

CIRCLE FOR ABORIGINAL RELATIONS (CFAR) SOCIETY



October 8th, 2008
Board Meeting Minutes
Savanna Energy Services Corp.
Suite 1800
311 – 6 Ave. Calgary, AB
T2P 3H2

1.0 Attendance

- Christine Schreuder
- Germaine Conacher
- Rob Barber
- Barry Brisson – President & Chairperson
- Vivienne Beisel
- Tweela Nepoose
- David Turner
- Domenyk Leach
- Gerry Laslo
- Ted Muise - Treasurer
- Janais Turuk – Vice Chair
- Rachelle McDonald
- Teri Villeburn
- Bob Phillips – Secretary

2.0 Reviewed & approved Oct 8th agenda.

- Board motioned to add Sept 24th AGM minutes for approval
- Gerry made motion & Ted seconded
- All in favor

3.0 Approved Sept 24th Board meeting minutes

- Bob made motion & Ted seconded
- All in favor

4.0 Overview of CFAR: board meetings, governance, & working committee's.

- Regular CFAR members can participate in working committee's
- Twenty eight CFAR members applied for Board and eight were selected:
 - Rachelle McDonald
 - Ted Muise - Treasurer
 - Bob Phillips – Secretary
 - Teri Villebrun
 - Ben Brunnen
 - Norine Sampson
 - Vivienne Beisel
 - Andy RedCrow
- Of the twenty members that did not make the board a handful expressed interest in participating in some of our committee work.
- New CFAR logo task will be moved to the communications working group.
- Need to add more descriptive info & meaning to describe the working groups. **ACTION- Barry to develop**
- Barry would prefer a membership update added to the minutes. Presently @ 250 members & over 100K in the bank.
- More work required regarding accreditation process and plan.
- Need to better define CFAR Board responsibilities & governance process.

5.0 Review – In no particular order: action items, old business, 2008 AGM, board development session comments:

- Treasurer – **ACTION-Ted – to prepare quarterly financial reports. Also provide budget updates attached to monthly minutes.**
- Christine's – CFAR – toll free number is 1-877-571-2262.
- Redo CFAR mission statement prior to next board meeting, more details and objectives. **ACTION- TEAM lead by Germaine will update mission statement.**
- **ACTION-Domenyk is updating face book & logo on website.**
- Suggestion to add alumni info. & accomplishments to website. **ACTION-Domenyk will coordinate this work**
- Student liaison discussion value, i.e. NAIT, YTC etc.
- Discussion on board member per diem for board meeting travel expenses. Can't expect Board members to be out of pocket to attend meetings while travelling to different cities. A policy must be developed.
- Treasurer should draft up a travel expense template for board members to use.
- CFAR office space discussion regarding possible South Calgary location near Christine.
- Bee & Mel have been appointed CFAR senior advisors.
- Looking for part time position to assist Christine. Job description needs to be drafted up and distributed. Need to secure someone this fall. **ACTION- Christine to draft up job description**
- For the time being we may approach a temp office firm to provide us with a part time assistant till we get a full time person.

- Calgary Chamber of Commerce to 50/50 partner with CFAR regarding upcoming November 20th mixer.
- Need to add new working committee members from board and general membership. **ACTION- Janais to coordinate.**
- Discussion on national CFAR event by 2113
- Should include calendar of events attached to monthly minutes.
- All board members need to supply biography or article on themselves for the newsletter.
- Alberta Research Council to provide profile for upcoming CFAR newsletter.
- CFAR is a non-profit incorporated organization.
- 55 k in GIC's, the remainder in chequing account at RBC.
- Wait on recommendations from accreditation committee before assign budget.
- Suggest annual planning session starting Sept 2009.
- Corp sponsors need to be acknowledged in our communications.
- Plan CFAR conference at Enoch Marriott June 3/4th 2009. **ACTION- Christine and Rob will talk to the Marriott and will get back to the Board with details.**

6.0 Luncheon feedback –Feedback was positive.

Heart Lake First Nation – Edmonton Petroleum Club

73 in attendance, 21 forms filled in.

1. Were we successful in meeting your expectations?

Unsuccessful

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 - 1
- 4 - 6
- 5 - 14

Absolutely Successful

2. Did you feel engaged in the discussion and format of the luncheon?

Not at all

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 - 4
- 4 - 9
- 5 - 8

Fully Engaged

3. What topics would you like to have presented or discussed in the future?

- Best practices and success stories – x x x x x x x x x - 10

- Consultation guidelines and Government Policy – x x x x x x x x x x - 11
- Legal updates and related issues (such as Métis rights) – x x x x x x x x - 8
- Credibility, training, and accreditation related topics – x x x x x x x - 7
- Community capacity-building and business opportunities – x x x x x x x x x x -10
- Trappers Compensation – x x x x x - 5
- Cumulative Effects – x x x x x – 5

- Other: Homelessness, homelessness, homelessness, Métis Settlements General Council, Environment, Provincial Cancer Surveillance Study for FN (Results of), Compensation for Fishers, Gatherers, Treaty Pos.(ammunition) Hunters), Excellent Work! Keep it up!

7.0 Next Board meeting:

November 12th, 2008
 10am to 2:00pm
 Alberta Research Council
 250 Karl Clark Road
 Edmonton, AB.
 T6T 0A2
 See attached map
 Contact: Bob Phillips