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## Sivunivut Corporation Board Meeting February 10, 2010

**In attendance:** Ed Tuttauk, Chair  
Keith Watts, Director  
Trudy Mesher Barkman, Director  
Emily Powell, Director  
Kay Russell [co-ordinator]

**Regrets:** Ernie McLean, Secretary

**Call to order** 7:18 pm

**Motion:** Approve the agenda: Moved by Keith; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy [motion carried]

**Motion:** To approve the September 2, 2009 minutes as presented.  
Moved: by Trudy; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily [motion carried]

### **Business Arising:**

Ed mentioned that Ernie had spoken with Colin Carrol, Dept of Natural Resources regarding the allocation of caribou for our Community Freezer. It was mention that there shouldn't be an issue with Sivunivut obtaining a license to harvest 10 caribou.

**Action:** Write letter to Colin Carrol as a follow-up to that conversation to get clarification for next year.

HR Issues: draft Employee Manual sent to Board. Need to schedule a separate meeting to discuss.

Saputjivik: Still no response from letters sent to Minister of Health and the First Minister regarding NG's plans for the building.

**Action:** Ed will address this letters again when the House of Assembly sits during the March 8<sup>th</sup> session.

Have copies of correspondence available at Board Meetings and add a section *Correspondence* to the Agenda.

Letters of resignations from Treasurer Katherine Baikie Pottle and Vice-chair Mina Campbell Hibbs were accepted. Date of by-election for these positions set for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Chair's Report:** attached

The Finances are with Walter's Hoffe. Balance as of today is \$34,866.10; of that \$28,000 is committed to the ULM Inuktitut Language Initiative. Still haven't received any applications from North West River for a Language Coordinator. Met with Stan Oliver, to discuss a 3 month pilot project using their Language Coordinator.

**Action:** Need to develop a questionnaire to see what the community would like to see.

Have submitted the Health Canada research proposal on Climate Change.

**Action:** Email the Bills that were passed at the December sitting to the Board.

**Action:** Find out if Sivunivut can own land.

**Program Coordinator's Report:** attached.

Discussion around Sivunivut paying for College of North Atlantic courses for a determined amount of participants and having no-shows.

**Action :** If members want to do a course delivered by the College, they will be required to pay for it themselves, and will be reimbursed by Sivunivut when they bring in a receipt and confirmation they have completed it.

Discussion around the amount Sivunivut should pay Instructors that teach courses on behalf of Sivunivut.

Lab Institute offering an Inuktitut Intersession course. Chair and Program Coordinator interested in taking it.

**Action :** Board conditionally approves; however check into the details.

Next meeting March 15, 2010.

**Motion:** To adjourn 8:34pm moved Emily [motion carried].

Secretary

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## Chairperson's Update February 2010

- The Finances are with Walter's Hoffe; the Review Engagement Report should be completed any day. Balance as of today is \$34,866.10. Will be sitting down with Wyman on Wednesday to go over the last couple of Income Statements I've sent.
- We've received \$28,000 for the Inuktitut Language Initiative. Met with Stan Oliver regarding using the instructor to teach the Rosetta Stone in NWR. He suggested a trial period (3 months or so), but before that, maybe to send out a questionnaire to see if people are interested and which time slots are better for them, etc.
- Spoke with Alain Cuerrier of the Montreal Botanical Gardens. He is partnering with a researcher (Luise Hermanutz from MUN) to study the antioxidant levels in redberries. He asked if we would be interested in getting some of our sampled free of charge. In the process of finding out the best way to ship them.
- Have submitted the Health Canada research proposal on Climate Change. Sivunivut partnered with the Lab Institute in putting together this proposal. We should hear from Health Canada fairly soon on the successful applicants.
- NG Strategic Plan November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Goose Bay. The intention was for those in attendance to narrow the list of 30 or so priorities to 15, then the Executive Council would choose the ones to be acted upon. Still haven't received which priorities have been chosen.
- Attended the NCP Management Committee meeting in Toronto from November 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. As Co-chair of the NHERC, I sit on this National Committee when the Chair is unavailable. This committee determines which research proposals in the North are approved or to make recommendations on these proposals.
- Attended the 6th ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting from December 08 to 11 2009 in Victoria, BC. ArcticNet is the organization that brings Inuit communities and groups together with scientists to study the impacts of climate change in the coastal Arctic. Travel and accommodations covered by ITK. This year, 10 students from across the country participated in the Schools on Board Program, with 3 coming from Nunatsiavut. As a result, missed the December Assembly sitting which was postponed on 3 occasions.
- Attended the Northern Lights Conference in Montreal Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Found this to be very informative and now feel that the direction Sivunivut must go is towards Economic Development opportunities for NWR. Speaking with a friend of mine to see if Sivunivut can own property and assets. Costs associated with this can be utilized under the constituency allowance, therefore will be reimbursed.
- As you are aware, a constituent family member had a tragic accident in December. Sivunivut assisted this person with paying for a portion of the airfare so that they could be with their child. 30% of our Constituency Allowances can be utilized for events

such as this – which works out to \$2,250 per year. Sivunivut contributed \$806 for the ticket.

Upcoming meetings –

- NG Assembly meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### **Program Co-ordinator's Report**

#### **Activities ongoing since last board meeting -**

Sept/October - 16 hours of guitar lessons with Lowell Barkman instructing 8 people.

October 02 partnered with DHSD in an all day outing for Seniors up the Grand Lake Road.

November 01 held a very successful Photography Workshop with Chris Sampson.

December 18, co-sponsored the Elders Christmas Dinner and Party with the DHSD and help from Katimavik.

Partner with DHSD to sponsor a free walk in exercise hour Monday and Thursday – noon hour at the community centre.

Involved with 50+ Group in the purchase of 6 pieces of exercise equipment for the seniors to be placed in and belonging to the community centre (Seniors Health and Wellness – Gov NL Grant).

Working in conjunction with the Community Centre Committee and DHSD and purchased two sewing machines for the centre to give sewing lessons to young girls.

Supporting Sarah Townley of Winter Games Committee to recruit townspeople to sew 21 parkas and knit caps, mitts and scarves for the team.

FAC two day course was held on Jan 23 and 24 at CONA in which 6 of 12 participated.

Fiddle lessons – 16 hours of instruction by Louie Montague finished Feb. 18.

Square dancing lessons co-sponsored with DHSD began in the Community Centre on Feb 10.

Co-sponsoring the Cultural Awareness Night at the Community Centre on February 25 with DHSD.

GPS Course is going ahead Feb 27 & 28 in CONA.

Involved with Labrador Aboriginal Legal Services in providing a seminar on Empowering Young Women for the youth of the community.

In January I did a one day recertification of CPR first aid.

We have been discussing the feasibility of evening as opposed to weekend courses due to low attendance numbers on weekends. People sign up for classes and then do not attend. Our contract with the college in January for FAC was for 12 participants. 6 took the course but we had to fulfill our contract and pay for 12. I feel we should try the idea of beneficiaries paying the full amount to do courses offered through CONA and being reimbursed later.

As there is a problem getting instructors to hold courses, I would like to see the \$25. hourly fee for course instructors renegotiated. The going rate in the Upper Lake Melville area seems to be around 40 - 50 dollars and we also add mileage as per government rate for instructors from Goose Bay.

I have spoken to the seniors at two different luncheons and forwarded listened to their stories and gathered information regarding the Lifeline Canada program – Emergency Alert.

Our new Katimavik participant on the Storytelling Project is Heidi Anderson. That project is nearing completion and we are pursuing publishing ideas. I took Heidi and the two participants from the museum to them Days in Goose Bay last week for a tour of the archives and lunch.