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"The forest is the medicine."

~ Melissa Labrador

Past President's Report

By Joseph Jacquard - 1st Vice-president

The 2021 AAMS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Salmon River fire hall on September 25th. The AGM is normally held the first Sunday in March but due to Covid-19 restrictions it was delayed until such a gathering could be legally held. A much scaled down AGM had to be presented to remain within the confines of provincially imposed restrictions.

AAMS Director, Media Manager & Website Administrator Marie Rundquist joined the AGM via phone conference from her home in Virginia. Two special guests were present: Bernie Robicheau and Dave Melanson. At a healthy 96 years old, Bernie is the oldest member of AAMS and has never missed an AGM. Dave Melanson is a retired science teacher and "stars" in AAMS produced wild edible and medicinal plant videos. These videos can be found on the AAMS web site; <https://www.acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/index.html>

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Past President's Report - continued

Per the AAMS constitution, the position of President is for a two-year term, renewable once. My term as President is up and a new President Marcel d'Entremont was chosen by the board of directors. I have replaced Marcel as First Vice President while Alyre Theriault continues to hold the position of Second Vice. Since 2008, Michael Deveau continues to employ his skills as treasurer. Lise Anne Boudreau has stepped down as director to better focus on her young family. Also present at this year's AGM was AAMS director Gaétan Dugas and his wife Muriel who travelled from Caraquet N.B.

~ Joseph Jacquard, AAMS 1st Vice-president

The AAMS constitution reminds us that directors should be sought from as many diverse communities as possible. The Board of Directors Executive consists of: Marcel d'Entremont (West Pubnico) President; Joseph Jacquard (Wedgeport) First Vice-President; Alyre Theriault (Saulnierville) Second Vice-President; and Michael Deveau (Mavillette) Treasurer. Also, on the board are directors Brian Doucet (Yarmouth); Paul Tufts (Hebron); Gilbert Chandler (Hectanooga); Carl Deveau (Saulnierville Station); Marie Rundquist (Virginia USA); Jocelyne Comeau (Meteghan); Ricky Muise (Meteghan); and Gaétan Dugas (Caraquet N.B.).

AAMS Office

Claire Robicheau is our office administrator and can be contacted at aams.office@gmail.com or by phone (902) 746-3652.

You can also drop in at the Clare "Cultural Hub Building", Civic 795 highway1, Comeauville, N.S.

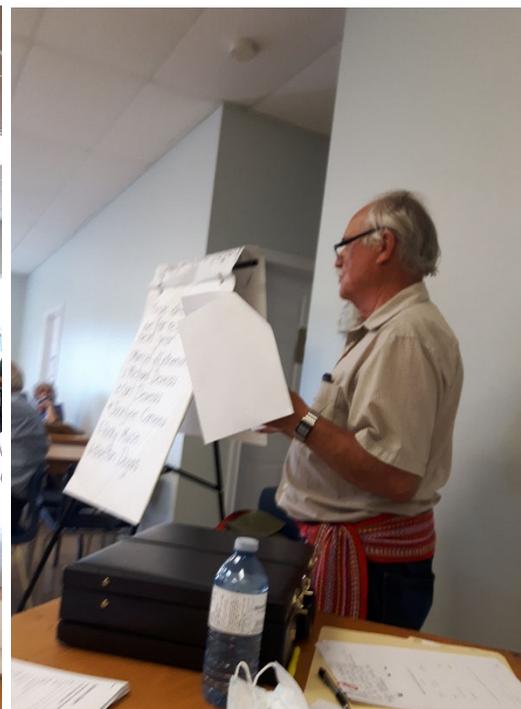
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Director Gaétan Dugas presenting "Le chant de l'aigle" composed by Robert Seven Crows.



Part of the audience at the 2021 AGM. (Notice the social distancing rules being observed.)



Treasurer Michael Deveau presenting the financial report.

AAMS Bursaries

The 2020 Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois \$500.00 bursary winner was **Mylène d'Entremont** (West Pubnico), and...

the 2021 Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois \$500.00 bursary winner was **Keira Deveau Muise** (Mavillette).

Please see the collage of bursary winners (honor roll) at:
<https://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html>

Electronic Funds Transfer



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AAMS Dues Reminder

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2020 dues and a special thank you to all those who included generous donations. Our ever-growing membership is now over 1893 proud Acadian Métis.

The twenty-dollar yearly dues can be paid all year by check or money order to: AAMS Treasurer, PO Box 25 Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2H0. Dues payments can also be made by e-transfer: aams.office@gmail.com

NOTE: The AAMS Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers. Only the office administrator and accountant are paid.

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Quote

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponent will do it for you."

~ Mark Twain

Aboriginal Day 2020 & 2021

2021 was the second year in a row that AAMS has not been able to celebrate Aboriginal Day (June 24th) due to COVID restrictions. Plans are being made to celebrate this important date once again.

Even though Provincial COVID protocols made it challenging, your Board of Directors continued to have regular Board meetings throughout the past year and a half. We met outdoors (usually around a campfire and often in the presence of eagles) with masks and plenty of separation. With a little planning, we found a way to continue working for our members, even in these challenging times.

Looking for a part time job in the Clare area?

AAMS has an opening for an Office Administrator at 8 hours per week in Comeauville starting Jan 1st, 2022. Interested people should contact **902 746 3652** or email aams.office@gmail.com for more information before Nov 24, 2021.

Quote

"It's not just about being out on the land – it's about following and recognizing the natural laws and natural governance systems that exist on the land."

- Andrea Landry

Did you know?

Terra Nullius

In the 16th century, the French, like the English and Spanish, laid claim to lands "not possessed by any other Christian prince" based on the European legal theory of *Terra Nullius*. This theory argued that uninhabited, or at least uncultivated lands, needed to be brought under Christian dominion.

AAMS Communications

Very interesting and pertinent information is being posted on the AAMS web site blog. The blog information is carried on Instagram, Tumblr and LinkedIn and consists of Acadian Métis news and affairs plus green energy initiatives and much more... Check out the blog on the AAMS web site:

<https://www.acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-blog.html>.

Check out our new Communications Page:

<https://www.acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/communicationscentre.html>

Members If you have any story ideas, messages or photos you would like included in the AAMS 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 Acadiens-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



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