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Villages invest in AIDA bonds

BSNC building nears completion

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 20, 1983

By Doris Kaloke, Administrative
Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

President Charles Johnson gave an update on the new BSNC office building. He reported that the exterior of the new building is largely complete. The contract calls for October 31, 1983 as completion date but the schedule is three weeks behind due to barge schedule delays.

President Johnson informed the Board that BSNC received financing approval from United Bank Alaska for the office building. BSNC is also financing its building through the Alaska Industrial Development Authority which raises the money by selling tax free bonds. Five village corporations; Brevig Mission, Golovin, White Mountain, Shaktoolik and Wales are investing in these bonds since the return is considerably higher than they are earning on their trust accounts. The Board requested that BSNC give the Shareholders the opportunity to invest in the AIDA bonds as well. (See notice in this issue.)

REAL ESTATE

BSNC is in the process of putting a real estate package to sell three major properties; the South Central Mobile Home Park, the teamster property (Capital Corporation) in Fairbanks and the Life Systems property in Fairbanks.

We still have the Joy Subdivision lots in Fairbanks. We have sold 5 to 6 lots. These lots are being sold individually. Attempts are being made to sell the little Anchorage Trailer Sales lots in the Wasilla Matsu Borough.

NOME PORT PROJECT

President Johnson updated the Board on the proposed Nome Port Project. He has met with Governor Sheffield, the Legislature and Senator Ferguson to get their support for the project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marty Potter, BSNC Accountant, presented the financial report. The financial status of BSNC has improved from years past.

LAND REPORT

Dan Fondell introduced Don Stevens of Stevens Exploration Management Corporation. Dr. Stevens is the primary resource consultant for Bering Straits. He presented a report on the mineral potential of lands selected by Bering Straits and the village corporations.

A Land and Village Committee meeting is scheduled in October to address 12(b) reallocations, 14 (h)(8) lands, Village Land and Financial Agreements and other items of business. This meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the BSNC Board meeting and the AFN Convention as well as other BSNC Committee meetings necessary to meet at that time.



THE PRIDE OF THE SEWARD PENINSULA—The 1.25 million dollar BSNC office building is 75% complete. The 12,000 square foot structure will be ready for occupancy on December 1.

MAPCO AGREEMENT

Dan Fondell stated that Bering Straits is expecting a report from MAPCO on their activities this past summer. When the report is received, it will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

LOST RIVER

The Board accepted the Lost River resolution and the Statement Agreement and Release and authorized President Johnson to sign the final documents to settle the Lost River dispute.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Blanche Walters presented the Audit Report and Marty Potter reviewed the financial statements. The Board accepted the financial statements for the Annual Report for the 18

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WORKING FOR YOU—The BSNC Board of Directors met in Unalakleet in mid summer and again in Nome in September. The highlights of the September meeting are featured in this issue of AGLUKTUK

Annual Meeting set for November 5th

The 1983 Annual Meeting of Bering Straits Native Corporation will be held on Saturday, November 5, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. in the Convention Center in Nome for the following purposes:

1. Approval of minutes
2. President's Report, land report and other reports including financial and audit reports
3. Ratification of the selection of independent accountants
4. Ratification of the payment of Director's fees and per diem
5. Election of five (5) Directors
6. Vote to amend Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to change method of election Directors
7. Such other business as properly may be brought before the meeting.

Only stock held by Native per-

sons whose names appear on the Stock records of Bering Straits Native Corporation as of the close of business on September 30, 1983 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Shareholders are urged to complete, date, sign and return promptly the proxy. It is desirable that as many shareholders as possible be represented at the meeting. Consequently, whether or not you expect to be present, please sign and return your proxy by October 31st.

If you wish to attend the meeting and vote in person you may do so, even though you have previously mailed your proxy. You may revoke the proxy at any time before it is exercised.

Registration shall be 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 1983 and from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

on Saturday, November 5, 1983.

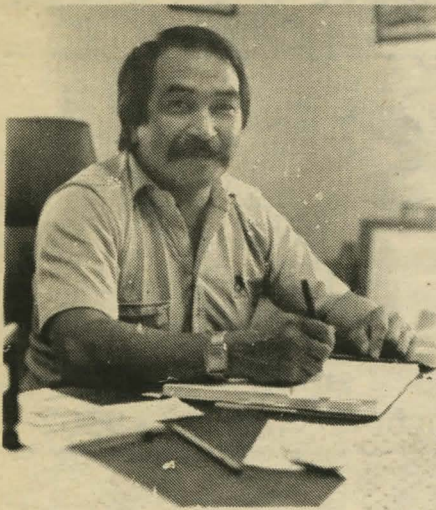
The current Board of Directors of Bering Straits Native Corporation are as follows:

Lonnie O'Connor, Chairman
Charles H. Johnson, President
Henry Ivanoff, 1st Vice President
Z. "Bill" Barr, 2nd Vice President
Blanche Walters, Treasurer
Frances Degnan, Secretary
Paul Johnson, Sgt. at Arms
Suzanne Wassmann, Asst. Secretary
Vernon Olson, Director
John Pullock, Director
Charles Degnan, Director
Thomas Johnson, Director
Richard Foster, Director
Tessie Peoples, Director
Norman Menadelook, Director

The directors whose terms are up for election this year are: Richard Foster, Sitnasuak; Henry Ivanoff, Unalakleet; Tessie Peoples,

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From the President's Desk



By Charles Johnson
President of BSNC

CHANGING THE METHOD OF ELECTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is the third time I have written about our Annual Meeting and the vote on changing our method of electing our Board of Directors. It's important enough that I keep mentioning it and urging all of our stockholders to participate.

We have been asked time and time again why there is not more village representatives on our board. You will have the opportunity to vote on this matter at our Annual Meeting on November 5th.

In our present method of electing our board, 1/3 of the board of five (5) seats are elected at each Annual Meeting.

Every shareholder gets five (5) times as many votes as the number of shares he holds and the shareholder can split them up anyway he wants or he can vote them all for one candidate. This is called cumulative voting. Those that get the most votes overall get elected. There is no guarantee that the board members will come from any particular village.

The proposed amendment to our bylaws, if it is accepted by you, the shareholders, will change that so that each village will elect at least one member to our board. The shareholders of each village will vote at their own village election. In order to make the board more representative of our shareholders, every village will get at least one (1) seat. Unalakleet will get two (2), Sitnasuak five (5) and the at large shareholders (those not enrolled to any village) will get two (2) seats.

There are advantages and disadvantages to both methods of electing directors. The choice is yours. Please return your proxies as soon as possible.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR HAVE CHANGED YOUR NAME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM. (IF IT IS A NAME CHANGE PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE) AND SEND TO:

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 1008
NOME, AK 99762 or CALL 907-443-5252.

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NEW NAME _____

I.D. NO. _____ SS# _____

STREET OR BOX NO. _____ APT NO. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(LIST OTHER STOCKHOLDERS MOVING TO SAME ADDRESS (SPOUSE CHILDREN)) _____

IF YOU KNOW OF A SHAREHOLDER WHO IS DECEASED, PLEASE WRITE US FOR AN INHERITANCE QUESTIONNAIRE & AFFIDAVIT AND LIST THE NAME OF THE DECEASED SHAREHOLDER _____

PERSON REQUESTING FORM _____

ADDRESS: _____

Will form

BSNC IS REQUESTING THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS FILL OUT THE WILL FORM FOUND ON THE BACK OF YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE IT NOTARIZED AND IF THERE IS NO NOTARY AVAILABLE YOU MAY HAVE THE POSTMASTER STAMP IT. UPON COMPLETION SEND TO THE NOME OFFICE AND A PHOTO-COPY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE AT HOME PLEASE WRITE AND A COPY WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

Bering Straits Agluktuk

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Feature Employee

The land man

As BSNC Vice President of Lands and Resources, Dan Fondell is responsible for managing the mineral resources of 2.2 million acres of subsurface in the Bering Straits region. That sounds like quite an 'undertaking' so to speak, but in the years time that Dan has been Vice President he certainly has proven his ability to perform the job.

