



AGENDA

VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 24, 2008

In Attendance:

Art Lefever
Barb Hulme
Arnold Anderson
Ernest Parenteau
Gerry Legare
Gordon McGregor
Daryl Byron
Walter Koenders & Mary
Gail Parenteau
Stan Dotchain & Dreena
Rene Therrien
Bruce Dumont
Lorne LaFleur
Ken Fisher
Dave Hodgson
Keith Henry
Brittaney Katernick

- 1) Call to order: Chairman Koenders
Opening remarks – Minister responsible for Veterans Rene Therrien
- 2) Prayer & Moment of Silence – In remembrance of fallen comrades and Patti Mayo

- 3) Review Minutes of March 30th, 2008 Meeting

MNBC CEO Keith Henry provided an overview of the March 30th, 2008 minutes.

MOTION- [04/24/08-01] Darrel Byron moves, Ken Fisher seconds to accept the March 30th, 2008 minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

4) New Business:

- a) Terms of Reference: Keith Henry, MNBC CEO



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MNBC CEO Keith Henry provided a review of the MNBC Veterans Terms of Reference
Comments:

I think the ceremonial role is a good clarification, but there needs to be a more meaningful role established for the Veterans within MNBC?

Action item: VSC & MNBC – define expectation of “Ceremonial Role”.

How far do we go with the requirements for representation?

I think that more should be done outside of laying wreaths on the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Action item: VSC- outline areas of involvement of VSC

We should look at talking to BC Yukon about wearing sashes at the cenotaph. There should be a specific wreath laid out for Métis Veterans on Remembrance Day.

Action item: MNBC will repost the Veterans page on the MNBC website.

Action Item: MNBC will look into creating a ceremonial sash for the Gabriel Dumont scouts.

Record of Decision: MNBC will send the draft minutes to the MNBC Veterans Committee Secretary and Chairperson for final approval before distributing to the Regional Representatives.

Action Item: CEO Henry will add the finance staff to the administrative support of the Terms of Reference.

Action Item: The Regional Directors for the Veterans Committee will be referred to as Regional Representatives going forward.

MOTION- [04/24/08-02] Ken Fisher moves, Art Lefevre seconds, to accept the MNBC Veterans Committee Terms of Reference as presented and amended.

CARRIED.

b) Membership for discussion: who is eligible?

- 1-Veterans of Métis Ancestry
- 2-Regular Forces. Métis
- 3-RCMP.serving & Vets. Métis
- 4-Coast Guard.Serving&Vets.Metis



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5-Reservests.Serving & Vets Métis

6-Acknowledge: Spouses-Title

Action Item: MNBC will work to develop an MNBC Citizenship Card that identifies Veterans and will work with the current Veterans membership application form to build it into the MNBC Central Registry application. The revised documents and the Citizenship Card identifier will be presented at the next Veterans meeting.

MOTION-Ken Fisher moves, Walter Koenders seconds, to charge a minimum of \$10 up to \$20 fee for the Veterans card.

DEFEATED

Discussion:

The fee should be held off until another meeting until we can determine what we are doing in relation to the card and the application form.

I do not agree with adding a fee to the Veterans fee, it will act as a deterrent for new members to sign up.

Action Item: The MNBC Veterans Committee will no longer provide the membership card until the MNBC and the Committee can review the process.

Action item: MNBC to send out Press release to Metis Nation BC announcing the establishment of the Veterans Standing committee.

3) Budget

CEO Henry advised there is a balance remaining of \$2,096 from the MVA budget provided by the OFI, and the OFI has been advised.

Action Item: Art Lefevre will add clarification for the Flag Party on the budget to explain the total cost, communication will also be further clarified.



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Action Item: CEO Henry will amend the budget and change pastoral assistance to Regional Support

Action Item: Elections will be removed from the budget

Action Items: The Veterans Committee Members will let Walter know if they would like cell phones, business cards, and emails.

MOTION- [04/24/08-03] Barb Hulme moves, Darrel Byron seconds, that all financial aspects of the Métis Veterans Committee are looked after by MNBC.

CARRIED

4) Election of Officers-Removed from agenda

5) Committee Reports-will address as per previous discussion

6) Date for next Regional Meeting- dates will be provided after the proposal is submitted and initial feedback is received from office of the Federal Interlocutor.

7) Other

Action Item: MNBC will look into producing a Veterans crest at the next meeting.

MOTION- [04/24/08-04] Ken Fisher moves to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm