

Present:

Doug Crossley, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Floyd Adlem, Canada
Grant Beck, NSMA
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Gord Macdonald, Diavik

Staff:

John McCullum, ED

Guests:

Claudia Haas, Alternate, NSMA
Mark Woodside, NSMA

Minutes:

Michele LeTourneau

Meeting started at 9:15.

Opening prayer: Lawrence Goulet

Welcome from the Chair:

ITEM 1: Agenda and Minutes

Motion:

Approve agenda as amended

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Second: Florence Catholique

Carried

Motion:

Approve minutes of 2008 AGM.

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Second: Florence Catholique

Carried

ITEM 2: Presentation of Annual Report

Communications Coordinator circulates annual report.

Query regarding Diavik writing its own section of the report. Yes they do and the AR states this so no confusion.

CC tables draft press release and reviews media protocol.

ITEM 3: Financial Audit Report

Presentation by Irene Chan.

Auditors Report in AGM binder.

This is an unqualified audit. There was a surplus, so unrestricted net assets have increased. Treasurer notes need for discussion on ways to handle the surplus.

Suggested that audit be done earlier. Auditor notes that the audit can be started as soon as the books are closed. Auditor can provide a list of information needed for audit.

ED will try to get audit started by mid-May next year.

Motion:

Approve 2007-2008 audit as presented

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Floyd Adlem

Carried

Item 4: Appointment of Auditor.

Motion :

Appoint Charles Jeffery as auditor for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Grant Beck

Carried

Item 5: Statements from Parties

Chair observes that EMAB had a busy year and achieved most of its objectives. The strategic plan has now been adopted and capacity guidelines were reviewed. It was a very positive year.

Vice-chair commends annual report. She is pleased that the Board will have funds to enhance the relationship with Diavik – it's good to work cooperatively. There continues to be some confusion at the community level which would be helped if Diavik was in the communities more often. She is very pleased that all Parties have been brought back in for eligibility for capacity funding. EMAB also needs to have a better profile in the communities and continue to clarify the role of the Parties, EMAB and DDMI. Board orientation is important to make sure everyone understands these roles.

It would also be valuable for the Parties to come together to evaluate EMAB and its linkage with the Parties. Are the EA requirements being met. EMAB is supposed to support Aboriginal people in review and monitoring.

It was good that the CBM camp started up again – this is an opportunity to link science and TK, and to involve youth.

There needs to be a greater push for TK on the people who committed to collecting and using it.

Diavik says the focus for EMAB has changed. Diavik's monitoring programs are in place and management plans are finalized. The strategic plan is complete. EMAB's and Diavik's priorities are in line: communication with communities, Traditional Knowledge and closure planning.

Item 6: Election of Officers

ED chairs.

Motion:
Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.
Moved: Floyd Adlem
Seconded: Gord Macdonald
Carried

Florence Catholique nominates Doug Crossley, Doug accepts.

Motion:
Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.
Moved: Grant Beck
Seconded: Lawrence Goulet
Carried

Motion:
Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.
Moved: Doug Crossley
Seconded: Lawrence Goulet
Carried

Floyd Adlem nominates Florence Catholique – Florence accepts.

Motion:

Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: Lawrence Goulet

Carried

Motion:

Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: Grant Beck

Carried

Doug Crossley nominates Floyd Adlem – Floyd accepts.

Motion:

Motion to close nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Grant Beck

Carried

Motion:

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting

Moved: Gord Macdonald