In October of 1982, BSNC signed its first mineral agreement with MAPCO Minerals Corporation to drill and explore a tract of land north of Nome near Mt. Distin. In addition, exploration agreements with two other companies have also been negotiated. These agreements are expected to be finalized this winter.

In promoting and developing the economic potential of Bering Straits land, Dan stresses the importance of sensible development. "We will allow exploration and development only in identified mining areas," says the Vice President for Lands and Resources, "the land used for subsistence purposes must remain untouched and protected. We must insure the continuation of the lifestyle and culture of our shareholders."

In addition to working out mineral agreements, Dan Fondell is responsible for overseeing the conveyance process and implementing the land use planning for the region as well as for the villages.

"My number one qualification as Vice President of Lands and Resources is my being raised in Nome. I know the history and I have been to places around the area."

Dan's parents, Ralph and Gertrude Fondell are best known for their work with radio station KICY in Nome. The Fondell family moved to Nome in 1959 when Dan was six years old. Ralph came to Nome as missionary for the Covenant Church one year before in 1958. He helped to build the KICY radio station.

Ralph began his radio career at KICY as chief engineer. He is currently station manager.

When KICY first went on the air, Dan's mother Gertrude had her own program where she read various novels. The show was called "Lines from a Mother's Scrapbook." Currently, Gertrude is known region wide for her morning show in KICY.

The Fondells raised a family of five children. Dan's oldest sister, Kathy, is married, has four children and lives in Fairbanks. Sister Becky is also married, has one child and resides in Chicago. Dan's younger brother Steve is married and living in Anchorage. The youngest brother is John who is single and currently living in Nome.

Dan is the second oldest child

Notice to shareholders

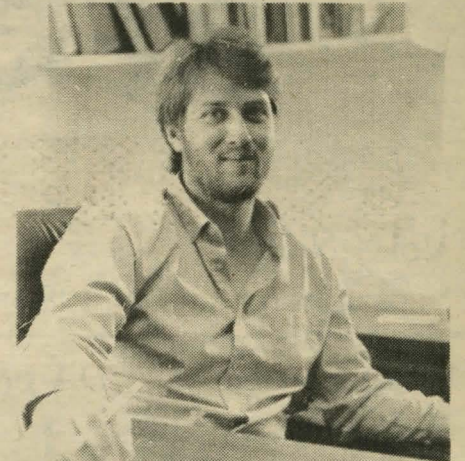
Bering Straits Native Corporation is financing its new office building through a private placement of bonds underwritten by the Alaska Industrial Development Authority. The Board of BSNC has directed that BSNC shareholders are eligible to purchase these bonds if they so desire. These bonds are in \$5,000.00 increments, 25 years maturity, 10% annual rate tax free. Interest paid semiannually. BSNC shareholders who are interested are asked to contact BSNC, Box 1008, Nome, Phone: 443-5252 before October 28, 1983.

Progress is made

Congratulations to the villages of Solomon, Shaktoolik and Sitnasuak! These village corporations have received their interim conveyances from the Bureau of Land Management in August and September. The acreage conveyed is as follows:

Solomon 62,976 acres
Shaktoolik 103,334 acres
Sitnasuak 70,522 acres

Mary's Igloo is expected to receive Interim Conveyance at any time. We'll be happy to 'convey' that news as soon as we receive the documents.



DAN FONDELL

in the Fondell clan. He met his wife, Luanne, while at college in Chicago. They were married in November of 1980. Luanne works in the loan department at Alaska National Bank of the North in Nome.

Dan attended Nome Public School and graduated from Nome High School in 1971. He majored in Latin and Greek at the North Park College in Chicago where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975.

