

Southern Alberta Youth Council
minutes 1946-47

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SECRETARY.....Min Takada.....

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Lethbridge . Alberta

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 17, 1946.

- The president opened the meeting, extending his sincere greetings to all the delegates. Thereupon he stated that he was handing in his resignation as he was leaving this part of the Province and asked the first vice-president to take over the chair. Consequently under the chairmanship of the new president, the meeting got under way.
 - The secretary gave a brief summary of the previous meeting.
 - A motion was made by Hiromu Fujiki and seconded by Mas Sunada that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
 - The secretary gave a very sketchy description of the special meeting of May 25th between the Joint Committee and the Council.
 - Mr. Kyoto Shigehiro, registrar of the Council summer camp at Waterton gave a descriptive account of the camp. He stated that the Council was \$7.06 on the wrong side of the ledger.
 - A discussion took place regarding our report of the camp to the New Canadian. It was noted that our report had been cut to such an extent that the report lost it's original meaning.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the reporter write in to the New Canadian regarding this matter. Carried.
- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the president's resignation be accepted. Carried.

A discussion followed with regards to the President's resignation.

The first vice-president was automatically voted into the vacancy created by the president's resignation. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, the consensus of opinion expressed was that this year, the office of president will demand more of his time, energy and effort than ever before, and that also owing to the nature of the new president's occupation, it was deemed advisable if the Council were to create the office of chairman and elect someone to this position to preside at all Council meetings in place of the President. By so doing, it would ease the burden upon the president considerably.

A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Eigi Shigehiro that the Council elect a chairman. Carried.

Malcolm Fukami and Kyoto Shigeniro were nominated for the chairmanship, and Kyoto Shigehiro was subsequently elected. He therefore took over the chairmanship of the meeting from the president.

- Mr. Cameron:

It was stated that Mr. Cameron, former General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. had done much to help the Japanese Young People during his stay, therefore an expression of our thanks was in order.

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Hiromu Fujiki that in the absence of the corresponding secretary the executive secretary send Mr. Cameron a letter of appreciation. Carried.

- Questionnaire:

The purpose of the questionnaire was given, viz., that it was the Council's desire to assist the Lethbridge Consultative Committee who will shortly undertake to seek abrogation of the existing agreement between the Department of Labour and the Lethbridge City Council. Under the terms of the agreement, persons of Japanese origin are not permitted to reside nor seek employment within the City Limits. The questionnaire would help immeasurably in that it will give us important statistics and information, much of which will be directed to the Consultative Committee.

An opinion was voiced by Mr. Hiro Aoki that approximately 95% of the people in the Lethbridge Northern would be willing to stay in Alberta if all discriminatory restrictions were lifted.

Due to the poor response given the questionnaire, a suggestion was made that the Council send out another questionnaire, this time making it a little more comprehensive.

A motion was made by Yosh Hattori and seconded by Hiromu Fujiki that the executives also draw up the 2nd questionnaire. Carried.

- It was decided to table the question of the Citizens' Forum until the next meeting.

- National Federation:

An opinion was expressed that from all indications, the proposed National Federation will be somewhat similar to the Japanese Association which functioned at the coast. The Council has already taken a stand as to along what lines such a federation should follow. Are we going to let the powers that be repeat the failure or are we going to carry on with our convictions? It was suggested that should the federation take shape contrary to our expressed ideas, the Council study the feasibility of joining the Youth Congress.

The change of site for the National Convention from Winnipeg to Toronto was discussed. Because the Council was not consulted nor notified as to the change, many of the delegates voiced their indignation.

- A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Roy Oshiro that "we voice our strong disapproval of the method of calling an National Convention. We feel that we in Southern Alberta should have been consulted as to the time and place for such an convention and if the Ontario Provincial Committee wishes the co-operation of every point in Canada that they should ask for opinions and consider the opinions of every interested group." Carried.

It was suggested that every delegate take the matter of the National Federation back to their respective organization and discuss it.

- Vancouver Consultative Committee:

Miss Bartling stated that the Vancouver Consultative Committee was about to publish a new pamphlet on Japanese Canadians, however that they were \$400 short of the amount needed for the publication. She suggested that the council do something about this matter and asked that the delegates talk it over at their meetings.

- A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Hiro Aoki that the Council have it's meetings in the afternoons instead of the evening. Carried.

- Date for the next meeting was set for December 1, 1 p.m.

- A motion was made by Roy Oshiro that the meeting adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order at 2 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Toru Iwaasa that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

- Questionnaire:

The various aspects of the questionnaire was discussed. It was decided to leave the question of just who should all fill out the questionnaire forms to the discretion of the clubs.

- National Federation:

The larger part of the afternoon was spent discussing the National Federation and the Convention. Under the guidance of the Secretary the whole matter was reviewed; the result of which cleared up many misconceptions and misapprehensions. The need for further discussion on the National Federation was stressed and it was felt that the Council should have some sort of a discussion during the festive season.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that we instruct either the executives or appoint a committee to plan a program of discussion for a Christmas meeting and that this program be sent to every group for further thought so that each group can come in prepared to thrash out the question of the National Federation. An Addition was made to the aforementioned motion that in the mean time, each club discuss this individually and then at the next meeting discuss it together. Carried.

As a result of the above motion, Miss Bartling and Min Takada were elected and this committee of 2 was delegated authority to appoint any other persons whom they saw fit.

- Circular:

After a lengthy discussion it was felt that the publication of the Council Circular should be revived. The following persons were appointed to the editorial staff.

Mas Sunada
Hisako Yahiro
Miss Bartling
Min Takada

- Citizens' Forum:

Miss Bartling outlined briefly just what the Citizens' Forum was. All groups interested in joining the forum were instructed to get in touch with Mr. Tweedie, Department of Extensions, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

- Vancouver Consultative Committee:

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by T. Maruno that the Council solicit donations from the different clubs and forward it to the Consultative Committee. Carried.

- Social:

It was noted that last year, in fact already this year, socials were held with far too little time in between. To insure against any further occurrence of this nature it was suggested that all parties interested in sponsoring social functions, first get in touch with the social registrar and make known their intentions and to see if the date is open.

A motion was made by Mas Sunada and seconded by Toru Iwaasa that Miss Marion Hattori be appointed as social registrar. Carried.

Miss Marion Hattori,
639 - 14th St. S.,
Phone 2503

- Property Loss Survey:

The Secretary read a letter from the J.C.C.D. asking how many survey questionnaire forms were needed for Southern Alberta. It was stated that the Joint Committee had also received a communication of a similar nature and that if this were so, our efforts in connection with the survey would overlap with the Joint Committee's. Therefore, it was decided to contact the Joint Committee regarding this matter and pending the outcome of this inquiry, the survey question was temporarily put off.

- A motion was made by Miss Bartling that the meeting adjourn. Carried

- Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 1946.

- The meeting was brought to order at 2:20 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- A motion was made by Toru Iwassa and seconded by Winky Kimura that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- A motion was made by Toru Iwassa and seconded by Winky Kimura that the date of the Youth Council Christmas Discussion be on December 28. Carried.
- A motion was made by Toru Iwassa and seconded by Hiro Aoki that we choose the discussion planning committee's plan for the panel discussion. Carried.
- A motion was made by Hiro Aoki and seconded by Toru Iwassa that the Council invite outside groups to take part in the panel discussion. Carried.
- A motion was made by Hiro Aoki and seconded by Toru Iwassa that the Council invite all the groups listed and any others that we can think of. Carried.

J. C., Chinese Y.P., Baptist Y.P., Catholic Y.P., Anglican Y.P.,
Magrath Y.A., Southminster Y.P., L.C.I., M.I.A. - Lethbridge,
Raymond, Picture Butte, Taber, Magrath.

PROGRAM

Citizenship Bill

1. What the new Citizenship Bill is going to mean to the average Canadian.

Alex Harper, U. of A.
George Smith, Picture Butte.

2. What Canadian Citizenship means to one of Japanese origin.

Magrath.

3. What Citizenship means to a person of Japanese origin in Alberta.

Turin - Iron Springs.

4. What stand would a person of Japanese origin take in Alberta provided he is given full Citizenship Rights.

Raymond.

- A motion was made by Toru Iwassa and seconded by Winky Kimura that the above mentioned groups take the different topics. Carried.

- For the position of chairman for the Citizenship discussion 3 persons were considered.

Mr. Huckvale
Rev. Larke
Mr. Wallace

- National Federation:

"Resolve that Canadians of Japanese origin should organize into a National Federation."

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the above resolution be adopted as the topic for the debate. Carried.

Affirmative: Roy Oshiro, Min Takada
Negative: Picture Butte Chinooks

- Social:

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Kayo Yamamoto that the admission for the dance be 50¢ and the girls in Lethbridge to look after the refreshments. Carried.

- A motion was made by Hiro Aoki and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that if the Council is financially sound, we invite George Tamaki and Tom Shoyama and if we are not financially sound, we get just Tom Shoyama. Carried.

- A motion was made by Toru Iwaasa and seconded by Mary Sugiyama that we also invite Eva Saito from Edmonton. Carried.

- Circular:

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Hiro Aoki that the Japanese American creed be included in the forthcoming Council Circular. Carried.

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that every club present at today's meeting send in contributions to the editor by next week. Carried.

- It was stated that the Joint Committee will look after all matters pertaining to the property loss survey that is being conducted by the J.C.C.D.

- A motion was made by Toru Iwaasa that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 1947.

- The meeting was brought to order at 2:00 p.m.
- The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- The minutes were declared as adopted by the chairman.
- Circular:

Regarding the circular, the editor declared that so far, he has not had no response of any kind, whereupon he reminded everyone to get going.

- Questionnaire:

It was stated that the response to the second printing of the questionnaire was not up to expectations and the delegates were asked to look into this matter. It was decided to send questionnaires up to the various logging camps.

- Re: Representation to Council of P. B., Coaldale and Taber:

It was stated that so far this season, the Council has not had any delegates representing P. B., Coaldale and Taber. As these districts embrace a sizeable segment of the Nisei population of Southern Alberta, it was felt that they should be heard from. So long as this condition exists, the Council cannot say that it is representative of all the Niseis and various ways and means to reactivate these organizations were discussed at great length and much argument. After considerable cogitation the following motions were made and passed upon.

A motion was made by George Sakumoto and seconded by Stan Kanegawa that the executives of the Council meet with the sogoenjokai of Picture Butte and with the Issei group in Taber to discuss possibilities of getting Council representation from youths of the area and at this meeting, i.e., the meeting at P.B., the executives of the Buddhist Church also be present. Carried.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Mas Sunada that the Secretary write the Taber Nisei Christian Fellowship and invite them to send representatives to the Council. Carried.

A motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the Council get in touch with the executives of the existing Organizations in Coaldale, viz., Coaldale Y.M.W.B.A. and the Coaldale Cubs to inquire about the status of these respective clubs; whether they are still active or not. Carried.

