



British Columbia Métis Federation (BCMF)

Board of Directors

Open Face to Face Live Stream Meeting

Draft Minutes

Saturday, January 28 – 29, 2012

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 28, 2012

In Attendance:

BCMF Executive

President Keith Henry

Vice President Daryl Piper

Secretary/Treasurer Russ Roy

BCMF Directors

Ken Fisher

Joe Desjarlais

Beverly Lambert

Rose Bortolon

Rene Therrien

April Mclean Collart

Richard Lucier Larson

Lyle Letendre

Tim St. Denis

Wendy Chernivchan

Bob Ducharme

Staff

Sandee Brabant

Sherry Daniels

Earlene Bitterman

Historical Consultants

George and Terry Goulet

Harold Morin

Michael Morgan

Craig van der Merwe

Richard Krentz

Regrets

Sandy Aird

Gallery

Annie Therrien

Allan Lavallee

Maxine Lavallee

Phil Lavallee

Irene Flett

Arlene Laboucane

Norman Eyford

Angeline Perreault

Andy McGillis

Dale Deguire

Kay Klyne

Richard Klyne

Pattie Rosvold

1. Opening Prayer

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Keith Henry welcomed the BOD and the SOC and those in the Gallery.

Song played by Rene Therrien on Fiddle and Joe Desjarlais on Guitar.

Opening comments to be kept informal and a brief introduction from each BOD.

April Mclean Collart – Prince Rupert, Richard Lucier Larson – Saanich, Bob Ducharme – GD Scouts, Métis Veterans Association, St. Boniface, Wendy Chernivchan – Thompson Okanagan, Rene Therrien – Terrace, BC, Beverly Lambert – Grassroots, Métis Culture, Joe Desjarlais, Rose Bortolon – Prince George, Women’s Vision, Lyle Campbell Letendre – Kelly Lake Métis Settlement, Ken Fisher- NMHA, Russ Roy – BCMF Secretary/Treasurer and President of VMCS, Daryl Piper – Vice President BCMF, Keith Henry President BCMF, mentioned Squamish Territory.

Keith Henry – MNBC Selling the School for \$6.1 million today. Earlene Bitterman and Daryl Piper started the Coalition for Concerned Métis Citizens.

Head Office - Staff working hard on issues and working with our people getting memberships.

Keith asked the Gallery if they have any questions.

Harold Morin drove all the way from Prince George.

We have 900 viewers online.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Addendum #1: Add to the Agenda #15 J. VMCS tying in with the BCMF Office (Russ Roy)

Addendum #2 Add to the agenda # 15 K. Governance Centre (Joe Desjarlais)

Motion 2012-01-28 #1 – To approve the agenda as presented with 2 addendums. Moved by Ken Fisher and seconded by Lyle Letendre. Carried.

Motion 2012-01-28 #2 – Accept Page. 3 Financial Report as presented, moved by Beverly Lambert, seconded by Daryl Piper. Carried.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. November 30, 2011
- b. Daryl Piper and Rene Conference call – Regrets.
- c. Ken Fisher - strongly objects to being left out on all Conference calls.
- d. Beverly Lambert –reports Louis Riel Event profit of \$647.00.
- e. Tim St. Denis – comments on how well the BCMF is developing.

Motion 2012-01-28 #3 - To approve the November 30, 2011 minutes. Moved by Rose Bortolon and seconded by April Mclean Collart. Carried.

5. The Métis Nation: What Is It?

- a. George and Terry Goulet Presentation.

6. BCMF Governance/Strategic Planning

- a. Self Evaluation
- b. SWOT Process – No right or wrong answers, forms to fill out from everyone
- c. Cultural Event Support for 2012- Vancouver Island – Vancouver – Kelly Lake – Etc.
 1. Vancouver Island- possible this year, not probable, MNBC fear, start cultural group 1 or 2 events, not count on Vancouver Island, Victoria and Duncan to small.
 2. Red River Rendezvous
 3. Métis Village
 4. Kelly Lake Cultural Camp – no food needed, bus Elders, 3 or 4 day event
 5. Klahowya Village – Showcase
 6. Fusion
 7. Eurofest
 8. Greater Victoria Fall Fair

Action Item #1 – Keith Asks the Board to make a decision on considering Priorities re: Kelly Lake, Vancouver Island meeting, Klahowya.

