



## **Minutes of AGM: August 16, 2014**

**Held at Corner Brook, NL**

### **1:00-2:00 pm Meet, greet and registration**

### **2:00pm Traditional opening carried out by Odelle Pike**

-Opening remarks

-Smudging ceremony- cleansing for positive energy

-Opening prayer

Drumming/song- Odelle and 2 members

**Introduction of board members:** Present: Don Loder, Hector Pearce, Jerry Lavers, Darrell Irvine, Scott Gould, Odelle Pike, Jocelyn Reid

Regrets: Ray Norman, Erika Lavers

### **2:15pm Meeting called to order:**

-Reading of notice of AGM by Odelle Pike

-Adoption of Agenda; Motion made by Ralph Loader, seconded by Veronica Harvey; carried.

*Roberts Rule of Order discussed*

-copy provided for members



Reading of Annual Report by Hector Pearce; followed by question period

-Copy provided for members

\* Bill Grenier - born in Stephenville, NL

Q: -1.5 in the constitution may be better stated non-partisan rather than non-political.

Ans: Will be further discussed later in meeting

\*Dave Wells- Corner Brook, NL

Q: -Are we giving up on legal route?

Ans: No- not giving up on legal route, judicial views continue on this matter, possibly a court case to have Bill C-25 struck down.

\*Keith Cormier- sent words of encouragement after meeting up with a lawyer dealing with cases such as ours his statement was;

“Tell everybody to buy a good windbreaker and hold on tight and fight”

\* John Brake - Torbay, NL

Q: -How many members do we currently have? Suggested that \$20 membership fee may not be enough?

Ans: Approx. 12,000 members, we can visit idea of increasing fee.

\*Glenn Penny- Corner Brook, NL

Q: Has any conversation with political parties led to an actual commitment to us?

-we need a commitment from these parties for future election.

Ans: No firm commitment from NDP and Liberals, they have agreed to talk to us.

- Will seek a commitment from the parties before 2015 election, if no firm commitment then we can advise members of MFNAN



Reading of Presidents report by Don Loder; followed by question period

- copy provided to members

\*Ray Brake- currently has status

Q: Is Tom Rideout doing his share to help us?

Ans: Tom Rideout replaced by Ron Penny.

Reading of Financial Report by Jerry Lavers:

- copy provided to members

- questionable on notation of \$500.00 dollars for fathers day draw, should be less.

Jerry will check this out.

\*Glenys Butt

Q: Do we know yet what the increase in membership fees will be and the 2015 budget?

Ans: unknown at this point, to be discussed with the membership under new business

Adoption of Financial report:

*Motion* by Keith Cormier seconded by Morgan Hammond.

Motion Carried



### **3:45-4:05 pm Guest Speaker-Hon. Nick McGraw**

- Introduced by Odelle Pike

Questions presented to Hon. Nick McGraw:

\* Phyllis Griffin

Q: What do you think of Provincial governments view on us having a non-status band?

Ans: The status of a band is determined by the Federal government.

\*Hector Pearce

Q: Is there any Provincial funding available for groups like us? We should be recognized as a band or aboriginal group as we meet the criteria.

Ans: Advocating administration funding, working with the federal government for this, any funding must come from the federal head office.

-No issues with advocating on behalf of MFNAN but warns that a non-status group may create issues, feels aboriginal group is a better term to use.

-strongly recommend to keep going towards our goal but first step is to write a letter to the prov. government so that he can present it on our behalf.

### **4:15 pm Resolutions**

#### **#1. Accepting our by-laws**

WHEREAS this is the first AGM for our association, namely MFNAN,

BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt the constitution under which the board has been operating since incorporation.

Motion by Hector Pearce to move seconded by Odelle pike;

Motion carried.



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BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt the by-laws under which the board has been operating since incorporation.

Motion by Hector Pearce, seconded by Roslyn Dominey

Motion carried.

### #3. Changes to the Constitution

WHEREAS there are some inconsistencies to be corrected and some required time frame changes needed to make the constitution accurate and applicable to the operation of MFNAN,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes to the constitution be implemented:

1. Section 5.1 shall read: An annual meeting of members shall take place in the month of August, the specific date, time and location if which will be designated by the chair. At the annual meeting the members shall elect directors and officers, receive reports on the activities of the association, and determine the direction of the association for the coming year.

Motion by Hector Pearce seconded by Dianne George.

Motion carried.



#### #4. Changes to By-Laws

WHEREAS there are sections of the by-laws of MFNAN to be completed and changes required to others,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes to the by-laws be implemented:

##### 1. Section 3.1

A motion to establish annual dues for the association to be determined by the membership at the AGM.

-Motion made by Hector Pearce to keep membership fees the same \$20/adult \$5/child.

Seconded by Marie Barrie;

Discussion on Motion

Q: John Brake; How many people know that we exist? We need to find a way to get out to people that we exist and to sign up at the current price for membership.

Conclusion: Need to boost membership.

Statements:

\*Dave Wells; membership dues increase usually to a major upcoming expense.

\*Jason Brake; \$20 is not much,

suggestion made to leave membership as is but make contributions if one wishes to.

\* Donna Ellen;

Q: is there a way to get vote out to all members for a price change in membership?

Ans: Can possibly be put on website.

Motion carried.



## 2. Section 10.3

Motion made by Hector Pearce to determine the financial year end as June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Seconded by Lucy Payne;

Motion carried.

### Section 3.3 Constitution change:

Dues are made payable on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> as opposed to 1<sup>st</sup> day of financial year.

Motion made by Hector Pearce seconded by Donna Ellen,

Motion carried.

\*Motion made by Hector Pearce to keep the current accountant; Roland Burt,  
seconded by Dave Brake,

Motion carried.

\*Section 11.1 of by-laws:

Motion made by Hector Pearce to determine that signing officers shall be Scott Gould in partner with either Jerry Lavers or Erika Lavers. Seconded by Odelle Pike.

Motion carried.

\*Section 5 of by-laws:

Motion made by Dolorosa Benoit Tagliapietra to add a section 5.14- voting age set at age 18. Seconded by Odelle Pike,

Motion defeated.



\*Section 1.5 Constitution

Motion made by Bill Grenier to change non-political to non-partisan. Making section 1.5 reading as follows: The association shall be non-partisan. and non-sectarian in all of its relationships.

Seconded by Ralph Loder,

Motion carried.

**4:50pm Open Discussion**

-Status vs Non Status; we should be asking for recognition of our group now as is MFNAN, an aboriginal group.

- Noted: section 7.3 of Constitutions states that any amendments to the Constitution and By-laws must be approved by at least 2/3 of votes cast.

Therefore this makes motion of 5:14 to set voting age to 18 defeated.

Motion made by Terry Young to change Section 5:14 voting age of 18 to age16.

Seconded by Glen Penny,

Motion carried.

Question presented on how to get new members?

- Community meeting

-Media

-Members reach members

-Have a contact in every community





**New Business Arising from the minutes:.**

Don Loder addressed the membership to clarify that the Judicial Review on David Kennedy was not done based on a single application; rather it was a test case for all those denied for long form birth certificates.

During the process, the AANDC came back to Gowlings and advised that they made a mistake and in fact have a Long Form Birth Certificate for Mr. Kennedy.

The judicial review continues with a new applicant in place of Mr. Kennedy.

No Other new business.

**Next AGM Meeting:** August 15,2015

**Adjournment:** 5:20 pm

Closing Prayer and Travel song by Odelle Pike

*Minutes recorded and written by:*

*Jocelyn Reid*

*Recording secretary*