Present:

Doug Crossley, Chair, KIA
Florence Catholique, Vice Chair, LKDFN
Joel Holder, ENR, GNWT (alternate)
Lawrence Goulet, YKDFN
Eric Christensen, Diavik
Claudia Haas, NSMA, (alternate)

Staff:

John McCullum, ED

Guests:

Charlotte Henry, DIAND Sheryl Grieve, NSMA

Minutes:

Michele LeTourneau

Meeting started at 9:10.

Opening prayer: Lawrence Goulet

Comments from the Chair:

Chair reviews year. Notes John Morrison's resignation. EMAB work was dominated by the water licence renewal process; we hired technical expertise to help us. This process is almost complete. We worked on long-term issues, especially clause 7.6 from the EA, a clause we strive to implement, including a workshop on Aboriginal Involvement in monitoring that we continue to follow up. We've shown responsibility and accountability in our use of funds.

We have several new members. Round of introductions, including new staff, Martha Kodzin.

ITEM 1: Agenda and Minutes

Motion AGM01-

Approve agenda as amended Claudia Lawrence

Query – any changes proposed to by-laws? No.

Motion AGM02

Approve minutes of 2006 AGM Florence Claudia

ITEM 2: Presentation of Annual Report

Communications Coordinator circulates annual report along with a draft press release and factsheet on the misappropriated funds.

Short discussion on coil binding – board members are happy with it.

ITEM 3: Financial Audit Report

Presentation by Chuck Jeffery.

Auditors Report in AGM binder.

Chuck refers to page 4, balance sheet. This is a snapshot of the financial situation as of March 31: asset and liability. This organisation has the good fortune of having its 2008 money in place. Some refunds due to DDMI and DIAND on contributions.

Unrestricted assets continue to increase – shows good management.

Query regarding recovery of misappropriated funds. This is ongoing however we have not accounted for in-kind work. This should be looked into.

This is an unqualified audit.

Motion AGM03

Approve 2006-2007 audit as presented by Charles Jeffery

Moved: Claudia Seconded: Joel Carried: Unanimous

Item 4: Appointment of Auditor.

Motion AGM04

Appoint Charles Jeffery as auditor for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Claudia

Carried: Unanimous

Item 5: Statements from Parties

Florence – community wants to be fully involved in closure/reclamation planning for DDMI. They tried to get funds from DDMI to attend a reclamation conference and were not happy when they were turned down. Lutsel K'e would like training funds for community based monitoring and for TK. They commend EMAB for the Aboriginal Involvement workshop and would like to see this work continue.

Sheryl – NSMA would have preferred to see the CBM camps continue this year and would like to see every effort made for them to happen next year. The AEMP workshop was good. Is DDMI's request to communities for TK projects only related to the AEMP? The audit looks good as does the annual report – it should be presented to communities. NSMA congratulates EMAB on the AEMP workshop and the AI workshop – these are directions they support. Community involvement in monitoring is also a very important component of EMAB's work. NSMA would like EMAB to put more attention on regulatory processes: applications, reviews and reminders to people of upcoming activities and initiatives such as scientific research licences and wildlife research permits. EMAB could watchdog the permitting process – when the timeframe for input is short community input is reduced or lost. NSMA is generally very happy with what EMAB is doing.

Claudia – Query about presentation of 2006 EAAR to communities by DDMI and any plans?

Eric – Colleen English gave a full presentation on environmental activities to Wha Ti, at their invitation. Generally DDMI tries to share that information and would be happy to receive suggestions on the form of the presentations. Communities who want a presentation should send an invitation to DDMI.

Florence noted that in Wekweeti they said they had not received any presentations from DDMI.

Eric said that if a community invites DDMI they will come. It's up to the community to ensure people attend. He noted that a lot of people confuse EMAB with DCAB.

Lawrence – he and Rachel will brief the new Chief and Council about EMAB.

Item 6: Election of Officers

ED chairs.

Motion AGM05

Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: Florence Catholique

Carried: Unanimous

Florence nominates Doug, Doug accepts.

Motion AGM06

Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Claudia Haas

Seconded: Lawrence Goulet

Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM07

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley Seconded: Claudia Haas Carried: Unanimous

Doug Crossley nominates Florence – Florence accepts.

Motion AGM08

Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Claudia Haas Seconded: Doug Crossley

Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM09

Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Claudia Haas Seconded: Doug Crossley Carried: Unanimous

Florence Catholique nominates Floyd – Floyd accepts.

Motion AGM10

Motion to close nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley Seconded: Claudia Haas Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM11

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting Moved: Claudia Haas

Seconded: Lawrence Goulet

Carried: Unanimous