESSAGE FROM DENNIS MURRAY, FOUNDING PRESIDENT

A belated congratulations on your becoming President of the Coasters' Association. Your strong and dynamic personality, knowledge and experience make you the ideal person for the job. The Coasters are in good hands!

Best wishes with your tourism conference - I am sure it will be a huge success!

Kindest regards to Cornella, Staff, Board members and Volunteers.

☛ MESSAGE FROM HELEN MEREDITH ☛

Congratulations on the successful tourism development conference held over March 8, 9 and 10 in St. Paul's River. There was an impressive cross section of participants representing almost the entire Coast and a range of off-Coast people as well. Workshops and plenaries gave everyone an opportunity to contribute. The pile of flip chart paper and notes on Sunday bore witness to the mass of ideas and suggestions generated. I was really impressed with the interest and enthusiasm expressed for the future of tourism in the region. Coasters has helped provide a launching pad for future development on the Coast.

I hope the Board and staff of Coasters will pat themselves on the back for a job well done. Ensuring that over 100 people get to a conference, are fed, housed and informed as to where they are to be and at what time is no small feat. The whole event was orchestrated with the Coasters usual friendly and personal style as well as their great attention to detail. Your ability to make each participant feel like a person and not a number always impresses me. The tradition of Lower North Shore hospitality was really

evident over the week-end. There may have been late nights and the pulling out of hair on the days leading to the conference but once the conference got going there was no evidence of that. Everything appeared very organized.

Congratulations again, Cornella, Scott and everyone else, the tourism conference was an important event. I look forward to being in touch with you again soon. Let us know how the Quebec Labrador Foundation can assist in the next step to be taken.

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIPPERS' ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Townshippers' Association, I would like to send greetings to the Coasters and wish you success with your Tourism Conference. Many coasters who have come to the Townships have described the beauty of the Lower North Shore and its way of life. I hope that gathering together to discuss possibilities which exist in the region proves to be a fruitful step in the economic development plans of the Coast.

MESSAGE FROM LOUISE LAVRIERE

I want to thank you for last weekend. It certainly has been an eye opener in terms of tourism versus social impacts. I have known for a long time now that even though tourism represents a few dollars, it can also affect the very fragile social issues of a community or region. Hope your association and promoters can work together at building a brighter future.



PROJECTS:

Fundraising

The candidate selected for the Fundraising Co-Ordinator's position was Trina Fequet. Wanda Lee Martin came in second place. A letter was sent out to all the other applicants with our regrets and to thank them for their interest.

Our extra participants are

seeking addresses of our former residents living off the coast for our Fundraising Co-ordinator. These people will be contacted by Trina Fequet to ask if they want to become members of our Association. The interest of our former residents has been expressed in the past, now we are giving them the chance to become more aware of our accomplishments through our newspaper and

correspondence.

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This project entails looking for expressions and pictures for various fundraising items. There will be 8 cash prizes of \$25.00 given to the students whose expressions we use! The deadline to enter is April 16, 1996. We are still waiting to receive samples of the artistic talent we know will be found in the LNS classrooms!

Internet

The Coasters has applied for an Internet project entitled "CAPTAIN" (Coasters Association Project To Assist Internet Needs). We believe this project will improve communications and prove to be an asset to the youth of the LNS in terms of education, employment opportunities, and resources. We have asked for three people to be trained and employed for 18 months to service the sites in the East, West, and Middle sectors. The Coasters would like to thank the efforts of Shawn Collier who volunteered his expertise and came up with the name of the project "CAPTAIN" and offered future assistance with the project.

Tourism (Follow-up to Conference)

We have also applied for a project through HRD and FORD for a Tourism Co-Ordinator to be employed for 18 months to 2 years. He/She will form the steering committee, evaluate the Tourism potential through Coastal travel, and implement some of the action plans emanating from the Tourism Conference.

Article 25 and Job Development

Clara ann Thomas (Article 25), Trina Fequet (Article 25) and Dawn Thomas (Job Development) were finished work at the end of month. Clara Ann owes 3 days which she is willing to work when she is needed. We would like to wish her the best of wishes through the duration of her pregnancy. Dawn Thomas owes 7 days which she will make up immediately following her final week of work. Trina owes 9 days and she will complete her time upon the completion of her fundraising project. We would like to thank them for their hard work and long hours!