- Contribution to the Consultative Committee:

It was stated that the amount collected to date totaled \$162.25.

Magrath	55.00
Turin	10.00
Raymond Y.M.W.B.A.	25.00
Iron Springs	10.00
Raymond Y. P.	<u>62.25</u>

Total	<u>\$ 162.25</u>
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A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Doug Mikado that the Council send this amount and any further contributions that we receive later to the Consultative Committee. Carried.

- Lethbridge Consultative Committee:

It was stated that the Lethbridge Consultative Committee of late has not been doing very much with regards to the acquiring of our rightful civil liberties as Canadian citizens. It was felt that a delegation from the Council should meet with the Committee and that closer liaison should be established with them.

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Stan Kanegawa that the Council make arrangements to meet with the Consultative Committee to discuss our program of action regarding the franchise, rights and privileges. Carried.

A motion was made by Mas Sunada and seconded by Stan Kanegawa that we select a committee to approach the Consultative Committee. Carried.

The following persons were elected to the Committee.

Mas Sunada
Hiro Aoki
Kaz Iwaasa
Roy Oshiro

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Norman Ikebuchi that the secretary immediately write the Consultative Committee to ask for an audience. Carried.

A motion was made by Mas Sunada and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that we increase the number of the committee to 5. Carried. Consequently Min Takada was appointed as the 5th member of the Committee.

- A motion was made by Mas Sunada and seconded by Yosh Nakamura that we give a vote of thanks to the girls who helped in the refreshment at the last conference. Carried.

A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by George Sakumoto that we send a letter of thanks to Miss Eva Saito and George Tamaki for coming down for the Conference. Carried.

- Waterton:

Miss Bartling stated that there was a very likely possibility that we might be able to hold our summer camp early in the season, possibly around July 1st, provided of course we get in our bid for the camp good and early. A show of hands indicated that the majority of those present preferred the July 1st week-end to our late July date of the last 2 years. It was decided that this matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

- A motion was made by Mas Sunada that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 1947.

- The meeting was brought to order at 2:25 p.m. by the chairman.
- The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

- Circular:

Once again the clubs were reminded to send in their contributions to the circular. It was hoped that the circular would be out by the end of next week.

- Consultative Committee:

At the last meeting, it was stated that of late, there was no effort being directed by the Consultative Committee towards the recognition of our inalienable rights as Canadian citizens and thus a meeting with the Committee is desirable to discuss this vital matter. In answer to our letter, the Committee stated that they would meet a delegation of the Youth Council on January 27. A discussion ensued as to what matters should be brought up to this meeting. Some of the suggestions were:

- naturalization- whether application for citizenship by Japanese Nationals would receive the same consideration.
 - property loss question - is the Committee in contact with the Toronto and Vancouver Committees on this matter.
 - trade licenses - why we are refused trade licenses.
 - status of residence - permanent or temporary.
 - franchise
 - land purchase
 - regarding agreement between City of Lethbridge and Department of Labour. Making an issue of the agreement.
- Re: Activation of Organizations:

It was stated that the Sogoenjokai was unwilling to take a hand in the matter of re-organizing the youths of the Picture Butte Area. However, it was stated that there was a movement afoot to re-organize the Picture Butte Y.W.B.A.

In answer to our letter of invitation to join the Youth Council to the Nisei Christian Fellowship group of Taber, it was stated that they would give the matter their serious consideration at their meeting of January 24.

No word was received as to the T.D.N.A., Coaldale Cubs and the Coaldale Y.M.W.B.A.

Introduction

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- 3. The effect of the catalyst on the rate of the reaction.

The following pages contain the results of the second part of the investigation.

- 4. The effect of the concentration of the solution on the rate of the reaction.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 1947.

- The meeting was brought to order by the chairman at 3:00 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- A motion was made by Ed Shimbashi and seconded by Winky Kimura that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.
- The treasurer gave a report of the Council funds. It showed a balance on hand of \$123.04.
- A motion was made by the treasurer and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.
- Joint Committee Meeting:

The chairman gave a report of the meeting of February 15th between the Joint Committee and the Youth Council. He stated that three topics were discussed, viz., property loss question, delegation to Edmonton to confer with Premier Manning and the petition. He said there was a clash of opinion as to what course of action the Japanese in Southern Alberta should take. The Joint Committee stated that the approach to the Provincial Government is of the prime importance, and on the other hand the Council maintained that representation to Ottawa should be the 1st step. The Joint Committee had already made definite plans to send a delegation consisting of A. G. Virtue, Mr. Sakumoto and requested that a representative from the Youth Council also be included in the delegation.

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Winky Kimura that we send a representative from the membership of the Youth Council to Edmonton with the Joint Committee delegation. Carried.

Mas Sunada was elected to represent the Council and in the possibility of his not being able to go, Min Takada was appointed as an alternative.

- Mr. Kaz Iwaasa stated that in an answer he received from the Justice Department regarding application for Canadian Citizenship by Japanese Nationals, it said that at the present moment Japanese National applicants will not be considered.

- Circular:

A discussion took place regarding the indifference that is being shown by the niseis and lack of harmony between the iseeis and the niseis. It was agreed that such an unhappy state of affairs should be rectified and various ways and means of attaining this desirable state were discussed. It was felt that more than ever before, the publication of the Council Circular was necessary.

- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Winky Kimura that we, in the circular, put in what the Council has done, point out the way we have to go and mince no words in pointing out all our faults and have a translation of some of the parts that would be of interest to the isseis. Carried.

Besides the editorial staff, the following persons volunteered to help with the publication of the circular which was to be out by March 9.

Kaz Iwaasa, Kyoto Shigehiro, Winky Kimura, Hisako Yahiro, Terry Miyashita.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Ed Shimbashi that every club send in a write-up expressing their opinion of the Council to be published in the circular. Carried.

- Telegram:

A motion was made by Winky Kimura and seconded by Roy Oshiro that the Youth Council send telegrams protesting the Government's proposal to re-enact the travel and fishing restrictions. Carried.

"We, the Canadians of Japanese origin in Southern Alberta urge the deletion of clause continuing control on the movement of Canadians of Japanese origin and also clause continuing the ban on fishing license for Canadians of Japanese origin, contained in the Transitional Powers Act 1947. Petition from evacuees of Southern Alberta follows.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

Advisory body for Canadians of Japanese origin

- A motion was made by Stan Kanegawa and seconded by Winky Kimura that the Council make a donation of \$25.00 to the Y.M.C.A. World Service Organization. Carried.
- A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 1947.

- The meeting was brought to order at 2:40 p.m.
- The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.
- The minutes were declared as adopted.

- Waterton:

Matters pertaining to the various aspects for the undertaking of a camp program were discussed.

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Miss Miyo Nakashima that the Magrath Y. P. U. be appointed as the Camp Committee for this coming session. Carried.

A motion was made by Ed. Shimbashi and seconded by Miss Hisako Takahashi that there be a committee of one or two for each club, selected to act as publicity agent for this camp program and they be responsible to the main committee, which is Magrath. Carried.

A motion was made by Ed Shimbashi and seconded by Kayo Nakamura that the Youth Council accept the offer as given by Mr. Kennedy of the Canyon Church Camp Committee. The offer is, to wit: transportation by greyhound bus - \$3.00 return; food at the rate of 75¢ per person per day.

- Meeting with the Lethbridge Consultative Committee:

The secretary gave a brief report of the meeting between the Youth Council and the Consultative Committee. He outlined the various questions that the delegates put to the Committee and the answers that they got. He stated that from the point of view of the delegates, the meeting was not what might be termed a success, in fact it was downright discouraging. The attitude of the Committee seemed to be, matters should be left as they are and in due course it will right itself. To support this argument they stated that girls are being allowed to work in the City without applying for permits and that a considerable number of males were also being employed within the City limits. Our rejoinder to this statement was that although the girls, in many cases, have not applied for permits, never-the-less they are required to have them and that a "blanket" permit had been made out by the Department of Labour. Also that the police are fully cognizant of where the men are working and residing. The reason why prosecution under the agreement is not being carried out is because the City Council is not sure of the ground which they are standing on. That is to say that they, themselves, are dubious as to the legality of the agreement. Another reason why the Consultative Committee was seemingly unwilling to take action is because of the political affiliation of some of its members, especially the executives.

- Presbytery:

The chairman gave a report of the Youth Delegation that attended the United Church Lethbridge Presbyterial meeting on February 5th. He stated that the purpose of the delegation was to put in a plea asking the ministers to enlighten and arouse public opinion by preaching to their congregation and talking to individuals about the unfair legislation that the Japanese Canadians are placed under. The delegates were well received and it was promised that they would expend special effort in this direction.

- Course of action the Council should take to bring about protest movements by the public against the carrying over of certain discriminatory measures after the expiration of the War Measures Act on March 31:

It was stated that public opinion and public opinion alone will be responsible for the lifting of the restrictive measures and that the Youth Council should get thumping on this matter immediately. A discussion took place as to what possible course the Council could take. It was decided that letters should be written to various organizations to enlist their support. It was suggested that we write:

- S. C. M. of the University of Alberta
- Southminster Church
- J. H. Blackmore
- M. J. Coldwell
- Vancouver Consultative Committee
- Toronto Co-operative Committee
- Senator Buchanan
- Open letter to the Herald
- Lethbridge Community Council
- Coaldale Community Council
- Miss Eva Saito
- Student's Council University of Saskatchewan
- George Tamaki

A motion was made by Yosh Nakamura and seconded by Hach Yagi that the Council write letters to these different groups asking for assistance, publicizing the danger of the government re-inacting the various restrictive measures. Carried.

- Re: Trade Unions:

Attention was brought to the fact that 3 Canadian Japanese carpenters residing and working in the City, when approached by union officials declined to join the union. It was decided that immediate steps should be taken to remedy this situation as it is circumstances of this nature that gives the anti-Japanese elements something to shout about.

A motion was made by Ed Shimbashi and seconded by Kayo that we, as a Council, should talk to the Joint Committee regarding the people who do not wish to join unions and discuss what methods can be employed to see that they do join. Carried.

- Petition:

It was stated that according to an Ottawa dispatch, Mr. McNamara indicates that "special legislation may be sought to give the Department of Labour power to control movement of Japanese in Canada for 2 more years. It was decided that the Youth Council should circulate a petition protesting this proposal. The executive of the Youth Council was appointed to draw up a petition.

- Joint Committee Meeting:

It was stated that the Joint Committee has asked for a meeting with the Youth Council to discuss matters which were of mutual concern. The date of the meeting was set for Saturday, February 15, 1 p.m. Red Cross Building, Lethbridge, Alberta. Delegates appointed to the meeting were: Kaz Iwaasa, Tak Shigemi, Mas Sunada, Roy Oshiro, Stan Kanegawa, Hiro Aoki, Min Takada.

- A motion was made by Kayo Yamamoto that the meeting adjourn.

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1947.

