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**V**ery tasty fricot, provided  
by *Lisa T. Café* was served  
free to all members at the  
end of the meeting.

## President's Report

*By Joseph Jacquard - AAMS President*

The 2020 AAMS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Meteghan Fire Hall on March 8th. This year, the AAMS Director, Media Manager & Website Administrator Marie Rundquist joined the AGM via Skype from her home in Virginia. Two special guests were present: Bernie Robicheau and Ron Surette. At a healthy 95 years old, Bernie is the oldest member of AAMS, and Ron is the President of Kespu'kwitk Métis Council.

Per the AAMS constitution, the position of President is for a two-year term, renewable once. 2020 is my fourth consecutive year as President. Thus, at the following 2021 AGM the board of directors will choose another President for the next term of office. The President must have served two years on the board as a director. Marcel d'Entremont remains as First Vice President while Alyre Theriault continues to hold the position of second vice. Michael Deveau continues to employ his skills as treasurer.

This past year Chris Boudreau stepped down as director to concentrate on research projects and his young family.

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## President's Report - continued

During the past few years, the AAMS Board of Directors has been searching to initiate new directors. This search has proven very successful and as a result, four new members are stepping up as servant leaders. All four were nominated and approved by the AAMS members present at the AGM. Newly elected to the board as directors are Jocelyne Comeau, Lise Anne Boudreau, Ricky Muise and Gaétan Dugas.

The Board of Directors Executive consists of Joseph Jacquard, President; Marcel d'Entremont, First Vice-president; Alyre Theriault, Second Vice-president; and Michael Deveau, Treasurer. Also, on the board are directors Brian Doucet, Paul Tufts, Gilbert Chandler, Carl Deveau, Marie Rundquist, Jocelyne Comeau, Lise Anne Boudreau, Ricky Muise and Gaétan Dugas.

This is a considerably larger board than in past years and I look forward with working with such a dynamic group.

*~ Joseph Jacquard, AAMS President*

## AAMS Office

Claire Robicheau is the office secretary and can be contacted at [aams.office@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Please call ahead of your visit to the office.**



## AAMS Bursaries

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, AAMS has awarded twenty \$500.00 bursaries for a total of ten thousand dollars. Please see the collage of bursary winners (honor roll) at <https://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html>

Once again, this year AAMS is offering one \$500.00 bursary to a well-deserving student member for post-secondary education (University or Community College). Please see the application form on the web site: [acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html](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 1835 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](mailto:aams.office@gmail.com)

Please use password: aams2008

## “Quote

*“It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.”*

~ Pultarch 46-120 AD

## Aboriginal Day 2020

AAMS has secured a grant from Heritage Canada for eleven hundred dollars to help celebrate Aboriginal Day. Activities for June 21st, 2020 are still in the planning stages with the experienced help of director Jocelyne Comeau and will be announced at a later date. Stay tuned!

## Joke :-D

An Indigenous person was at the local hardware store to buy a few bags of gardening soil. A gentleman behind him said; “Are you going to be doing some gardening?” To which they replied, “I am buying back this land one bag at a time.”

~ *Ainsi soit-il*



## Did you know?

Native Americans had a planting technique where they would plant corn, beans and squash in close proximity. The corn provides a structure for the beans to climb, the beans provide nitrogen to the soil and the squash plants provide ground cover to minimize weeds. Such a crop arrangement is known as “The Three Sisters”.

The Métis sash serves as more than just a symbol of the Métis peoples, but was also a vital part of the fur trade. The finger-woven cloth was an important piece of equipment, serving as a tumpline across the forehead for hauling heavy loads or as the equivalent of a weight belt, preventing hernias. It could also be used as a saddle blanket, wash cloth, rope, first aid kit, and emergency sewing kit with the end fringes used as thread.

## AAMS Communications

Very interesting and pertinent information is being posted on the AAMS web site blog. The blog information is carried on Instagram, twitter and linked-in and consists of Métis news and affairs plus green energy initiatives and much more... Check out the blog on the AAMS web site: <http://acadiens-metissouriquois.ca/index.html> Check out our new Communications Page: <https://acadiens-metissouriquois.ca/communications-centre.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](mailto:aams.office@gmail.com)



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