In December of 1976, the Nome City Council appointed Dan as city clerk. It is this position where Dan began to develop his interest in land. He was responsible for all land records and transactions in the city of Nome including land assessment, assessment roll and property taxes.

"I came to know and understand a lot about land titles, the framework of the state and federal bureaucracies, map reading and many other areas," remembers Dan. "I have always been interested in the mechanisms behind land title work."

Dan left his position as city clerk to return to Chicago to take graduate courses in Latin and Greek at Loyola University. He also sold commodities at the Chicago Board of Trade.

In August of 1980, Dan returned to Nome to accept a position as Land Management Officer with Bering Straits Native Corporation. Shortly thereafter Dan was promoted to Land Manager where he worked under the direction of Land and Resources Vice President Richard Atuk. In August of 1982, Richard Atuk left his position with BSNC. As the logical choice, Dan was named Vice President of Land and Resources on September 1, 1982.

"The land and resources are the most important asset of Bering Straits Native Corporation," reasons Dan, "and my role is to protect it and develop it for the best use of all shareholders."

Bering Straits Native Corporation

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 1983

Mini Convention Center, 10:00 AM

Nome, Alaska

Potluck

Friday, November 4th 6:00PM

Elementary School MPR Room

Council Native Corporation

Lots of character



SINKING INTO TIME—The log cabins of Fred Durocher and Jennie Kowchee still stand as reminders of the Council gold rush. Fred is a cousin of baseball's Leo Durocher who managed the Chicago Cubs in the 60's

Council Native Corporation may be a small corporation but the land it owns certainly has a great deal of character.

Council is located on the left bank of the Niukluk River, 72 miles northwest of Nome. At one time, Council was the fish camp for the people of the Fish River Tribe. The Fish River Tribe descendants eventually settled in the villages of Council, Solomon, White Mountain, and Golovin. The Nome/Council Road, constructed in 1906, terminates at Council.

The village was founded in 1897 by Daniel B. Libby and his associates. Libby was one of three members of the Van Bendeleben expedition who discovered gold in the area in 1896. The discovery of gold near Council actually occurred before the major strikes at Nome.

Naturally, the news of gold near Council brought a barrage of fortune seekers to the area. By fall of 1897, Council had blossomed into a city of 50 log cabins and 300 people. In fact, during the height of the Council gold rush between 1897 and 1899, the population was estimated at 15,000 - larger than Nome.

As documented in a report prepared by the Alaska Department of Community & Regional Affairs, Council's history may have been short lived but it certainly is interesting.

"The permanent settlement that developed was three blocks wide and many times longer. 'Council City' has a hotel, wooden boardwalks, a post office, a 20 bed hospital and numerous bars. It was a genuine boom town. At one time, 13 dredges worked streams and rivers between Solomon and Council, and Council was the southern terminus of a railroad that climbed a 600 foot high ridge into Ophir Creek. The discovery of more gold at Nome, particularly the discovery of gold in the sandy beaches of Norton Sound, caused many of the boomers to leave Council by 1900. A sizable community remained for a number of years, however; in 1910, 686 permanent residents still

resided in Council. Council was for many years the second largest community in all of western Alaska. The gradual depletion of gold, a major influenza epidemic in 1918, the Depression and, finally, World War II all contributed to the decline in Council's population. By 1950, only nine people remained in Council, and the post office closed in 1953. The community has undergone a number of minor fluctuations in population since the 1950's. As of 1980, Council has 11 full time residents."

Council Native Corporation was formed in 1971 in light of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement (ANCSA). It became formally recognized in 1972. The 65 stockholders of the corporation have entitlement to 69,120 acres of land. As of June 1983, 66,225 acres had been conveyed.

At the Council Annual Meeting on August 7th, Barb Gray was elected President; Caroln Schubert, Chairman; Karen Dickson, Secretary; June Kugleman, Treasurer; and Directors, Steve Pederson, Virginia "Dolly" Holly, Kitty Pederson, Max Gray and Steve Longley.