Extra Participants

The Extra's are finished this Month. We would like to thank them for doing a super job! We will be submitting a new project in April.

Handicapped

Leah Keats visited the office to review the Handicapped Project. After the CSBCN has prepared their material for the report, corrections will be made and the report will be completed.

H & SS Research

The Association de Protection et de Defense des Droits de la Personne en Cote-Nord approved the completion of the project. Someone will be hired for two weeks, the remainder of the funds of \$1500.00 will be forwarded to the Coasters to complete the project.

Computer

The computer trainer from the New Horizons Canada Program was

scheduled for the month of March, but his visit was postponed until after the Easter Holidays.

A decision was made at the board meeting that the Executive Director, General Secretary, Fundraising Co-Ordinator, and the Accounting Clerk will receive the computer training. Dwight Bilodeau and Tony Roberts were approved to receive the training as well.



Regional Radio Network \$\$\$\$

A letter was sent to Mr. Bill Floch enclosing the Coasters expense budget for last years RRN study. A letter was sent to the Manager of Support Branch of Canadian Heritage, Andre Latreille, requesting funding to support and improve our local radio stations. We later received correspondence stating that the Radio funding from Canadian Heritage was approved. We are anticipating a cheque for \$18 908 for the three community radio stations and a portion for the Coasters Association. The Local Radio Stations have been notified of the approval of funds.

TOURISM CONFERENCE

The weekend was an overall success! The Goals for the weekend were to develop a mission statement to be adopted on Sunday morning, to create a regional tourism body responsible for managing tourism development on the LNS, and to develop a strategic plan with clear objectives and a

preliminary action plan.

Check It Out!

For the tourism Conference, QLF sent in a compilation of newspaper and magazine articles that have been published over the last 6 years about the LNS. The QLF office in Montreal has the original copies of the articles and addresses for some of the magazines, if issues are requested.

Encouragement

The Coasters received a letter from the Secretary of State of the Federal Office of Regional Development to congratulate us for organizing the Conference. Mr. Martin Cauchon's support was a welcomed surprise.

Results

A motion by the general public was passed to adopt the mission statement. A motion was passed by the majority who were present for the Coasters to be the body to organize a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from every community on the Lower North Shore. The Coasters will seek financial partners to assist in the hiring of a Tourism Program Officer for two years, to assist in organizing the steering committee, to evaluate the tourism potential through Coastal travel accompanied by CRD, to implement some of the action plans emanated from the Tourism Conference and to form partnerships.

Translation

For the Tourism Resource Book Mr. Yvan Gelinas was the translator. We have already received an invoice of \$790.05

for his services to date.

Thank you's

Our sincere appreciation goes out to our two Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Dan Mauger and Mr. Tony Roberts for doing a wonderful job.

We would like to note special thanks to Joan Richards for the singing of O'Canada, Reverend Laldin for a prayer to open our conference, Lionel Roberts for his greetings, and Bill Floch for his outline of strategies for Tourism Development.

Buckle's Inn, Riverside Inn, and all the local people who provided their hospitality to our on and off coast participants, we extend our warm thanks.

The Riverside Inn, Buckle's Inn, and the Anglican Church provided delicious meals and friendly hospitality that we are grateful for. Thank You!

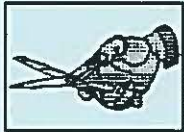
Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the Boomerang Bar where the local talent, accordion playing, and fiddle music had everyone swinging.

There were beautiful arts and crafts on display at the conference throughout the weekend. We were happy to see such a wide variety of items from across the coast. Our off coast participants surely enjoyed our local creativity and talent. Our thanks to Priscilla Griffin for the setting up of the table displays.

The workshops ran smoothly, thanks to our animators who did a wonderful job. There was a lot of information and comments covered in such a short time. We trust that everyone benefitted from the information gathered throughout the workshops.

