

MINUTES OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. in the Library. Present were Karen Armbruster, Jean Franklin, Heather Miyauchi, Ron McDonald, Bill O'Neill, Marylea White, Wanda White, and JeanAnne Sekella.

Moved by Keith Hagen, seconded by Marylea White, that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Communication received from Redcliff re the Shortgrass regional requesting a presentation of a brief to forestall the Medicine Hat proposal. Said brief to be submitted to the secretary of Shortgrass by January 20, 1983. Next meeting is at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, January 29, 1983.

Moved by Wanda White, seconded by JeanAnne Sekella, that this Board go on record as being opposed to the selection of a headquarters for the Shortgrass Library System at this time. Carried.

Moved by Wanda White, seconded by Jean Franklin, that this Board go on record as being opposed to the location of the headquarters for the Shortgrass Library System in any established public library building. Carried.

2. Moved by Ron McDonald, seconded by Wanda White, that a letter be sent from the Brooks Library Board, to the government, opposing the consolidation of grants to municipal boards. Carried.
3. The Public Relations Checklist for libraries was received from the Alberta Library Board.

New Business

1. Copies of the Statistical Report was distributed by Karen Armbruster. The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, commended and thanked Karen Armbruster for her efforts in preparing the 1982 Year End Statistical Synopsis.
2. The Newell Historical Research Project (Deborah Nicholson, Lea Nicoll Kramer) will be completed on Friday, January 14, 1983.

Bill O'Neill moved adjournment at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella
Secretary

Keith Hagen

MINUTES OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1983

Vice-Chairman Wanda White called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Library. Present were Karen Armbruster, Jean Franklin, Heather Miyachi, Ron MacDonald, Marylea White, Wanda White, Keith Hagen and JeanAnne Sekella.

The chair declared the minutes adopted as circulated.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter was sent to the provincial government opposing the Urban Municipalities resolution re the change in funding format. Tom Buchanan, executive director of AUMA acknowledged receipt of copy.

Moved by Wanda White, seconded by Marylea White, that a copy of the letter also be sent to Tom Musgrove. Carried.

Moved by Heather Miyachi, seconded by JeanAnne Sekella, that a fee of one hundred dollars per day, plus mileage, be charged for the services of our librarian as a workshop resource person. Carried.

A meeting of the Short Grass Regional System was held in Brooks on Saturday, January 29, 1983. A letter is to be sent to the Steering Committee designating one official voting representative, plus one alternate representative who may vote only when the regular representative is absent.

Moved by Jean Franklin, seconded by JeanAnne Sekella, that Karen Armbruster be designated the official alternate delegate to the Steering Committee of the Short Grass Regional System. Carried.

Special Programs for Special People is underway. Debbie Nicholson, co-ordinator; Marg Woods and April Aitken are planning numerous wents. (see attached sheet)

NEW BUSINESS

The next book buying trip is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 1983.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Wanda White nominated Keith Hagen
Jean Franklin, Ron MacDonald; that nominations cease. Carried.

Vice-Chairman: Jean Franklin nominated Wanda White
Ron MacDonald; Marylea White; that nominations cease.
Carried.

Secretary: Heather Miyachi nominated Ron MacDonald
Ron MacDonald nominated JeanAnne Sekella
Wanda White; Jean Franklin; that nominations cease. Carried.
JeanAnne Sekella was elected secretary

Treasurer: Jean Franklin nominated Ron MacDonald
Marylea White; Wanda White; that nominations cease. Carried.

Chairman Keith Hagen requested that the secretary send a letter to
MaryAnne McIntyre requesting her presence once again at our regular
meetings.

Budgets have yet to be finalized by Brooks Town Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M. on a motion by Ron MacDonald.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Hagen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located on the right side of the page, below the typed text.

MINUTES OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wanda White at 7:15 P.M. in the Library. Present were Karen Armbruster, Heather Miyauchi, Wanda White, Ron MacDonald, Bill O'Neill and JeanAnne Sekella.