"At the present time," reports President Barb Gray, "We have all of our money invested in TCD's at United Bank Alaska. We are looking for ways to make more money. Some type of high risk involvement is what we have in mind."

In 1982, the Corporation formed the Council Construction Company. Under a subcontract with Spruce Construction, the construction company provided three laborers for a two month road work job. The five mile stretch of road between Council and Fox River was widened and upgraded.

At the present time, there are eight families living year round in Council including the Pedersons at their mine, three Titus families, Clara Ione, Henry Cramer, Dolly and Harlan Holly and the Laws family.

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Oil venture signed

The Board of Directors of Bering Straits Native Corporation has announced the signing of a joint venture agreement in principle with Northern Oilfield Services, Inc. BSNC, the Nome based Native regional corporation and Northern Oilfield Services, Inc. (NOSI), an Alaskan owned Anchorage based petroleum service contractor, have agreed in principle to organize a petroleum support service in anticipation of oil development in Norton Sound.

According to BSNC President Charlie Johnson, "Bering Straits Native Corporation and its shareholders recognize the high probability of oil development in our region. While one of our primary goals is the preservation of the natural resources that allow us to maintain our traditional subsistence way of life, we feel that participation in oilfield related serv-

es is the best way to insure that those resources remain protected. At the same time, this joint venture agreement could benefit our shareholders economically.

"We look forward to a long and profitable relationship with Northern Oilfield Services as opportunities present themselves."

NOSI's operating base is primarily Prudhoe Bay and Kaparuk located in northern Arctic Alaska. The types of support services which will be formed as the needs arise are areas familiar to Northern Oilfield Services' current type of work. These onshore as well as offshore services include oilfield labor, construction, onshore base facilities, supply logistics, communications, transportation, equipment, warehousing, housing, maintenance, supply boats and other oilfield and geophysical services.

No food for thought



A DWINDLING SUPPLY—Eskimo food is running short at the XYZ Center in Nome. Food donations are welcome. Employee Francine Tagala serves Eddie and Grace Tocktoo

Do you happen to have any extra dried or frozen fish, seal meat, walrus, mukluk, moose, greens, berries, reindeer, caribou, black meat or seal oil in your possession? If so, the XYZ Senior Citizens Center in Nome can put it to good use.

The Center provides a free hot lunch to about 60 elders a day, five days a week, from October through March. Lunch is delivered to about 15 shut-ins who are either babysitting or are partially immobile. Seniors from all the villages are always encouraged to visit and have lunch.

By far the most popular meal is Eskimo food served every Friday. On that day the XYZ is crowded with elders enjoying what they love best - a traditional Eskimo meal.

The most popular meal may not be served this winter, however. The XYZ Senior Citizens Center

is literally out of Eskimo food.

Eskimo Food Day is made possible by food donations from throughout the region. According to Director Frank Johnson, "Last year we had a large supply of Native delicacies thanks to generous donors. The village of Wales donated 300 pounds of mukluk. The Department of Fish and Game gave us two moose and half of a musk ox that were illegally taken by poachers. There were numerous individuals who also donated."

"However, this year, we are extremely short on Eskimo food. We have hardly anything."

If you believe in the true spirit of our Eskimo culture which is sharing and caring, please do care and share your extra Eskimo food with our elders. Contact Helen Curran at the XYZ Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 98, Nome, Alaska 99762 or call 443-5238.