The services and time of our volunteers were very much needed and appreciated. We always welcome new ideas and support. Sylvia Roberts and Clara-Ann Thomas were our registration volunteers, Lenora Keats and Trina Fequet typed the notes for the workshops, Pamela Roberts helped in the set up of the workshops and with the distribution of the agenda, Dawn Thomas was our loyal membership saleswoman, Shelley Roberts assisted in the fundraising activities, Priscilla Griffin assisted Nathalie with the workshop recordings and the overseeing of the workshop activities, and Heidi Griffin, Crista Roberts and Jessica Griffin helped with the display tables, Helen Meredith and John Hull worked upon arrival, and Bill Floch's work was greatly appreciated, just to name a few. Of course, to organize such an event the amount of voluntary work and it's importance is immeasurable. The Conference's success is the most obvious result of the support and hard work of very involved people.

Chantale Lawless offered her talent and an incredible amount of time to translate material



for the Tourism Conference. We do not know how we would have managed without her. Thanks Chantale!

Thank you letters have been distributed to our off and on coast conference participants expressing our appreciation for their presence and input.

A thank you letter was sent to Lynden Berchervaise for lending Joan's services to the Coasters Association for 2 weeks. The Coasters has worked very closely with CASA through the years and their partnership has been a strong part of the Coasters success over the years.

Thank you letters were sent to all the Tourism Conference participants on and off the coast, the Board Members, the Financial Backers, the people who helped with the preparations of the Resource Guide. The Executive Director sent thank you letters to Susan Mastine Frost and Irene Halikas for their encouragement and support; to Dan Mauger, John Hull, Helen Meredith, Bill Floch, Astri Thorvick, Bob Belvin and to Shawn Collier for their assistance; to Yvon Sirros for sending his representative Jean Cormier and to request assistance in forming a steering committee; to Nancy Beattie also suggesting a Network Meeting on the Coast; to Chantale Lawless for her expertise in translating; to Marina Keats for her co-operation with the mail; and to Scott Buckle and Tony Roberts for their undying support, assistance and endless volunteer work.

Disappointment

A letter was sent to the Commission Scolaire du Littorale concerning Mr. James Smith's disposition and arrangement with the Coasters of the usage of the school. We expressed our dismay with the situation and hope to receive an apology and a guarantee that this will not happen in the future.

Interviews

On March 12th Bill Flock was interviewed by CBC radio, Quebec A.M. and Bob Belvin was interviewed on CBC Radio, Breakaway concerning the Tourism Conference Weekend's Success.

On March 15th Scott Buckle was interviewed on CJAS concerning the Tourism Conference Outcome.

On March 18th Tony Roberts was interviewed on CBC Radio noon concerning the Tourism Conference Weekend.

On March 28th Cornella Maurice was interviewed on CJAS by Rachael Bilodeau concerning the general expectations of the Coasters Association. Also she did an interview with CFTH radio.

All interviews went extremely well and we are proud to have such an interest in the Conference and other issues as well.

MLCP

The MLCP were contacted to solicit funds for the Conference. They were unable to do so but can assist in future advertisements, if requested. They tried their best to assist

with the resource book but it was impossible. They will be contacted for advertising funds for the Coastar.

Resource Guide

Nathalie is busily working on the Guide. We have received



Biographies from Barb Boldger, Rodney Maurice, Janie Cox, Amy Evans, Armand Joncas, and Francois Bertrand just to name

a few. We hope to see the Guide completed for the translator at the end of the month.



Nathalie Maurice will continue to work on the Tourism Project to complete the conference minutes and to wrap up the final draft of the Resource Guide. Her project has been extended for another 3 to 4 weeks. She has been doing a super job and we would like to see her have the opportunity to complete such excellent work.

COMMUNITY LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

The Townshippers Association's Board of Directors have undertaken the initiative of encouraging English speaking Townshippers to send letters to various politicians voicing their concerns on current issues. They have advertised their mission throughout the Townships, encouraging their members to call their office for addresses of their local MP's and MNA's. They are asking the other Regional Associations to undertake a similar campaign.

METIS ASSOCIATION

Following the Tourism Conference, contact was made to the Metis Association to discuss the set-up of a branch office on the Coast. We have received membership applications to distribute to the public.

CONSEIL REGIONAL DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

Following the Tourism Conference, the Coasters were contacted and asked to attend all the CRE meetings that take place four times per year, in Sept-Iles or Baie Commeau, ALL EXPENSES PAID! Isidore Lawless was selected to attend their first meeting which will be held in May.