The Chair declared the minutes of the previous meeting adopted as circulated.

Old Business

The Bassano visit will be on Thursday, March 17, 1983.

Correspondence

Letters were sent to MaryAnne McIntyre; the Steering Committee of the Shortgrass Co-Operative Library; and Mrs. McDonnell (Bassano). Letters were received from J. Forsythe re: our expression of concern in regard to proposed changes in funding assignment; and, from Mary Ellen Ganole who has offered to donate a children's book each year for ten years.

A Spring Workshop will be held March 26 at Redcliff. Topics will include MCR grants and Writing Policies.

New Business

Karen Armbruster will represent the Board as well as present a seminar at the Jasper Conference, April 21-24, 1983. School Bookfairs Ltd. are offering the materials for a book fair at a 30% discount. Moved by B. O'Neill, seconded by R. MacDonald, that we sponsor a School Bookfair. Carried. There will be a Children's Literature Conference, May 13-15, in Edmonton.

Heather Miyauchi moved adjournment at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;
Jean Sekella, Secretary

Keith Hayden

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brooks Public Library Board

Tuesday, April 12, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Library. Present were Karen Armbruster, Jean Franklin, Marylea White, Wanda White, Keith Hagen and JeanAnne Sekella.

The Chairman declared the minutes of the March meeting adopted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen Armbruster reported a very successful workshop at Bassano despite the adverse weather conditions.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Canada Community Development Project grant was refused. The project has been re-submitted under the Needs grant program.

There will be no increase in Library grant funding in 1983-84. The first installment of the grant is expected prior to April 30.

Moved by W. White, seconded by M. White, that we write a letter of protest regarding the fact that there has been no increase in Public Library funding this year. Carried.

A paper, Library Development Principles in Alberta, was received from Howard Platt, Chairman of the Alberta Library Trustees Association. The Brooks Public Library Board concurs with the Principles as set forth in the paper.

NEW BUSINESS

An operating budget of \$48,300.00 has been approved by Brooks Town Council.

Application for the Provincial funding may now be made. The grant is to be based on a population of 9421.

A spring book-buying trip is due.

Chairman Keith Hagen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella
Secretary

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Brooks Library Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Library. Present were Karen Armbruster, Ron MacDonald, Bill O'Neill, Marylea White, Wanda White, Keith Hagen and JeanAnne Sekella.

Moved by K. Hagen, seconded by R. MacDonald, that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Correspondence

1. A letter from Howard Platt outlined the changing grant structure in Alberta. The present positions is akin to that of the pre-1907 public library in terms of funding.
2. The NEEDS grant acknowledged receipt of our application.
3. The provincial government has received our audited statement.

Moved by M. White, seconded by R. MacDonald that the Brooks Public Library proceed with the registering of the Brooks Public Library as a society. Carried.

Moved by W. White, seconded by B. O'Neill that insurance coverage be extended to a valuation of \$275,000.00. Carried.

Moved by M. White, seconded by R. MacDonald, that the form for the Canada Day grant be completed. Carried.

Karen Armbruster and Wanda White attended the Shortgrass Regional Meeting in Medicine Hat on Saturday, May 7, 1983. An information meeting will be held in Brooks at 7:30 P.M. on June 7. Bonnie Gray of Alberta Culture will attend. Members of local Public Library Boards are invited to attend.

About 125 attended Karen Armbruster's presentation at the Jasper Conference. Requests for information and materials were overwhelming. Also, requests for more presentations were received. The Storytelling Workshop, presented by Karen, to the I.R.A. in Medicine Hat grew to a three-hour session. Further, she has been invited to speak, on two days, at the 1984 Trans-Mountain Conference of the I.R.A. The conference will be in Medicine Hat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. on a motion by B. O'Neill.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella,
Secretary.

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brooks Library Board - Tuesday, June 14, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The meeting was attended by Karen Armbruster, Jean Franklin, Ron McDonald, Heather Miyauchi, Bill O'Neill, Marylea White, Wanda White and JeanAnne Sekella.