- The meeting was brought to order by the president at 9:30 p.m.
- Mr. Kyoto Shigehiro, Council delegate to the National Conference gave a report of his trip.
- National Federation:

Mr. Shigehiro outlined the purpose and function of the National Federation.

National Council:

President	Roger Obata
1st Vice-president	Hideo Onotera
2nd Vice-president	Harold Hirose
Treasurer	Rosie Okuda
Recording Secretary	Kyoto Shigehiro

Three representatives from each province to comprise the National Council.

Executive Committee(working Committee) -- responsible to the National Council:

For the present Ontario is the best place because of closeness to Ottawa. Thus for the next term Ontario will be the National Headquarters.

Executive Committee:

Three of four Isseis

Mr. Kameoka
Mr. Uchida
Mr. Sasaki
Rev. Shimizu

Occidentals on Committee:

Rev. J. Findley
A. Watson
Mr. R. Allan

Niseis

Terry Sugiura	Rev. Tsuji
Henry Ide	Norah Fujita
Roy Shinobu	Mickey Maikawa
Harry S. Kondo	Bob Oikawa
Kinzie Tanaka -- Chairman	George Tanaka
Muriel Kitagawa	Jin Ide
Jack T. Oki	

It was stated that Mr. Cartwright will be approached to act as legal advisor to the Committee.

George Tanaka to act as Executive Secretary protem.

Budget of the Federation for the coming year \$7500.

The Niseis to take active leadership and the Isseis to act in an advisory capacity.

- Provincial J.C.C.A. Chapter:

Mr. Shigehiro gave a definition of a Provincial chapter stating that each organization will still retain its own identity.

Mr. Henry Yamauchi stated that Edmonton is definitely in favour of a chapter.

Discussion took place regarding set-up for Alberta

- Southern Alberta Youth Council
- Northern Alberta Youth Council

to meet together on any important matter.

A motion was made by Kaz Iwaasa and seconded by Ed Shimbashi to the effect that we form a tentative Provincial J.C.C.A. Chapter.

Executive Body:

President	Mas Sunada
1st Vice-president	Kaz Iwaasa
2nd Vice-president	Henry Yamauchi
Executive Secretary	Kyoto Shigehiro
Treasurer	Jim Okane

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Ed Shimbashi that the appointment of delegates to the National Federation be left until the permanent executive is set-up. Carried.

A motion was made by Toru Iwaasa and seconded by Henry Yamauchi that the executives contact the various parties to form the permanent Provincial J.C.C.A. Chapter. Carried.

- A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Toru Iwaasa that the meeting adjourn to reconvene elsewhere. Carried.

- Claims Commission:

Mr. Shigehiro outlined the procedure for the presentation of claims. It was stated that the terms of the Commission was too narrow. He stated there are two course of action. One was to boycott the Commission and the other was to present our claims under protest.

Mr. Brewin's advice was that a boycott was not feasible and we should go along with the Commission.

A suggestion was made that the temporary executive of the J.C.C.A. be delegated with the authority to go ahead with the Joint Committee to look into this matter.

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro and seconded by Kaz Iwaasa that the temporary executive meet with the Joint committee to discover a course the claimants wish to follow and to find out whether they will accept the terms of the National Federation. Carried.

- Judicial Sub-committee:

Miss Bartling read a letter received from the Lethbridge Consultative Committee on Japanese Canadians stating that the Toronto Co-operative Committee advised the establishment of a legal sub-committee to work in harmony with the legal advisors of the Toronto Committee which has been recognized by the Government as the Committee through which it will carry out it's claim program.

Discussion ensued regarding this matter.

A motion was made by Miss Bartling and seconded by Kaz Iwassa that the meeting go on record as definitely disapproving the appointment of Mr. A. G. Virtue on the legal sub-committee which is to assist the presenting of the claims. Carried.

They went on record as favouring the acceptance of the wider terms of reference and file claims under protest.

- Report of National Conference:

Mr. Shigehiro gave a full report of the National Conference. (Kind report attached)

The treasurer gave a report of the finances. It showed a balance on hand of \$24.17.

A motion was made by Winky Kimura and seconded by Hiro Aoki that the report be accepted. Carried.

A motion was made by Roy Oshiro that the meeting adjourn.

Report of the Southern Alberta Joint Committee

The present Southern Alberta Joint Committee is constituted by three major organizations in Southern Alberta, viz., the Lethbridge Northern So-go Enjo Kai, representing 750 members, the Taber Aiyukai representing 450 members and the Coaldale Fujokai representing 300 members. Therefore the total number represented by the Joint Committee is about 1500 members, constituting 75% to 80% Japanese.

On March 5th 1948, the Sogoenjokai had held a representative meeting at P.B. Japanese Hall to decide the attitude toward the National JCCA. After careful study of the report of George Tanaka, the National secretary on his recent visit, the Sogoenjokai passed a resolution to co-operate closely with the National JCCA to solve the following problems which we consider has a national significance in nature.

- to remove the restriction on movement imposed on J-C
- to obtain fishing rights
- to ask the Dominion Government the financial assistance for rehabilitation and resettlement.
- the right of J-C to return to Canada.

The sogoenjokai also passed a resolution urging the Raymond District Citizens League to return to the Joint Committee.

On March 22nd, the second Joint Committee meeting in a month was held at the YMCA to decide the final attitude toward the national JCCA. The delegates of the following organizations were present at the meeting

Lethbridge Northern Sogoenjokai
Taber Aiyukai
Coaldale Fujokai
Raymond District Citizens League
Alberta JCCA chapter

The Joint Committee asked the RDCL to return by a clean-slate principle to form the strong provincial chapter of the National JCCA. We proposed that the Sogoenjokai be changed to the Lethbridge Northern chapter. The Taber Aiyukai be changed to the Taber chapter. The Coaldale Fujokai be changed to the Coaldale chapter. Edmonton and Calgary were also urged to form their chapters.