MEETINGS



Surete du Quebec

The Advisory Committee held a meeting March 7th, in the St. Bernard School in Lourdes and Tony Roberts attended on behalf of the Coasters. Some of the topics discussed were the debriefing of the 1995 Surete du Quebec activities, analysis of the 1995-1996 consultations, and there was an open discussion of the years events. We are awaiting the minutes of the meeting.

RESULTS-Advisory Committee sent out their 1995 results assent as follows:

Road and Highway Safety: speed has decreased in general, Night

patrol has not gone up during the summer, yet in the spring and fall it has increased on the weekends.

Drugs and Alcohol: Informed merchants of conditions to respect liquor permits, informed students of St. Paul's River School of drinking problems for minors.

Community Relations: There were meetings with students in local schools.

Conference Call

There was a conference call on the 8th of March regarding the Tourism Conference. Bill Floch, Scott Buckle, Cornella Maurice, Tony Roberts, and Joan Richards participated in the call.

Bouchard's Speech

The Coasters received an invitation to attend Mr. Lucien Bouchard's speech entitled "Living Together before during and after the Referendum" to be held in Old Montreal, March 11, 1996. We were unable to attend the meeting but we will publish its results in the next Informer.

Meeting with Clayton Pilgram

On March 12th Clayton Pilgram visited the office to meet with Cornella to discuss the Tourism Conference and possible actions to be implemented.

Estates General on Education

Isidore Lawless attended the Estates General meeting on Sunday, March 24th in Lourdes and gave us a full report. A copy of, "The Estates General on Education 1995-1996" is available at the office.

Tourism Conference Meetings

There was a meeting with Robert Fibich on the 25th of March at the Coasters office concerning the tourism conference. There was a follow up on March 27th which involved Cornella making a trip to his office. Then on March 28th Tony brought the final information back to Robert in Lourdes.

Meeting with Jacques Bourbeau

Jacques Bourbeau met with Cornella at the office on March 25th regarding the set-up of his company on the Coast. He is looking for a student within the Marine Biology field to work with him next summer. Donald Jeansome's resume that was on file was presented to him. He seemed quite pleased and showed us a collection of beautiful coastal scenery taken by a professional photographer. Cornella selected a few pictures to be developed, he will forward it to us from the Madeline Islands.

Commission Scolaire meeting

Tony Roberts attended an Action Team meeting for the Bonne Esperance - Blanc Sablon region on March 27th at Saint Bernard's School. The main theme of the meeting was to establish plans to form a technology course in our local schools. Some topic discussed were the training of the administrative staff, teachers, support staff, and to develop a standard computer curriculum for all levels. The minutes of the meeting are available at the office upon request.

Conference Call

There was a conference call on March 28th regarding the

Community Forum that will be held in June in Montreal. Canadian Heritage and the QCNG participated to discuss the priority of projects, etc. Cornella was present for the Coasters.

CSBCN

The CSBCN cancelled their public meeting for March 7th in Whale Head and it was postponed until March 20th, where it was to be held in Lourdes. This date has also been cancelled. We are waiting for another notice and an explanation as to why there have been such delays.

Provincial Education Committee

Alliance Quebec sent us the following documents regarding their March 6th Provincial Education Committee Meeting.

- ✦ Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 1995
- ✦ Extract from Alliance Quebec policy on Education
- ✦ Recommended amendment to the Alliance Quebec policy submitted by the Youth Commission
- ✦ Addition to the agenda: concerning Mme. Marois' interest in reopening the question of linguistic school boards.

This information is available at the office upon request.

LETTERS/CORRESPONDENCE

Alliance Quebec

A letter was sent to the President of Alliance Quebec to express our dismay with the organization of the meeting with the Prime Minister. Representatives from other

organizations were notified and attended. When we received information of their meeting (through someone other than Alliance Quebec) by then it was too late to make the necessary travel arrangements. We were then assigned a representative by Alliance Quebec, without our consultation. The importance of our presence at this meeting needs no mention. We neglect to see the cause of their actions and we are yet to receive an explanation as to why this occurred.

CASA

CASA sent in a copy of their text used at the meeting with the Prime Minister. The central themes concerned the commitment to linguistic duality and the necessity for concrete and constant demonstration of Canada as a union for Quebecers and all Canadians. This document includes the speeches of Michael Hamelin, Lynden Berchervaise, Morton Brownstein, Phil O'Brien, Kim Hamelin, Mas Chambres, and Elizabeth Amaron. This is available at the office for future reference.