Moved by Keith Hagen, seconded by Bill O'Neill that the minutes of the May meeting be adopted as read. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the letter protesting the freeze on library grants have been sent. A packet of information has been received from Polaroid re: the camera proposal but no cameras yet.

The NEED grant application was approved. Interviews for the three positions are now being conducted.

The final payment of the Provincial Grant has been received.

The insurance coverage of library contents is in place.

REPORTS

The questionnaire, received June 7 from Bonnie Gray, was studied and completed by the Board.

Another successful book buying trip has been completed.

Moved by W. White, seconded by M. White, that a service contract be signed with Corporate Interiors for servicing of the Canon copies. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The newsletter from the Alberta Library Trustees Assoc. noted that a Half-back Program is in operation in some centers. Half the face value of lottery tickets (expired) may be applied toward the purchase of books. More information on the program will be sought.

Arrangements will be made so that staff members may attend Belinda Koennings wedding on Saturday, July 9 from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

The Summer Funtastic Program is budgetted at \$2,500.00 this year. Christie Stenger will be engaged for the program and the desk for eight weeks at a cost of approximately \$1360.00.

Virginia Beardsly (ABLE Project) is making excellent progress with analyzing the reading level of the books. A green dot indicates that the book has a controlled reading grade level. If time permits, the card catalog will also be keyed.

An offer to provide video disks and players was considered. R. McDonald will investigate the cost of such items from other suppliers before a decision is made to purchase,

Moved by M. White, seconded by B. O'Neill, that staff salaries shall be as shown in the table below, as of July 1, 1983. Carried.

Christie	\$4.75 per hour	Belinda	\$7.00 per hour
Audrey	\$6.00 per hour	Joan	\$7.00 per hour
Karen	\$1700.00 per month		

Moved by Bill O'Neil, seconded by R. McDonald, that two cakes be ordered for the Canada Day celebrations. Carried.

Heather MiYauchi moved adjournment at 9:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella
Secretary

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brooks Public Library

Board - Tuesday, July 12, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present were Keith Hagen, Ron McDonald, Wanda White, Heather Miyabhi and Karen Ambruster

Keith Hagen declared the Minutes of the last meeting adopted as circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE

A cheque from the Town of Brooks covering the annual grant has been received.

Also two other grant cheques have been received. One in the amount of \$ 575 covers recognition of Canada Day and one in the amount of \$300 is to be used to recognize Heritage Day Aug. 1st.

REPORTS

The Canada Day program was held two days, June 30th and July 1st. 185 patrons took advantage of the opportunity. Many people congratulated the Library on this effort as it seemed to be the only Canada Day event in town. Cakes (decorated as the Canadian Flag) and drinks were supplied, along with flags, balloons, stickers and pins.

Funtastic is going well. Enrolment is slightly down from last year. Marg Woods has resigned from the project and has been replaced by Colette Tiefenbach.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron McDonald has checked out price of video disk players at Radio Shack (in neighborhood of \$500). It was felt that other quotations should be received before a decision is made re the RCA offer to supply players and disks. Tabled until the next meeting.

✓ Karen Ambruster has written to Polaroid re the free camera offer but has had no reply.

✓ The NEED project (microfilming the Brooks Bulletin) is progressing. Three people, Fay Rice, Pat Russell and Sharon Lloyd, have been hired.

✓ The microfilm reader has been ordered. There is some doubt about whether we will be able to retain ownership of this reader after the project is finished. We will have to show a continuing need for it.

NEW BUSINESS

A book buying trip is planned for the last week in August. Karen will set a date and contact possible members who may wish to go.

Karen Armbruster will be on holidays commencing August 8th.

Moved by H. Miyauchi, Seconded by Ron McDonald, that there be no meeting in August. Carried

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at 7 p.m.

Adjournment was at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda White
for JeanAnne Sekella,
Secretary

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Brooks Library Board

Tuesday, September 13, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. Also present were Karen Armbruster, Heather Miyauchi, Bill O'Neill, Marylea White and JeanAnne Sekella.