- d. Earlene Bitterman – May 26 – Swan Garden

Action Item #2 – Help set up it up with Patti & Beverly. BCMF to attend this event

Action Item #3 - After meeting, public notice, events get involved.

Action Item #4– 3 events to consider, MC events let us know

Action Item #5 – Earlene to create a BCMF brochure.

Action Item #6 – develop Calendar for all events.

7. BCMF Board Member Reports

- a. Bob Ducharme – Métis Veterans Association

Motion 2012-1-28 # 4 – While the BCMF is in its infancy, and in the BCMF's intention to draft a new constitution it should be stated in our intentions that we should construct wording into the constitution, regarding the rights for future protection and consultation with the veterans.

Moved by Rose, seconded by Richard Lucier Larson.

Russ: addendum to motion: that Terry and George Goulet be involved and to include terms of reference for the regional sessions.

Mover and Seconder agree to addendum. Ken Fisher opposed, Carried

Action Item #7 – For SOC member’s considerations –this also really needs your insights and input.

- b. Daryl Piper – Continues to work with Keith Henry
- c. Russ Roy – Squamish and Sechelt meetings completed, always informing the members of current events, coffee talk is successful, always talking with other Board members. Spending as much time in Office as possible.
- d. April Mclean Collart – resigned position as the Métis Women’s Secretariat, refused to give up money.
- e. Earlene Bitterman – suspended charter, community fractured.
- f. Joe Desjarlais – involved in Coffee Talk, blogs, education proposal to be sent to all board members.
- g. Rose Bortolon – going to schools, Kikino Child & Family, Headstart programs. I am on the PGMES and the UAS and the Kikino Board, PG UAJSC, PGMCA and participate in their Youth Cultural Camp, just rec’d funding. The VP Patrick Pocha has invited BCMF to their board meeting Feb. 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Wants Keith Henry to meet with Richard Nault when he arrives in Prince George. The PGMES are not sure about SOC. Wants Keith Henry to meet with them. Setting up Women’s Group and wonders if BCMF would be interested in being part of?
- h. Rene Therrien – As long as we stay focused on preserving our culture, wisdom of our elders, being role models to our youth, accountable to our citizens we will achieve our mission as leaders.
- i. Tim St. Denis – Hopes everyone is going to their MP & MLA. Designing a Kit to educate Government.
- j. Keith Henry – People online, Coffee talk, Métis Matters, Asked for 2 Organizations Veteran Logo, Kelly Lake Territory Claim. Take a letter to your MLA & LM. The Federal side needs to hear from the grassroots people.
- k. Lyle Letendre – Isolated, starting another Chartered Community, food expensive, Keith Henry working hard on a couple of projects, meeting with government and take a kit.
- l. Beverly Lambert – Ethical Group Leadership. Thank our First Nations, NENAN our President who really cares about his people.
- m. Wendy Chernivchan – Honored to be here for our Face to Face Board of Directors meeting.
- n. Richard Lucier- Larson working on getting more people involved and to apply for BCMF membership.
- o. George and Terry – volunteer role simply as consultants, non-legal opinion
- p. Arlene Laboucane – establish some guidelines a kind of constitution

Russ comments that the regional sessions would help in developing the Constitution.

Action Item #8 - Rose agrees with Russ; Community Sessions to help us make changes. Open it up to all Métis communities’ comments and input. Develop a draft Guide to Principals and Values.

- q. Tim St. Denis –is thinking on designing a Kit to educate government.

Action Item #9 -Tim St. Denis agrees to design and prepare a Kit to educate Government.

- r. Wendy Chernivchan – Don't get any community get together.
- s. Earlene Bitterman – Great First National Dance, first time.