Support

Randy Jones contacted the office regarding the set up of an Ad hoc committee on the Lower North Shore to become a separate region or a designated area. He wrote a letter that he was planning to forward to the public, and he wanted the Coasters to review it first. Randy would like to meet with the Coasters and other organizations to discuss this initiative. He offered his

services to the Coasters for any arising matters. He will also attend meetings on our behalf if requested to do so. His encouragement and support was graciously accepted.

Member of Parliament (MP)
Member of National Assembly
(MNA)

Letters were sent to our MP and MNA expressing our dismay in the present relationship between their office and ours. Their support and acknowledgement has not been a part of any of our present progressions. Their services should have been a part of our Tourism Conference, yet we have received no correspondence concerning the matter.

QUESTIONNAIRES

QCGN

The QCGN are asking for input concerning international initiatives and they have sent out a questionnaire to aid their study.

QAAL

The QAAL sent out a questionnaire for the QCGN Special Fund Project. The main objective of the project is to identify provincial funding agencies and programs which could provide support for the activities of QCGN member groups. The Coasters have received a thank you letter from QAAL for aiding with their study.

Legal Services

Alliance Quebec and the Regional Association Network are performing a study on

individuals, groups, firms, etc, in the private, public, and para-public sectors that provide legal service and information. Their goal is to create a province wide "Directory of Legal Services" that will serve Quebec's English speaking population. The Coasters have completed their questionnaire and is awaiting further news on their study.

FRIEND OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

Strategies St-Laurent is a non profitable organization which has been organized by l'UQCN. They are the privileged partners of the St-Laurent Vision 2 000 which is the fruit of discussions between many federal and provincial cabinets, and they are part of the ZIP program. The goal of a ZIP Committee is meeting people from different backgrounds to take actions regarding the protection, rehabilitation and improvement of the St. Lawrence river and its dependencies. The Strategies St-Laurent's ZIP (Intervention Priority Zone) stretches from Baie-Trinite to Blanc Sablon including Anticosti Island. They are requesting to obtain a representative from this area on the ZIP Committee. If you are interested, further information is available at the office.

GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

The little boy who wanted to set the world record for most

greeting cards, does not want any more cards. As published in last months Informer: the Coasters Association was contacted to send this little fellow a "Get Well" card. It turned out that his brain tumor was successfully operated on and he is now doing fine. He qualified in the Guinness Book of World Records for owning the most greeting cards. Now that he is doing fine, he wishes not to receive any more cards. The Guinness Book of Records have decided to close the Greeting Card slot indefinitely and advises the public to donate the money that you would spend on a card to a better cause.

NEW LICENSING POLICY

"The policy forms the basis for a future-oriented industry which will transform a fisherman from a person with few options into a steward of the resource with good income and a secure future." said the Honorable Brian Tobin. The objective of the new policy reforms are: to reduce capacity; to improve the viability of the commercial fishery by promoting multi-licensed enterprises while maintaining specialized fleets; and to prevent future growth by establishing a limited group of core fishing enterprises. The following four basic Atlantic-wide criteria applied were: be the head of an enterprise; hold key licenses; have an attachment to the fishery; and be dependent on the fishery. Copies of these documents are available at the office if requested.

EDUCATION



The Coasters have been approached by the President of the Estates General on Education to review their recent publication that specifies questions to be submitted to the public debate. They plan to hold public hearings on the Lower North Shore, to redefine the current education system on the regional level as well.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC NEWS

AGM

They are holding their AGM on April 21, 1996. Nominations for President, Treasurer, and Board of Directors will be open from March 25 to 26. They would like their Board to represent various regions and/or institutions across the province. We will keep you informed of the results.

