

BC Métis Federation (BCMF)
Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting

Approved Minutes

Sunday, November 10th, 2013. 8:00PM – 9:00 PM

Attendance -

**Daryl Piper
Joe Desjarlais
Keith Henry
Maxine Lavallee
Patrick Pocha
Tim St. Denis
Wayne Lucier**

Regrets –

**Rene Therrien
Beverly Lambert
Lyle Letendre
Gloria Rendell
Earlene Bitterman**

Technical Support –

**Cynthia Kolada
Sherri Daniels**

Guests –

George and Terry Goulet

1. Opening Remarks

8:07 pm

Thank you all for being on the call, we have quorum so we can proceed. This is a bit of an informal meeting and we just need to go over a few things that are essential time wise.

2. Trial of Louis Riel

8: 10pm

Keith took a poll of the Board as to how many people were able to make it and a count was done. Some Board members were not able to make the event but had people from their community attending. There is a great confidence among everyone that the event will do well.

Action Item: Sherri to follow up with phone calls for ticket sales and to discuss the open seating.

3. VMCS AGM

8:15 PM

The meeting went well yesterday and this was a more typical turnout then some of the meetings have had. Kamloops and Valemount were discussed and it is expected that NOVA will have an excellent turnout to finish the preliminary consultation process meetings with KMC.

4. Paulette Flammond

8:30 PM

The BCMF is currently lacking a Board Member due to a resignation. Paulette would like to sit on the Board. Paulette is from Fort St. John and is the Executive of Aboriginal Services. Keith asked the Boards position on this and the BCMF Board of Directors is in favour.

ACTION ITEM: Keith will circulate Paulette's Bio for the next call and invite her to participate so that the Board has an opportunity to meet her and ask her questions.

5. BC Human Rights Tribunal

8:45 PM

On Tuesday we are following up with the tribunal process and making official notification that the BCMF is withdrawing from the process. The Government will have 35 days from that time to respond. Since we are now going to litigation there is a great deal of paperwork to be done and we will need the entire team to pull together. George and Terry have agreed to work on the Self Governance history and issues and Cynthia will work on engagement. Keith believes that the case is not as complicated as we think, with the help of the work of the Goulet's and others; there are many studies that can be brought forward regarding discrimination. It is felt overall that we need a human rights lawyer.

We will wait for the government and tribunal response to plan next steps and perhaps put a committee together in order to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson
BCMF Secretary

Dated: December 11th, 2013