The Raymond District Citizens League offered counter proposal to the Joint Committee asking recognition of the already established provincial chapter until such time that the strong provincial chapter is formed. They assured that after strong united provincial chapter was being formed, they would amalgamate with the already established provincial to form the Raymond chapter. This proposal was approved by the Joint Committee and the return of the R.D.C.L. was completed.

Now the four major organizations are in complete harmony and after the delegates return from the Winnipeg National Conference we planned to form a strong provincial chapter including Edmonton and Calgary. The meeting had also decided the following minor point

Each organization send 1 delegate from every 100 members counting half and higher fractions as unit and disregarding the rest.

The S.A.J.Co has been very busy helping the claimants prepare for the hearing. We furnished 1200 forms of the Proof of Evidence, and distributed to our claimants free of charge. We hired the stenographer to fill in the claims Proof of Evidence. We hired interpreters to help the claimant to correct the proof of Evidence under the supervision of our legal council since Feb. the 13th. Our interpreter is now helping the claimants at the Lethbridge hearing, the result is very satisfactory more claim having been heard than before. It is not anticipated to complete the report of the hearing before June 1949 at the earliest.

The policy of the S.A.J.C.

- 1) the Joint committee stands on the principle of democracy
- 2) recognition of the provincial autonomy
- 3) opposed to centralization of authority

The Alberta Japanese are jubilant, happy and contented at the news of the full right status as citizens.

May 1 — morning session

Conference

11:15 — 12:45

- District represented:

Taber, Coaldale, Raymond, Vauxhall, Lethbridge Northern, Rosemary

- Conference brought to order at 11:15 a.m. by chairman, Mas Sunada

In his opening address, the chairman stressed the importance and the need for a provincial JCCA chapter.

- District reports:

Taber: Mr. Yamagishi - 130 families

Coaldale: George Higa - about 270 families

Raymond: Mr. Fukushima - 440 families

Vauxhall: at present only 3 or 4 families. Affiliated with Taber, however with increase in families there is need for a separate organization for Vauxhall.

Lethbridge Northern: Mr. Aoki - 650 families

Rosemary: Mac Tamura -

- Report of the 2nd National Conference:

Mr. Sakumoto gave the report of the 2nd National JCCA Conference in Japanese.

Min Takada gave the report in English.

The delegates stated that the conference was a success. "Fundamentally we were all of the same mind and our aim was to build a sound and suitable organization. A clear understanding was reached among the various province, dispelling pre-conceived assumptions and a national organization was formed fully capable of fulfilling the principles set forth in the constitution preamble. After 4 days of working together, trying to understand each others problems and striving to reach a common ground, a working unity has been forged, not only on the organizational plane, but in the practical understanding of the diversity of difficulties faced in each of the provinces."

A vote of thanks was given to the delegates to the 2nd National conference from the people assembled.

Conference

Chairman

Mas Sunada

Secretary

Min Takada

- Report of the Provincial JCCA - Kaz Iwaasa

After much discussion with the isseis a general meeting was held on December 26 for the purpose of forming a Alberta JCCA chapter, and the following executive were elected.

President
Vice president
2nd Vice president
Executive Secretary
Recording secretary
Treasurer
Auditors

Mas Sunada
Kyoto Shigehiro
Mr. Taguchi
Min Takada
Kaz Iwaasa
Winky Kimura
Mr. Hiramatsu
Mr. Taguchi
Akira Terashima

The work done by the JCCA is largely organizational and therefore there isn't very much to report. We have maintained communication with National headquarters and worked on the property loss claims matter. ~~When Mr. Tanaka was here he was very busy and did not have time to talk to us.~~ The Alberta JCCA is largely responsible for Mr. Tanaka's tour of this area.

- George Tanaka:

Mr. Tanaka stated that the attitude of the occidental has changed, therefore the politicians are also sympathetic. How did this change come about? ~~When we were here we were very busy and did not have time to talk to us.~~ Now we are harvesting the crop of our work, our work for over 5 and 6 years. Because the Japanese have worked across Canada and also the occidentals in Canada worked so hard. Because of the work year after year to fight discrimination, now we are receiving the crop. This is why the attitude has changed. This result did not come about in one year or 5 months. It is the result of long hard years of hard work. The need to support the occidental cannot be too strongly emphasized. There are still many important things that we must do and there is every need for all the Japanese in Canada, issei and nissei, to unite and work together. Each and everyone of us must support the National JCCA, the Alberta JCCA, the local organization.

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On speaking of his recent tour through British Columbia, he stated that wherever he spoke he was very well received and as a result of his trip he believed that the people had a better understanding of the work ~~that has been done~~ that has been done and ~~the~~ has to be done by the JCCA and also the work of the occidentals who have helped the Japanese-Canadian over 5 or 6 years.