Open Letter to the Prime Minister

For the first time in memory the Premier of Quebec will speak directly to the provinces English Speaking Community. On March 11, 1996. M. Bouchard suggested that he is looking to bridge the gap between his government and the 800,000 English speaking Quebecers. Alliance Quebec insisted on a concrete and constructive response as to why must we be subjected to a third referendum. The five points Alliance Quebec promised to bring up were that his government:

- ①. Accepts and recognizes that Quebecers who support the federalists will not have their loyalties to the province questioned, nor their right to participate in debates over its development and direction.
- ②. Provide tools for our schools to sustain themselves.
- ③. Affirm they will honour Bill 86, to remove the ban on bilingual signs.
- ④. Stop any move to tighten Bill 101. A linguistic balance must be had without compromising the security of dual language communities.
- ⑤. Make a serious commitment to changing the lack of English-speaking representation in the Quebec Public Service and on the para-government and quasi-judicial bodies.

We are anxious to receive the results.

Activity Report

In Alliance Quebec's Activity Report regarding Education they enclosed a copy of their letters to the Minister of Education regarding the request for a meeting, intervention on the composition for phase II of the Estates General on Education, recommendation to appoint Hugh Auger to the Assistant Deputy Minister of English Education position, and the reply letters from the Minister.

QUEBEC TELEPHONE

There was a letter sent to Mr. St-Laurent-Roy concerning long distance telephone changes and poor transmission on the coast. The letter addresses the benefits of charge free phone calls on the coast, to increase the efficiency of the internet program which should be the near future's technology of the coast.

MINISTERS DES TRANSPORTS

A letter was sent to the Honorable Jacques Leonard to advise caution concerning the proposal to maintain the route of the Relais Nordik's scheduled stops in Sept-Iles. The Coasters want to look into their proposal before forming an opinion, and before any changes are made for the 1997 Spring Season.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE FIRE!

The Commission Scolaire du Littorale's office in Sept Iles was lost to a tragic fire. The Coasters Association can sympathize with the School Board for we have gone through the awful experience ourselves. We know the incredible effort it takes to accept the loss and hard work required to start over. A condolence letter was sent to Mr. Medric O'Brien for their loss, and to encourage hope in their process of rebuilding on behalf of the Coasters.



SECTIONS 41 & 42

On February 23, the Steering Committee of the Department of Canadian Heritage recommended that they distribute the working paper entitled "Aiming for Results", identifying the main objectives to be reached in the implementation of Sections 41 and 42. A copy is on file at the office if requested.

IN-OFFICE NEWS

Cookbook

The fundraising co-ordinator is busy working on the final stages of the cookbook. We are all anxious to get our hands on the masterpiece. Chef Trina!

General Secretary

The candidates selected to be interviewed for the General Secretary position were Stephanie Roberts, Lenora Keats, and Priscilla Griffin. All participated in interviews and were tested on Monday, March 11th and the results were as follows:

1st place = Stephanie Roberts
2nd place = Priscilla Griffin
3rd place = Lenora Keats

A letter was sent by Isidore Lawless to the other applicants with our regrets and to thank them for their interest. Isidore Lawless contacted the first and second place candidates.

Both successful candidates (Trina Fequet and Stephanie Roberts) started work on Tuesday, March 12th. We

congratulate them and are proud to have them as part of our team.

A Secretarial test was executed for the General Secretary Position for the Board of Directors approval.

We want to thank the Selection Committee for a job-well-done.

Training

The General Secretary's training is going well. She is scheduled for 3 weeks of training: one week with Cornella, one week with Joan Richards, and one week of Computer Training. Joan Richards did an excellent job with her training session, although she was busy helping Cornella with the Tourism Conference follow-up. The General Secretary is anticipating many bright and exciting challenges and hopes to meet all expectations.

Minutes

Priscilla Griffin researched the past Board Meetings for resolutions to be brought to the Board Meeting to be placed in the Constitution and/or Policies, or to be cancelled. Priscilla worked on the completion of the Minutes for the Board Meeting. However, the AGM Minutes was not completed, due to time restraints.

Computers

Our reliable Kirby Morency has been a great help to the office, updating and programming the computers.

Board of Directors

Elva Driscoll resigned from her

position, member at large for St. Augustine and Colleen Driscoll replaced her. Colleen works with the Montagnais population of Pakuashipi. We are sorry to see Elva go but we are very proud to have Colleen join us. Welcome aboard Colleen!

Visits from the President



Scott visits the office frequently to work on a variety of matters and to make phone calls, etc.