Moved by H. Miyauchi, seconded by B. O'Neill, that the minutes be adopted as printed. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Bonnie Gray of Alberta Culture has requested that Karen present a session on funding at the Workshop in Edmonton, October 27-28.

Moved by J. Sekella, seconded by M. White, that Karen accept the invitation. Carried.

Moved by B. O'Neill, seconded by J. Sekella, that the provincial travel allowance of 22¢ per km be adopted by this Board. Carried.

2. High Level Bindery has verbally offered to rebind books for half-cost until the \$1,200.00 value of the books, lost by Greyhound, is retired. This has not been confirmed in writing.

Moved by M. White, seconded by H. Miyauchi, that \$400.00 worth of binding be sent. Carried.

3. The Alberta Co-ordinator for Children's Book Festival has indicated a fee or honorarium will be required.
4. The Canada Council will pay a \$200.00 honorarium for a visiting author, October 5 and 6. The Board is responsible for meals and accommodation if required.
5. The Week of the Pre-School Child will be October 2-8. The Resource-a-rama in the Mall is scheduled for October 20.

Reports

1. NEED Project: Present staff: Beatrice Peterson, Pat Russell, Colleen Wilson; locale: Brooks Campus of the Medicine Hat College. An index system has been organized. Film reader should be in soon.
2. STEP Project: the reading level of approximately half of the print material has been ascertained.
3. Polaroid: Two cameras, plus film, have been received. To check out the cameras, a driver's license number must be presented.
4. Book Buying Trip: Karen and Belinda selected approximately \$3,000.00 worth of print material in August. Another trip is required before Christmas.
5. More shelving has been ordered. It is due in November.

6. A registration number has been received preparatory to recognition of tax exempt status as a charitable organization, as of July 23, 1983. Proposed changes to the Act may render the classification of little use to the Board.
7. Brooks Public Library Summer Fantastic - July 4 - August 26 (see attached sheet).

Moved by H. Miyauchi, seconded by M. White, that October be Amnesty Month. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion by B. O'Neill.

Respectfully submitted,
JeanAnne Sekella
Secretary

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Brooks Public Library Board Meeting Tuesday, November 08, 1983

Chairman Keith Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
Also present were Karen Armbruster, Ron M^cDonald, Bill O'Neill,
Maryfer White, Wanda White, and Geraldine Schella.

K. Hagen declared the minutes adopted as read.

Correspondence

1. Employment and Immigration has acknowledged the application re funds to complete the reading level assessment.
2. Alberta Culture will explain its new circulation policy for talking books, in Edmonton, on Friday, November 25.
3. Bell and Howell is offering a preventative maintenance contract for the microfilm reader; cost per annum is \$360.00.
Request details of "preventative maintenance".
4. A letter was sent to the Short Grass organization re stating the names of the official delegates to that body.
5. Short Grass requests the Brooks Public Library Board to be custodian of any grant monies.

Moved by W White, seconded by B. O'Neill, that the Brooks Public Library Board agree to be the custodian of any grant money received from Alberta Library Services for the purpose of furthering the Short Grass Regional Library Project, since our Board representative to the Project is the Treasurer, Wanda White. Carried.

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the underlying structure of the data. This is particularly relevant in the context of high-dimensional data, where the number of variables is often much larger than the number of observations. The goal is to identify the most important features that explain the variability in the data.

2. The second part of the paper focuses on the development of a new statistical method for analyzing such data. This method is based on the idea of sparse principal component analysis (SPCA), which combines the strengths of principal component analysis (PCA) and sparse regression. The proposed method is shown to outperform existing methods in terms of both accuracy and interpretability.

3. The third part of the paper presents a simulation study to evaluate the performance of the proposed method. The results show that the method is able to consistently identify the true underlying structure of the data, even in the presence of noise and high dimensionality.