8. BC Metis Federation SOC Updates and Comments;

- a. Arlene Lylyk – President Fort St. John Métis Society. Getting no response from MNBC.
- b. Arlene Laboucane – NENAN Board of Director – MNBC pushes to take youth money away.
- c. Canadian Aboriginal Veterans Proposal and Presentation

9. BCMF Financial Reporting

- a. BCMF Financial Report June to December 31, 2011 (Russ Roy)
- b. BCMF January 28th and 29th Budget (Keith)
- c. Sandy Aird, CA, Financial Advisor (Regrets)

10. Economic Development Presentation

- a. Stewart Anderson, Community Investment Manager
Aboriginal Banking, Vancity
 - i. *Social enterprise potential*
Copy of presentation to each board member.
Mandate to Setup communities, FSJ, KL, S, Métis Veterans.

11. Meet and Greet with the BC Métis Federation

- a. Overview – Beverly Lambert/Keith Henry
- b. Fund Raising Event Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel \$700.00 was raised after expenses paid ½ to the Dahl family and ½ to BCMF.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

DAY 2

Resume meeting at 8:30 am Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Executive

President Keith Henry
Vice President Daryl Piper
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Directors

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Rose Bortolon	Rene Therrien
April Mclean Collart	Richard Lucier Larson
Tim St. Denis	Lyle Letendre
Wendy Chernivchan	Bob Ducharme\
Arlene Lylyk	Arlene Laboucane

Regrets: Ken Fisher (Had Nova Meeting)

Volunteer Staff

Sandee Brabant Harold Morin Richard Kranz
Sherry Daniels Michael Morgan Earlene Bitterman Craig van der Merwe
Historical Consultants: George and Terry Goulet

Richard Reports Today 960 Viewers online.

12. BC Métis Federation Regional Gatherings – A New Way Forward

- a. BC Metis Federation Presentation
- b. Review process completed in 2010-2011
- c. Proposed march- May, 2012 Schedule and Agenda

NOTE: 9:20 am. Harold Morin felt very ill and was sent to hospital. Keith Henry and Bev Lambert left meeting to be with Harold and Tracey.

Russ Roy took over as chair of meeting.

Discussions

March 2012 – May 2012

Vancouver Island – Saturday, March 3, 2012

6:00 – 10:00 pm, Location: Nanaimo

1. Lower Mainland Region – Saturday, March 10, 2012

6:00 – 10:00 pm, Location: Surrey

2. Thompson/Okanagan Region – Saturday, March 17, 2012

6:00 – 10:00 pm, Location: Kelowna

3. Kootenay Region – Saturday, April 7, 2012

6:00 – 10:00 pm. Location: Cranbrook

4. North Central Region – Saturday, April 21, 2012

6:00 – 10 pm Location: Prince George

5. North East Regional – Saturday, May 5, 2012

6:00 – 10 pm Location: Fort St. John

6. North West Region – Saturday, May 19, 2012

6:00 – 10 pm Location: Terrace

Motion 2012-01-29 #5 – For all of Regional discussions# 12 to be tabled for next conference call. Moved by Tim St. Denis seconded by Rose Bortolon.

Carried unanimously.

13. BC Métis Federation Membership

Discussion and comments

Motion 2012-01-29 # 6 – To develop a committee to take the membership forms and Application process to the next level in our procedures. Moved by April Mclean Collart and seconded by Daryl Piper. Carried.

Break 10:40 AM – 11:00 AM

14. Michif Language Program

Motion 2012-01-29 #7 (a-d and f-k) all Deferred until next Conference Call. Moved by Tim St. Denis seconded by Daryl Piper, carried.

e. BC Métis Federation Website Report (11:55 am)

Craig van de Merwe gave a presentation. Wants to put something out only for reader's comments on the blog. Would like a copy for board members.

Next BC Métis Federation Board Meeting

- a. February 21, 2012 Conference Call 8:30 am.

1. AGM set for June possibly. What is our position?

Meeting was adjourned due to Harold Morin's passing.

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson

BCMF Secretary

Dated: April 24th, 2012

BC Metis Federation

BALANCE SHEET As at December 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank	1,359	
HST Receivable	<u>1,609</u>	2,968

Fixed Assets

Computers		1,945
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Total Assets

\$ 4,913

EQUITY

Excess of Income over Expenditure to December 31, 2011	<u>4,913</u>	
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Total Liability & Equity

\$ 4,913