**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Big Grassy River Elders Advisory Council (regular meeting)**

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| **Date** | **June 28, 2022** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **Esiniiweb Health Centre** |

**Meeting Chair:** Robert Archie

**Facilitator:** Daryl Archie

**Invited/Expected Attendees:**Elders Advisory Council Members

**Smudge:** Daryl A.  **Opening Prayer:** Robert Archie

**Call to Order:** 11:35 am

**Approval of Minutes:** June 7, 2022**Motion:** Robert Archie **Seconded:** Vicky Gibbins

**Roll Call:** David Copenace, Vicky Gibbins, Bella Andy, Brian Major Sr., Dianne Skead, Robert Archie

**Other:** Joanne Cobiness, Naogashiing Elder & NNADAP Worker

**Regrets:**Susan Archie, Virginia Archie, Lena Archie, Louise Morrison, Barb Wilson, Ross Tuesday, Joe Andy, Lorna Shields, Bill Morrison

**Reading of Agenda for *June 28, 2022***

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1. J&J’s Liquor Store**  Joanne Cobiness (Naongashiing Elder and NNADAP Worker) will be at this  meeting.  Other related information - Glenn was approached by a Dr. Ennett from Rainy  River about closing the liquor store at J&J’s because of people with alcohol  related illnesses/events coming into the Rainy River Hospital.  - Glenn told the Dr. to write a letter.  **-** Brian doesn’t think it’s anybody’s business to tell Big Island what to do, maybe  we can support them that way  - They (Naongashiing) have to decide what to do with their store.  - Our problem is with the people that drink here, try to help the people that drink  Addictions not only alcohol but medication.  - Misuse is not good  - Alcohol workers should talk to the people that drink, have education programs,  to slow down their drinking, comment “it’s hard to tell someone that doesn’t  listen”  - Alcohol workers should do more than sitting waiting for people to come to  them.  - Find someone/someplace that will help  - Big Grassy River and Big Island should help each other  - A petition to close the liquor store?  - Easy access to alcohol and drugs should be stopped, It would be good  to work together to close the liquor store.  - If the liquor store is closed bootleggers will start again.  - It’s going to take Naongashiing C&C decision to close the liquor store  - for bootleggers it’s not an easy one to prove to charge them.  - Joanne said she visits and talks to people with addictions. | 1 hour |
| **2. Restorative Justice Summer Gathering – Treaty #3 Kaakewaaseya Justice**  **Services**  - Daryl will ask Arthur if there is a Summer Gathering happening.  - Waiting for a response from Arthur Huminuk, Justice Director  **- Defer to next meeting, no email from Arthur Huminuk yet.** | 5Min |
| **3. OGIMAAWABIITONG’S 1ST ANNUAL CULTURAL SERVICES SUMMER DAYS**  Report from Elders that attended.  - Bella liked listening to Howie Copenace when he talked about how you start a  Sweatlodge and listening to Sherry Copenace | 30 Min |
| **4. Life Alert Necklaces**  Chief and Council didn’t add the Trust Applications to their Agenda, I gave them the applications too late after they set the Agenda, but Allison Finlayson gave a contact (Rochelle Jensen) at **Lifeline** that offers the same service for free. I called Lifeline to ask for more information but they don’t know who Rochelle J. is. I emailed Allison F. for a phone number but haven’t received a return email yet.  **- Daryl will contact through Facebook Messenger and get the information for the next meeting.** | 15 min |
| **5. Cecilia Jeffrey Property Engagement Session May 4,5, 2022**  - Elders want to know the outcome of the meeting.   * Gary Allen provided a Draft Report of information from the Engagement Session. * Some bodies were located under the building   - what would the Elders like to do with the Property?  - Daryl will find out when the next meeting about the Cecilia Jeffrey Property will  be. | 30 min |
| **6. Oshki-awsag Bimaadiziwin Youth Mental Health Conference**  **July 4-6, 2022 Winnipeg, MB**  **2 Elders from each First Nation**   * Brian Major Sr. * Bella Andy (possibly) * **Daryl will approach other Elders with vehicles if they want to go.** * **Defer to next meeting** | 15 Min |
| **7. Houseboat Trip in end of July**  **-** Do the Elders want an overnight or 3 day trip?  **- Defer to next meeting.** | 15 Min |

**Motion to Adjourn:** Brian Major Sr. **Seconded by:** David Copenace

**Adjourned:** 2:59 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:00 am – Esiniiweb Health Centre Boardroom