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**Minutes**

**WMAC(NS) TELECONFERENCE**

**Thursday March 10, 2005**

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**Present:** Lindsay Staples – Chair  
Ernest Pokiak- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council  
Harvey Jessup – Member - Yukon Government  
Ron Larsen – Member- Government of Canada (Parks Canada)  
Wendy Nixon – Alternate - Government of Canada (CWS)  
Aileen Horler- Secretariat

**Regrets:** Herbert Felix- Member – Inuvialuit Game Council

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**1. Approval of agenda**

Ron Larsen requested the addition of an information item to report on the enforcement workshop held in Aklavik, March 8.

***Motion***

*To adopt the agenda, as revised.*

Moved: Ernest Pokiak  
Second: Harvey Jessup  
Motion carried

**2. Enforcement Workshop**

Ron Larsen reported that a workshop was held in Aklavik, March 10, to discuss issues related to the enforcement of legislation, including by-laws, on the Yukon North Slope and neighbouring areas. Representatives from YTG, DFO, Parks Canada, the GNWT and Herschel Island attended the workshop, as well as six members of the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee.

Ron commented that participants found it very useful to get clarification on the role of Ian McLeod, especially with respect to his authority and enforcement powers in the Yukon. The HTC raised the issue of the enforcement of beluga by-laws. The by-laws exist but there is no mechanism to enforce them. Ron told workshop participants that although the bylaws don't apply in Ivvavik National Park, Parks Canada is taking steps to put a mechanism in place so that Parks will be able to enforce them.

The HTC recognized their responsibility in developing and drafting by-laws. Ron commented that there is a need to look at the whole by-law issue, including the date of the existing by-laws and how accurate they are. YTG has the ability to enforce by-laws under their Wildlife Act but it is up to them to decide how to proceed to make this possible.

Anyone who has a question about an enforcement matter was encouraged to contact any of the regional enforcement agencies. Whoever is contacted will be able to help with the enquiry in some way. The HTC recommended that an enforcement related meeting be held every year.

### **3. 2004-05 Revenue and Expenses – March 2, 2005**

Members reviewed the year-end budget projections. The Secretariat explained that the calculations for the year-end balances are based on anticipated spending until the end of March. The Council's allocated budget will be underspent in the categories of meetings, and workshops and conferences. Spending for Secretariat administration, staff, and projects will be on target. Overall, about 80% of the Councils' revenues for 2004-2005 will be spent by March 31st. Remaining funds can be carried over to the next fiscal year.

The Council has a number of proposed projects, requiring funding commitments. These include updating and cataloguing library documents, a report on climate change in the north Yukon, a report on information collected by Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-op over the last ten years related to Aklavik Inuvialuit, and updating of the Yukon North Slope Research Guide. All of this work will be conducted by people on contract. A total of \$16,800 needs to be allocated to these projects using funds not yet assigned and funds unspent in the workshop category.

#### ***Motion***

*To allocate funds in the 2004-2005 Council budget as follows: Library \$2600; Climate Change Report \$6000; Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-op Ten Year Report for Aklavik Inuvialuit \$6700; updating of the Yukon North Slope Research Guide \$1500, subject to approval by Herbert Felix.*

Moved: Ernest Pokiak  
Second: Harvey Jessup

Approved by Herbert Felix March 17, 2005

Motion carried

**4. 2005-2006 Secretariat Budget - DRAFT for review and approval**

The members reviewed the proposed budget for 2005- 2006. The Secretariat reported that the Council needs to submit an approved budget for 2005-2006 to the Yukon Government in order to get a new Contribution Agreement in place. The proposed budget allocates funds to meetings, administration, workshops, and project categories. Members agreed that any funds not spent in 2005- 2006 should be carried over and allocated to the “projects” category in the 2005- 2006 budget.

The Chair added that members will have further discussions about the allocation of funds assigned to the “projects” category, and others as appropriate, when the Council meets in April.

**Motion**

*Subject to approval by Herbert Felix, to adopt the budget as presented, for 2005- 2006. In addition, any funds unspent in 2004-2005 are to be carried forward into 2005-2006 and allocated to the “projects” category.*

Moved: Harvey Jessup

Second: Ernest Pokiak

Approved by Herbert Felix March 17, 2005

Motion carried

**5. Next meeting- Inuvik April 8-10, 2005**

Council members agreed to meet in Inuvik the weekend of April 9 and 10.

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WMAC(NS) Chair

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WMAC(NS) Secretariat

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