New Membership

The Coasters have filed applications to become a member of the Tourism Association of Canada; we have paid the \$250.00 fee and are expecting to receive a membership package. Furthermore, the coasters have paid \$35.00 to become a member of the CRE

Membership Drive

The Extra Participants have started their door to door membership campaign for the 1996 Fiscal year. It has to be completed by March 29th. All is going well!

Job Offer!

The Coasters were contacted by a company called "Castle Group" requesting our expertise to find a Part-Time Employee for their job opening in Sept-Iles. They were looking for a bilingual person to perform detailed inspections of their dealers that sell their products. The names submitted

were Pauline Boland, Gloria Marcoux, Colin Gallichon, and Norma Bobbitt. After much consideration, the Coasters selected Gloria Marcoux for the job. Congratulations Gloria!

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Honorary

Joan Richards was given an honorary of \$500.00 for her 2 weeks work at the office and her constant help over the years.



Contract Services

Lenora Keats was hired to draft the Handicapped Project, and to complete Informers and the Information Lists for the Board Meeting.

Accounting Department

Sylvia is busy at work wrapping-up the end of the year finances, preparations for the auditor, closing projects, submitting activity reports, invoices, etc. Keep up the good work!

Confidentiality

All employees of the Coasters Association are now obliged to sign a Confidentiality Agreement that was requested by the Executive Committee, and was instated by the Board of Directors at their last meeting. This Agreement is a necessary step to ensure the credibility and protect the reputation of our Association.

Office Rules and Regulations

Office Rules and Regulations

are also a new agreement, to be signed by an employee upon employment, requested by the Board to encourage office efficiency and professionalism.

Time Off

Sylvia's and Cornella's time off, other than the statutory Easter Holiday, were approved. Sylvia took 3 1/2 days, 2 days of accumulated overtime, from April 3rd to April 11th. Cornella used 5 days of her accumulated overtime, from April 1st to April 10th.

Executive Meeting

On March 11st there was a meeting with Isidore, Scott, Nancy, and Janie.

- ➡ They selected the candidates for the General Secretary position.
- ➡ It was decided that a letter would be sent to the School Board concerning Mr. James Smith's actions during the conference weekend, and to Quebec Telephone concerning long distance rates, etc.
- ➡ The agenda for the staff meeting was prepared.
- ➡ It was agreed that Trina would continue to work on the Article 25 project until its completion, before starting the Fundraising project.
- ➡ Scott would perform interviews for the Coasters unless he appointed someone else to do so.
- ➡ The H&SS report will be completed by the General Secretary.
- ➡ It was decided that Scott, Tony and Isidore would attend to all office matters on behalf of all the Executive members, when necessary.
- ➡ Staff will not be deducted for Monday, because of the

secretarial test, it will be classified as a working day.

- ➡ Occasional meetings will have to be held with staff members.

Tony and Peggy were contacted on all of the above matters and they agreed.

Executive Meeting

On March 21st there was a meeting with Scott and Isidore. The following topics were decided:

- » Isidore was selected to attend the CRE meeting.
- » It was decided not to call the members absent from the Board meeting to attend the Alliance Quebec convention. Only the members who attended would be called.
- » Scott, Cornella, and Rodney were selected to attend the A.Q. convention. Nancy's, Janie's and Peggy's names were placed in a bag. Nancy's name was drawn first, and Peggy's name was drawn second.
- » Colleen was accepted as board member at large for St. Augustine to replace Elva Driscoll
- » Gloria Marcoux was selected as the person for the Castel Group job opening
- » Reviewed projects. The General Secretary will complete the H & SS Research and Handicapped projects.
- » Reviewed letters and correspondence and requested for all public concerns to be put in writing.
- » General Secretary's training was discussed and a report will be produced by her later.
- » Computer training was postponed until the fiscal

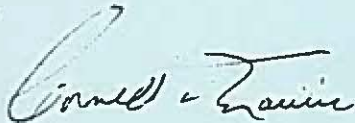
year, it will be looked into at that time. All topics were reviewed with Tony and he agreed with the decisions taken by Isidore and Scott.

Staff Meeting

On March 21st, Scott and Isidore met with the staff members to discuss the Confidentiality Agreement and the Office Rules and Regulations which came into effect this month. There were a few questions and comments, yet everyone seemed to be in agreement with the contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME
AT THE OFFICE.

THANK YOU!



Cornella Maurice
Executive Director

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