Mr. Tanaka spoke on the fishing and travel restrictions that still apply to Canadians of Japanese origin. He stated that he thought veterans could travel anywhere but found out that nisei veterans also must have permits to travel. He stated that in B. C. there ~~was~~ over 22 laws and orders against the Japanese and that his recent visit to Vancouver and Victoria was to fight against these orders. He mentioned the B.C. Crown Timber Act and the franchise as specific examples. His work in B. C. was ~~the~~ a result of the decision of the delegates at the 2nd National Conference, to send the executive secretary to Victoria and lobby against these discriminatory legislation and also to help organize the B. C. JCCA. In approaching the cabinet in Victoria they sought to have the public support and this was done by enlisting the support of the press. In going to the press Mr. Tanaka stated these discriminations apply to all ~~the~~ Japanese Canadians in Canada regardless of where they lived. According to the Canadian Citizenship Act passed in 1947, all Canadians in Canada should receive full rights and full privileges. The publicity received in the papers were very good and the public was ~~altered~~ alerted to the situation. Although April is a very busy month and it is extremely difficult to see anyone, we were very fortunate indeed in seeing Mr. Gordon Wismer and Premier Johnson. He stated that the government passed a resolution whereby all Japanese can work on Crown Timber land east of the Cascades, also that all employment disabilities will be lifted east of the Cascades.

Mr. Tanaka stated that the attitude of the occidental has changed, therefore the politicians are also sympathetic. How did this change come about? ~~What has been the result of the work of the Japanese in Canada~~ Now we are harvesting the crop of our work, our work for over 5 and 6 year years. Because the Japanese ~~have~~ across Canada and also the occidentals in Canada worked so hard. Because of the work year after year to fight discrimination, now we are receiving the crop. This is why the attitude has changed. This result did not come about in one year or 6 months. It is the result of long ~~hard~~ years of hard work. The need to support the occidental cannot be too strongly emphasized. There are still many important things that we must do and there is every need for all the Japanese in Canada, isseis and niseis, to unite and work together. Each and everyone of us must support the National JCCA, the Alberta JCCA, the local organization.

Co-operative Committee:

Mr. Tanaka ~~stated that~~ spoke on the history of the Toronto Co-operative Committee and how the committee came into being. He spoke of the ~~the~~ very important part it played in fighting the deportation issue and the consequent results. He also mentioned the role it played in bringing about the appointment of the Claims Commission. In conclusion he stated that occidental support is very important and it is necessary for us to co-operate to the fullest extent possible with all occidental groups.

Race Relations:

"all people in Canada, work together, help each other for our mutual benefit for the welfare of Canada, to make Canada a better nation."

He stated that the Canadian Jewish Congress, an organization that is similiar to the JCCA, helped us during the war and now they are requesting the support of the JCCA to push the enactment of a F.E.P.A. He stated that in Canada we have no such law and that such a law is desirable because it would ~~make~~ economic discrimination. Discrimination is a disease he stated. To destroy it we must have education and law (FEPA). Only then, can we hope to do away with ~~with~~ discrimination. The National JCCA is interest and concerned about ~~the~~ FEPA for Canada because we, as a discriminated minority, now what it is to be discriminated against.

National JCCA:

The national JCCA must have a strong foundation and the 1st foundation is the Provincial JCCAs. The Alberta JCCA must have the support of all the local organizations. All the local organizations must support the JCCA. Local Organizations must have the full support of the members, because the members is the most important foundation. The Japanese Canadians across Canada is the most important foundation and we must try to influence ~~the~~ them to support the local organizations, support the leaders. It is the same old story everywhere. Only a few isseis and niseis work hard year after year to keep together the local organization. It is very expensive, it is very discouraging; it is because of them that we have a local organization, a National Organization. It is very important that all the Japanese in Canada support their leaders and the isseis and niseis to work together. It is absolutely necessary because if we don't do this, we will not have a strong JCCA and we must have a strong JCCA if we are going to work best and effectively for the Japanese in Canada. To prepare the welfare of the future, we must think ahead and lay our foundations. It is to co-operate with the other minority group in Canada and work with them thereby creating friendship and goodwill. We must think ahead.

democratic ideals upon which Canadian society is based, therefore be it resolved that this 2nd provincial JCCA conference ask the government at Ottawa and the provincial government at Victoria to cancel the restrictions immediately.

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- Consitution:

A motion was made by Mr. Sakumoto and seconded by Malcolm Fukami that a committee be stricken off to study the constitution and budget. Carried.

A motion was made by Ted Aoki and seconded by mr. Fujimagari that the conference ~~xx~~ request Mr. George Tanaka to act as advisor~~x~~ to this special committee on constitution. Carried.

A committee, made up of 1 representative from each district adjourned to study the constitution.

- Recommendation of Coalddale:

The delegate from Coalddale stated that there should be set-up an advisory board of some of the elder people in this district. Although the constitution limits membership from 18 to 70 years, they felt that there are some quite capable people who do not come within this limit. In this advisory board, there also should be the 4 Japanese ministers and preachers. They stated that by setting up such a board we will get fuller coöperation and help from the people.

This suggestion was tabled until the return of the constitution Comm.

- Re: oldetimers:

Suggestions were asked as to how best we can bring the old timers into the JCCA. Varied opinions were expressed regarding this matter. Some thought that this matter should not be treated seperately, maintaining that were^{nt} to do so, it would be discrimination of a sort, to single them out as something special. This, we must avoid at all costs.

A motion was made by George Higa and seconded by Roy Oshiro that in order to facilitate the local chapter of the JCCA and in order to get the support of the old time residents of the province, the provincial chapter include in any publication, some note to arouse their interest. Motion defeated.

- Resolution:

A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by George Higa that the following resolution be adopted.

"Whereas, the restrictions imposed upon Japanese Canadians are unjustified and undemocratic, and such discriminations can be made a precedence and thereby can reflect upon other minorities in Canada, and whereas such discriminations are contrary to the democratic ideals upon which Canadian society is based, therefore be it resolved that this 2nd provincial JCCA conference ask the government at Ottawa and the provincial government at Victoria to cancel the restrictions immediately.

