

Aboriginal Action Circle
Minutes
November 4, 2014

Present: Tony, Toni, John Henri, Jean-Pierre, Shirley, Stephanie

Regrets: Albert, John

The meeting commenced with an opening by John Henri.

- 1) Approval of the Agenda
M/S John Henri / Toni, agenda carried.

The Chair was passed to Toni

- 2) Approval of the September 24, 2014 minutes
M/S Tony / John Henri, minutes carried.

The Chair was returned to Tony.

- 3) Recruitment
Recruitment is an important action that the Circle needs to constantly work on. It is recommended that recruitment be a standing item on the agenda for the next year. This will ensure that the Circle remain focused on the activity. The other equity committees are also having difficulty in attracting and maintaining an active membership.

Human Rights Awards

John Henri is on the selection committee. Other volunteers are required for the planning committee. The awards night is December 10, please keep it free.

- 4) Budget
Commitments to keep in mind –
 - \$1,200 – Retreat
 - \$1,000 – AGM
 - \$400 – Banners
 - \$350 – 510 Rideau Christmas dinner
 - \$600 – Promotional material
 - \$450 – AAC December meal

\$600 – Sept / Oct / Nov AAC meetings

\$3,400 in total commitments

Also need to include HST for Albert $7 \times 13\% = \$91.00$
Banners went over by \$13.00

The AAC at this time has a projected deficit of (\$120.00)

Toni will have a 3 year budget for the end of December to submit to the office of the REVP.

5) Promotional Items

Need to have prices for December purchase and would like to know if it is stitched or silk screened. Also looking for prices for 3XL and 4XL.

6) AGM

John Henri has created a poster.

NWAC has confirmed that Claudette Dumont-Smith is available to speak at the AGM. Stephanie will confirm cost and details with NWAC.

Vicki Boucher (Grant) has a lead re drummer and will provide a quote for catering.

Marc Maracle Executive Director GNPHC has agreed to M/C the AGM.

Larry or Dave will facilitate the choice of Co-chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, National Human Rights Committee Representative and the Alternate NHRC Rep.

Budget:

\$75.00 M/C

\$113.00 Albert

\$150.00 NWAC

\$300.00 Drummer

\$300.00 Caterer (\$15 per person)

Tony will contact Vicki re catering and drumming.

John Henri will contact a second caterer. Quotes will be compared and the executive will make a decision by email on which caterer to hire.

Stephanie will resend the AGM invitation 2 weeks prior to the AGM. She will also follow up on Larry and Dave's invite.

7) AAC Retreat

There is a YouTube video re the Retreat. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEkMJK56RN4&list=UU8tv7fBvy5dqk3Msq30f33w>

Jean-Pierre, John Henri, John, and Julie attended.

It is recommended that the Circle undertake a yearly event to reconnect to the land.

John Henri will send his NCRC Report to be added to the minutes.

8) OFL Aboriginal Education Gathering

As Tony will be fully funded by NAPC to attend, the \$500 offered by the REVP will be offered to John J to attend. (He is the only one who wished to attend.)

9) Christmas lunch at 510 Rideau

It was agreed to organize this for December 13. John Henri will work on the poster to be posted at 510 Rideau. Here are the list of volunteers to date:

Toni – baked goods and help

John Henri – turkey and help

Stephanie – baked goods and help

Tony – unsure if he is available

John – gravy and help

Shirley – turkey and help

John Henri to confirm with Albert and John as they are absent today.

10) Aboriginal Veteran's Remembrance

Service will start at 9 a.m. at the Aboriginal Veteran's Memorial in Confederation Park. John Henri will attend on behalf of the AAC. Toni will see if there is an extra wreath and give it to the AAC. Stephanie offered to store it for the AAC.

11) Varia

The Chair of the AAC, Tony, thanked Edward for his involvement with the Circle, NAPC and the Human Rights Committee and wished him good luck in North Bay.

Reminder to have members sign the pledge cards. There is also a pledge on the PSAC website re sick leave that anyone can sign.

All week there are events at Billings Bridge in regards to Remembrance Day.

Closing prayer and adjournment.