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Rolls-Royce Owners Club - Can-Am Prairie Region

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COMING EVENT

Saturday February 21st @ 6:30 P.M.

Limericks Traditional Pub House
7304 Macleod Trail S.E. Calgary

Please RSVP to Terry or Marianne

Editors Ramblings

Greetings from the frozen tundra of southern Alberta. Enjoying winter yet? I'm not. I am unable to even get to my four car igloo to fondle the frozen contents inside. Two of the doors are frozen shut with 3 feet of snow blown in front of them. Even if I could get them out I need 3 weeks of warm weather to clear my driveway. I am unable to remember what they are like to drive.

Oh well, spring is just around the corner and driving season will soon begin. At least gas is cheap, not that any of us will have any income to buy any. ☺ Fortunately we can now create deficits to buy gas we cannot afford. I understand deficits are good now.

In this issue business matters are the topic. I would really appreciate some photos or articles for the next newsletter.

George



**Can-Am Rolls-Royce Owner's Club
Profit & Loss
January through December 2008**

	Jan - Dec 08
Income	
Membership Dues	1,358.05
Total Income	1,358.05
Expense	
Bank service charge	123.65
Prairie Lady	1,155.25
Total Expense	1,278.90
Net Income	79.15

**Annual Business Meeting
RROC Can-Am Prairie Region
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 26th, 2008
Held at *The Black Knight Inn*, Red Deer, Alberta**

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance:

Ted Carswell, Red Deer	Marianne Murphy, Calgary
Darcy Collings, Calgary – Secretary	Laurie Niewchas, Edmonton
Reg Collings, Calgary	Donna Pope, Calgary
Lorraine Collings, Calgary	George Pope, Calgary – Newsletter Editor
John Doyle, Olds	Andy Stephenson, Calgary
Kathy Doyle, Olds – Chairman	Maurice Tims, Calgary – Treasurer
Terry Murphy, Calgary – Social Events	

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. Minutes

- 1 The agenda for the meeting was accepted by the members in attendance.
- 2 The minutes of the last Annual Business Meeting held on October 14, 2007 were referenced as published in the region's newsletter, *The Prairie Lady*, May / June 2008, pg. 3. Laurie Niewchas made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Reg Collings seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 1 Treasurer Maurice Tims gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report to the meeting attendees. A copy of the report was provided to the Chairman. The current bank balance is just under \$5,000 with membership dues revenue being greater than expenses for the newsletter for the year. Maurice reported that there were 46 paid members for 2008 with 9 members of the region not renewing. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the next edition of *The Prairie Lady*. Maurice agreed to email all regional members the current regional membership roster.
- 2 Can-Am Prairie Region primary member annual dues and spousal dues for next year will remain the same as in 2008.
- 3 Laurie Niewchas declared a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Reg Collings seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Election of Regional Officers

- 1 The following slate of regional executive positions were proposed to stand for election for a one-year

term:

Regional Chairman – Rob Manderson
Treasurer & Memberships – Maurice Tims
Secretary – Darcy Collings
Newsletter Editor – George Pope
Archiver – Howard Lengert
Social Events Chair – Terry Murphy

4 George Pope declared a motion that the above noted slate of officers be elected for a one-year term. Maurice Tims seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

5 Members in attendance expressed their gratitude to Kathy Doyle for serving the region so well as Chairman for the past two years.

4. Social Events Report

1 There was some discussion on whether a separate social events officer is required for the northern part of the region. It was felt that one Social Events officer for the region was appropriate and that members from all parts of the region would decide if they can attend events, even if they are primarily held in the south. No further action was required.

2 There was some discussion on plans for the region's annual Christmas Party. Suggestions included hosting the party at a restaurant or the Aerospace Museum in Calgary. It was decided to check into the availability of having the party at the new museum at Heritage Park. Maurice Tims will follow-up on possible dates and costs with Heritage Park and coordinate with Terry Murphy.

3 It was decided that Terry Murphy would organize the annual technical session for the region for 2009. Terry will look into hosting the session at either Lone Star or Bentley Calgary in the spring and contact Ralph Curzon to check on his availability.

4 There was some discussion on whether members should plan a longer tour that would cover a large area of the region (Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatchewan, and Montana) this year. Most members in attendance felt that a longer tour would take more time than most had available and that shorter weekend tours were preferred.

5. National Business

1 Kathy Doyle was contacted by RROC HQ about whether the region wanted to propose a replacement for Rob Manderson who resigned his position as National Director for the Northwest area. Members in attendance decided that the vacancy should be left open as one of the other northwest regions would be asked to propose a director to fill this vacancy in January of 2009.

6. Regional Newsletter

2 There was some discussion on whether money from the region could be spent to support the newsletter editor in putting together the newsletters. Suggestions included new technology (printer) or productivity enhancements. George Pope advised that his process for making up the newsletter was working well and additional funds were not required at this time.

3 Maurice Tims suggested that *The Prairie Lady* be emailed out to all members along with the national club distribution. George Pope will follow-up with Maurice Tims or Terry Murphy after newsletters are finished to have them emailed out as George does not have access to a high-speed internet connection.

7. Other Business

4 Ted Carswell advised members in attendance that the Specialty Vehicle Association of Canada would like to have the RROC Can-Am Prairie Region as a member of their association. Ted advised that there are insurance benefits to membership and that 62 other local car clubs are members. It would also help us to plan our functions and tours and know when other clubs are organizing their events. Kathy Doyle committed to follow-up with Rob Manderson (in-coming Chairman) regarding this initiative.

5 Ted Carswell also advised that the 2010 Coast to Coast Tour route has been decided. It will enter Alberta through Provost and exit the province on the western border through Nordegg. There will be a major stop in Red Deer. The tour is planned for the second week in August, 2010.

6 No specific motion resulted from the discussion.

8. Meeting Termination

1 Upon no further business, Kathy Doyle asked that a motion to terminate the meeting be made. Laurie Niewchach declared the motion. George Pope seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. The motion was passed to terminate the meeting.

The meeting was terminated at 2:05 p.m.

Darcy Collings, Secretary