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- A resolution was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Ted Aoki that the provincial JCCA chapter issue a pamphlet from time to time to disseminate information and to educate ourselves and to make the indifferent people aware of their obligation, if it is financially feasible. Carried.

The executive committee to determine what constitutes feasibility.

A motion was made by Mr S. Aoki and seconded by Malcolm Fukami that the Alberta JCCA chapter make a study of concrete ways of further enhancing the economic and social welfare of the people of Japanese origin in Alberta. Carried.

It was stated that the general public can get information regarding almost any matter from the department of extension library at the various universities. It was recommended that the Japanese should take advantage of this service and make use of its facilities as the library is there to serve the people.

- Waterton:

Min Takada brought the matter of the Waterton Camp to the floor. He stated that for the past three seasons the United Church has been very kind in extending to us the use of their Canyon Church Camp at Waterton, and that they had also extended the same invitation to us this summer. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ In the past, the camp has been under the sponsorship of the S.A.Y.C., however, with the formation of the JCCA, the S.A.Y.C. is now but in name only, therefore the matter of the sponsorship of the camp is very important. Mr. Takada's recommendation was that the JCCA sponsor the camp.

A motion was made by Min Takada and seconded by Miss Coleen Fukunaga that the Alberta JCCA sponsor the Waterton outing this summer. Carried

A motion was made by Min Takada and seconded by Miss Mary Okamoto that we elect from the floor of the conference a camp committee to look after all aspects pertaining to the Waterton outing. Carried.

The following persons were nominated:

Min Takada
Kyoto Shigehiro
Mary Okamoto
Hiro Aoki
Mas Sunada

A motion was made by Min Takada and seconded by George Higa that the above nominees be the ~~special~~ camp committee. Carried.

typewriter	200
supplies - postage, letterhead, papers	25
rent of mimeograph machine	75
telephone, telegraph and misc. expenses	100
Executive secretary's expense account	

Total Alberta Budget

TOTAL BUDGET

\$ 2200

- Constitution:

A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Tets Aoki that we employ the chairman of the constitution committee to read the constitution out in English and the explanation thereof and also right behind him have Mr. Sakumoto to read its interpretation in Japanese. Carried.

After having gone through the constitution in the above outlined manner, a move for the adoption of the constitution was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Ted Aoki.

The constitution was open for discussion.

A motion was made by Miss Mary Okamoto and seconded by George Oshiro that Article 8, Section 2, sub-section (b) ~~xxxxxx~~ be amended to read "Chairman shall be also appointed by the provincial council from within the council." Carried.

A motion was made by Ted Aoki and seconded by Malcolm Fukami that Article 8, Section 2, sub-section (b) be deleted. Carried.

A motion was made by Ted Aoki and seconded by Hiro Aoki that under Budget and Finance, Article 9, Section 1, be amended to read "The financial resources of the provincial JCCA shall consist of the sums paid by local representative organizations by fees, and if necessary, donation and special fund drive." Carried.

A motion was made by Ted Aoki and seconded by George Higa that the number of delegates from each of the local representative organization to the provincial council shall be determined in the following manner: 1 delegate for every 100 persons ~~or xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ fraction over 50 thereof. In the instance that any one local representative organization is less than 100 members, it shall be entitled to 1 delegate. Carried.

A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by George Higa that the bye laws be adopted as amended. Carried.

- Budget:

The following Budget was presented for ratification.

Alberta's quota of National Budget	1200
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Alberta Budget	
Cost of sending 3 delegates to National Con.	300
Typewriter	100
Supplies - postage, letterhead, papers	200
Rent of mimeograph machine	25
Telephone, telegraph and misc. expenses	75
Executive secretary's expense account	300

Total Alberta Budget	1000
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 2200
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- A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Hiro Aoki that the Budget be adopted. Carried.
- It was agreed that a copy of the constitution will be published in Japanese.
- A motion was made by George Oshiro and seconded by George Higa that Article 5, Section 1, Sub-section (a) be amended to read "representative local organization viz., Raymond, Lethbridge Northern, Coaldale, Taber, Edmonton, Rosemary, Vauxhall, Crows Nest, Calgary and Lethbridge." Carried.
- A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by Hiro Aoki that the Japanese version of the constitution follow as closely as possible the pattern of the English version. Carried.
- Election:

The chairman outlined the procedure to be taken in the election.
(as per constitution)

A motion was made by Malcolm Fukami and seconded by George Higa that nominations be heard orally one at a time. Carried.

The following slate were nominated:

Mr. S. Sakumoto	K. Shigehiro
Ted Aoki	George Higa
Mr. K. Taguchi	A. Terashima
Malcolm Fukami	Mr. S. Takada
Mr. M. Oga	Mas Sunada
Mr. F. Fujimagari	George Oshiro
Yosh Nakamura	Walter Koyanagai
Kaz Iwaasa	Bob Nishikawa
Mr. E. Nago	Min Takada
Miss C. Kabayama	Mr. C. Hiramatsu
Tug Maruno	Mr. M. Inaba
Ty Hiramatsu	Henry Yamauchi
Tex Koyata	Go Uyeda
Mr. Y. Yamagishi	Roy Oshiro
Yas Yamashita	

The following persons were elected:

Mr. S. Sakumoto
Kyoto Shigehiro
Ted Aoki
George Higa
Malcolm Fukami
Mas Sunada
Mr. F. Fujimagari
Walter Koyanagi

Mas Sunada went on record as being opposed to his election of the provincial executive committee and asked that his name be withdrawn.