4. The fourth part of the paper applies the proposed method to a real-world dataset. The results show that the method is able to identify meaningful features that are not captured by traditional PCA. This suggests that the proposed method has the potential to be a valuable tool for data analysis in a wide range of applications.

5. The fifth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the proposed method and suggests directions for future research. In particular, it is noted that the method may be sensitive to the choice of the regularization parameter, and that further work is needed to develop more robust and efficient methods for high-dimensional data analysis.

6. The sixth part of the paper concludes the paper by summarizing the main findings and highlighting the contributions of the proposed method. It is emphasized that the proposed method provides a new and effective way of analyzing high-dimensional data, and that it has the potential to be widely adopted in the field of data science.

7. The seventh part of the paper provides a detailed description of the proposed method. The method is based on the following steps: (1) data preprocessing, (2) feature selection, (3) principal component analysis, and (4) sparse regression. Each step is described in detail, and the underlying theory is provided.

8. The eighth part of the paper presents the results of the simulation study. The results are presented in the form of tables and plots, and are compared against the performance of existing methods. The proposed method is shown to have superior performance in terms of both accuracy and interpretability.

9. The ninth part of the paper presents the results of the application to the real-world dataset. The results are presented in the form of plots and tables, and are compared against the results of traditional PCA. The proposed method is shown to be able to identify meaningful features that are not captured by traditional PCA.

10. The tenth part of the paper discusses the limitations of the proposed method and suggests directions for future research. In particular, it is noted that the method may be sensitive to the choice of the regularization parameter, and that further work is needed to develop more robust and efficient methods for high-dimensional data analysis.

6. Policy re accepting gifts in kind has yet to be formulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Book binding has not been sent yet.
2. Shelving has not yet arrived. When it does, assistance to re-organize books would be very helpful.

New Business

Moved by R. M^cDonald, seconded by M. White, that Karen, or her designate, attend the Alberta Culture seminar, re talking books, in Edmonton on November 25. Carried.

A request for xeroxing of total material on Dinosaur Park has been received.

Moved by R. M^cDonald, seconded by W. White, that the Board check with Consumer Affairs, with Joe Forsyth of Alberta Culture, and with the Town of Brooks lawyers, re the status of unpublished material accumulated as the result of the expenditures of grant monies. Carried.

Moved by B. O'Neill, seconded by R. M^cDonald, that the Brooks Public Library Board submit a proposed budget based on a growth rate of 0%. Carried.

Moved by W. White, seconded by B. O'Neill that discussion of the request for additional office space be postponed until the December meeting. Carried.

The Staff Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 5, at 6:30 PM, at the home of Karen and Joe Ambrose, 48 M^cNab Park Street. A meeting will follow the potluck supper. B. O'Neill moved adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted; Jarlaine Sekella; Secretary

Keith Hagen

Minutes of the Brooks Public Library Board Meeting Monday, December 5, 1983

Chairman Keith Dagen called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM, at the residence of Karen and Joe Armbruster. Present for the meeting were Karen Armbruster, Jean Franklin, Heather Miyachi, Ross McDonald, Bill O'Neill, Marylee White, Wanda White, and Janinne Sekella.

Moved by B. O'Neill, seconded by R. McDonald, that the minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

