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Little Shell Tribal Office
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Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman John Sinclair. Invocation was given by Darrel Koke. Present were John Sinclair, Darrel Koke, Larry Salois, Caroline Fleury, Ed Lavenger and Bob Van Gunten.. Alvina Allen was excused as she was fighting fires. We have a quorum to conduct business.

Our guests this morning are Pam Bunte, who is doing the research on our petition and Kim Gotschalk, who is an Attorney for NARF. Kim explained BAR's work for recognition will take years for them to before we get our Federal Recognition. In last 2 years NARF has spent over $300,000.00 dollars to help us in getting our research done. Going the Legislative way will be faster. We are sending a resolution to Patton Boggs law firm in Washington, DC, who are willing to work with us Pro Bono. We need support from the Governor of Montana, plus our Montana Senators Baucus and Burns and from Representative Rehberg. Key people in Washington DC also need to be seen and talked to as we need to convince Congress to do this. We have a very good chance for Congressional approval , which should have been done in the 1930's. October will be the first time for some of our Council to go to Washington DC, then again in February or March. Three (3) Council members are best for each trip.

January 10, 2004 is the end of our extension and NARF is committed to get the work done for BAR unless their funds run out. John Gilbert is a very positive factor in our Recognition process. Legislation may take two (2) years with Patton Boggs law firm working for us. We only had 62% of our members proven to Pembina Indian Heritage and we will have up to 90% when Pam's research is done. BAR may object to Congressional approval.

James Parker Shield presented a letter of suggestions to the Council on having a lobbyist to help with our recognition. Bob Van Gun ten made a motion to refer James' letter to the Federal Recognition committee to decide on that. Second by Darrel Koke. 6 for 0 opposes Motion passes. Bob Van Gun ten made a motion to for a Cover letter and our Resolution be sent to Patton Boggs law firm for their Pro Bono help on our Federal Recognition. 6 for 0 opposes Motion passes.

If BAR approves our Petition it is a done deal. If Congress approves they will ask BAR if we should be recognized. And they could say they have not reviewed our Petition. Bar says the Little Shell have a moral claim to be recognized..

Meeting takes a break as Kim Gottschalk has to leave to go back to Colorado.

Break from 11:00 AM to 1: 00

John Sinclair calls the meeting to order and Darrel Koke gives the opening prayer. Discussion is held on Federal Recognition committee. Bob Van Gun ten makes a motion that John Gilbert, John Sinclair and Darrel Koke be on the committee and more members can be added. 6 for 0 opposes. Motion passes. Bob Van Gun ten suggested we have committees and sub-committees under main committee. It is a good idea to involve more of our members. Darrel suggests anyone who is on a committee have a resume on what they can do. Bob says Darrels suggestion may be too cumbersome . Darrel Koke makes a motion to accepts Bob Van Guntens suggestions and ideas on committees. Ed Lavenger seconds motion. 6 for 0 opposes Motion passes. Darrel Koke makes a motion to amend Bobs motion for

Meeting continues;

Committees to be open to all Tribal members. Members may submit letters of interest or intent or may come into office and talk with staff on what they can do. Council will select members for committee and the head of the committee will report to council except for the Federal Recognition committee as above.
Second by Ed Lavenger 6 for 0 opposes Motion passes.
During our discussion on committees it was decided we would have the following committees and sub-comm

1. FEDERAL RECOGNITION (As above John G, John S and Darrel Koke)
2. TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION; A. Accounting B. Enrollment C. Tribal Elections D. Public relation
3. HUMAN RESOURCES; A. Health B. Education C. Welfare D. Culture
4. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT; A. Grants & Tobacco funds B. Housing C. Natural resources - land D. Economic Development

Motion to accept committees as listed above by Ed Lavenger Second by Larry Salois
6 for 0 opposes Motion passes

The letterhead made by Colleen Hill is accepted as the official letterhead we will use for all our correspondence
All background checks are in except Bob and Alvina and we will have them on Monday.
A letter will be sent to the Montana Wyoming Tribal Council stating Diann Grantham will represent the Little Shell Tribe on Health issues and meetings. John Sinclair will get a list of committees and offer to host a meeting as Government to Government is very important.

Break from 2:15 PM to 2:30

Meeting continued at 2:30. Bob Van Gun ten makes a motion for Caroline and Darrell to check on some internet services as one we have is high. 6 for 0 opposes Motion passes
Bob Van Gun ten makes a motion to write a general letter to the former council and members for their work and their votes. Larry Salois seconds 6 for 0 0pposes Motion passes
Bob Van Gun ten makes a motion for Darrel to go to different areas to take ID pictures to generate money for the office and to approve fuel expenses be reimbursed for travel. Larry Salois seconds 6 for 0 opposes passes
Bob Van Gun ten volunteers to mail out the newsletters when they are done. Gil Fleury will take them to Lincoln and meet Bob there.
We do not have an official Website at this time. We shall offer Butch Landrie and Bob Rudeseal to apply for it and be on the committee for websites or they can combine their knowledge.
West Bank park needs a new name. An Indian name is preferred. September 4th was the deadline.
Toni Atchison spoke about the tobacco funds that are coming available should be able to receive about $80,000.00. She works at the Indian Health Clinic. Jim Baker and Julie Chriske will not be involved in getting the funds. Toni will take a flag to be presented to the Pequoit tribe in December. We need to get a new flag for this.
We will have an informational panel at the Metis celebration in Lewistown on September 30th.
Butch and Mark Landrie wrote us a letter stating we would be able to get some used computers from their government offices. Bob Van Gun ten will also check at the college for some. The computers in the office are not the best. One is about done for. So we would really appreciate some good ones.
The SBA conference is on September 17th thru 19th.
We are planning a meeting with the Turtle Mountain officials when they are able to come.
Bob Van Gun ten makes a motion to hold our meetings on the second Saturdays of every month starting at 10:00 AM. We will have this posed on Website. Larry Salois seconds 6 for 0 opposed passed
Motion by Bob Van Gun ten for office expenses up to $100.00 can be purchased as needed without council approval. Larry Salois seconds 6 for 0 opposes motion passes.
Motion by Ed Lavenger to pay Roger Salois $214.00 for trip to Billings with David Parenteau to attend the Fanny Mae & Native American Housing seminar August 13th and 14th. Second by Bob VG 6 for 0 opposes
John Sinclair will write a letter to the Chief of Fish and Game.
Next meeting Larry Salois will give some info on the Speaking Feather which he brought to office.

Darrel Koke makes a motion to adjourn. Second by Ed Lavenger 6 for 0 opposes
Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM August 23, 2003.

Respectfully submitted by_____
Caroline Fleury, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman_____
John Sinclair