Correspondence

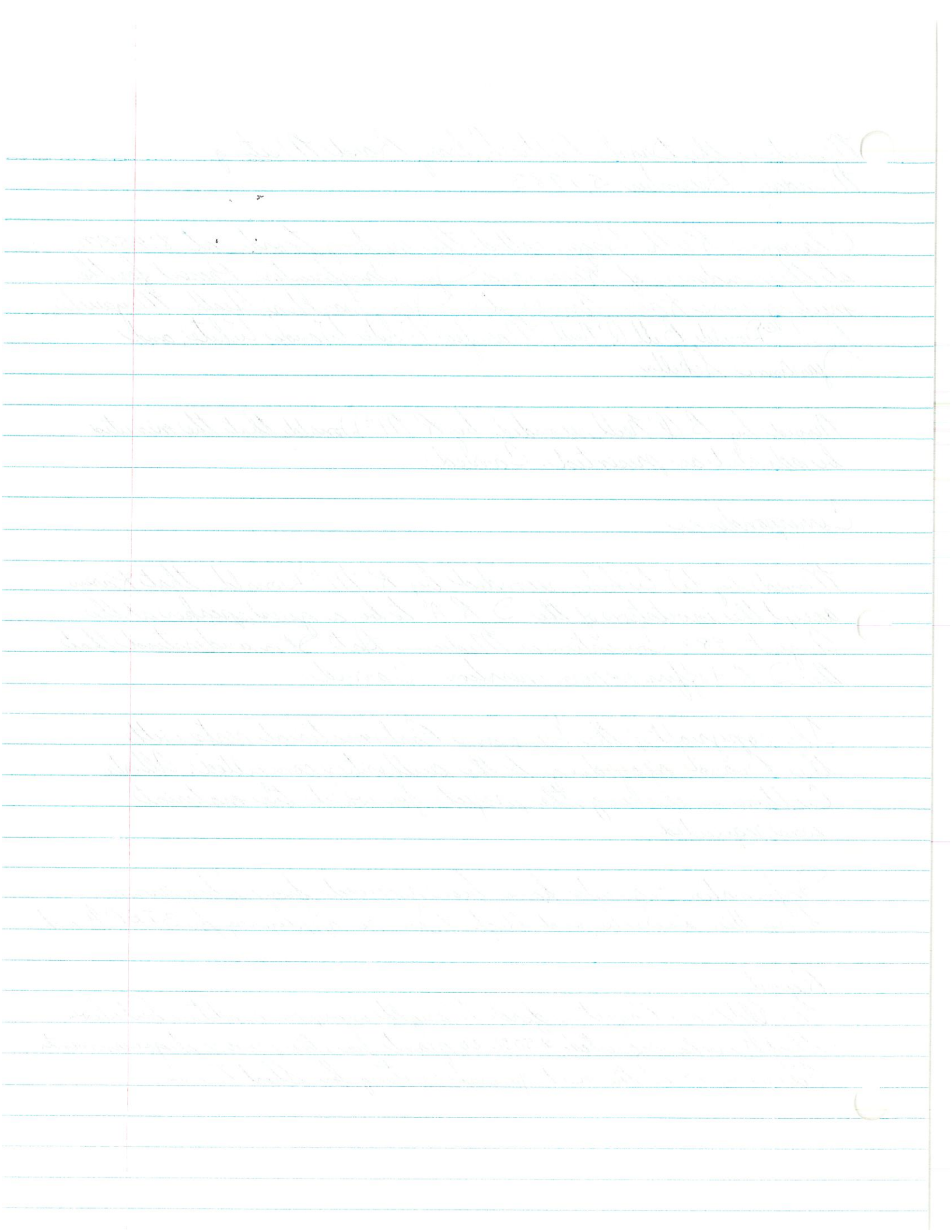
Moved by W. White, seconded by R. McDonald, that Karen accept the invitation of the D. R. A. to be a guest speaker at the August, 1984 Convention in Medicine Hat. It is understood that the D. R. A. offers no remuneration. Carried.

The copyright of the Dinosaur Park material rests with the Board according to the authorities consulted. Alberta Culture is checking the project for which the material was requested.

Information requests have been received from libraries in Vermillion, Lacombe, and High River re applying for STEP Grant.

Reports

The Old Man Project is dead; Marigold is in poor condition but alive. Short Grass has requested a \$5000.00 grant from the provincial government. February 18 is the next general meeting for Short Grass.



FCSS is planning to provide a speaker a month beginning in March.

About fifty attended the screening of "Not a Love Story". Karen, Belinda, Wanda, and Keith participated in the last book-buying trip. Approximately \$4000 was spent on print materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM on a motion by R. M^cDonald.

Respectfully submitted
Janet Sekella
Secretary

Keith Hagen

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