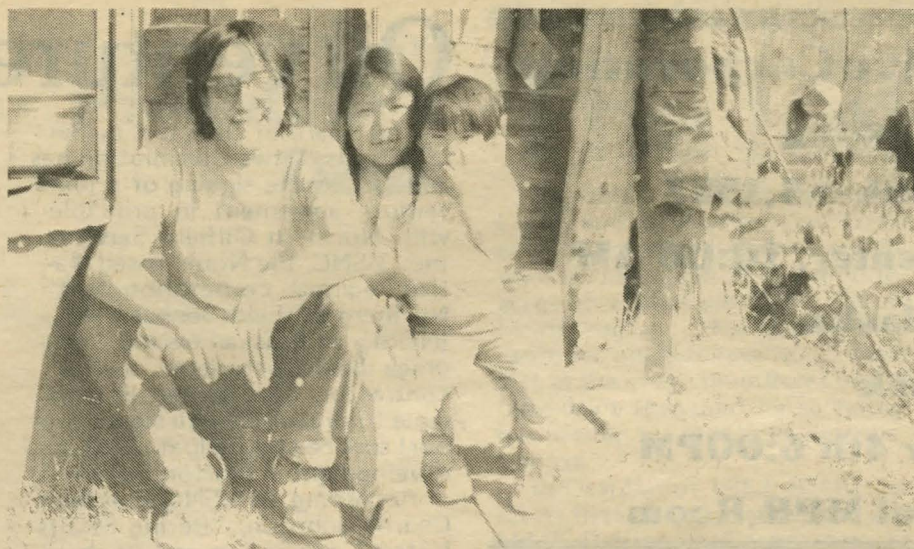
A GOOD TIME TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS—Charles Penatac, Edward Norman and Stanislaus Muktovuk enjoy eating lunch daily at the XYZ Center

● Council

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In order to accomodate the Council residents, the corporation is in the process of returning mail services to the village. An extension phone will soon be installed at the Community Hall.

Council Native Corporation is currently in the process of reconveying land under ANCSA provision 14(c). They are accepting applications for land around Council which was occupied by individuals or organizations prior to December 18, 1971. The application deadline is December 31, 1983. The field examination will take place next summer. The conveyance process is expected to be completed in the fall of 1984.



LAZY DAYS — Council residents Jack Titus, Linda Ione and baby enjoy a warm, sunny day.



THERE ARE NO BELUGAS IN THE NIUKLUK — Council Native Corporation Secretary Karen Dickson and President Barb Gray discuss a "high" point on the Council land map.

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months period ending June 30, 1983. This report will be presented to the shareholders at the Annual Meeting on November 5, 1983.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bylaws Committee met on September 19, 1983 to discuss the 1983 Shareholders Annual Meeting. The Board accepted the recommendations set forth by the Bylaws Committee and they are: 1) to include in the proxy ballot amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to change the method of electing Board of Directors. Each seat will be voted on only by that particular village. In this case, each village will elect one (1) director, with the larger villages electing more; Unalakleet (2), Sitnasuak (5) and at large (2) to include in the Bylaws an amendment on "Conflict of Interest" and 3) that the present Board voluntarily resign in the change of electing Board of Directors is accepted by the Shareholders so that a new board can be elected under the new procedures.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Henry Ivanoff reported that the Scholarship Committee is scheduled to meet in October to review applications and to award Martin Olson Memorial Scholarship funds. The Committee will also set guidelines and policies for the Martin Olson Scholarship program.

NORTHERN OILFIELD SERVICES, INC.

The Board authorized President Johnson to sign a joint venture agreement with Northern Oilfield Services. The agreement in principle is to organize a petroleum support service in anticipation of oil development in the Norton Sound.

Bering Straits has received a proposal from Cornwall Pacific Alaska, Inc. for a mineral option/lease for 24 sections of land included in the Solomon interim conveyance. The Board accepted

the resolution for President Johnson to authorize signing the final form of this mineral option/lease as outlined in the Summary of Major Provisions to be included in the Big Hurrah Agreement.

COMPUTER TO BE LEASED TO KAWERAK

The Board accepted President Johnson's request to purchase a computer to lease to Kawerak. Bering Straits has received a commitment from Kawerak to lease time that will pay for this computer.

AFN CONVENTION

BSNC will have 37 delegates to the AFN Convention which will be held October 20-22, 1983. The Board appointed Tessie Peoples as representative to the AFN Resolutions Committee.

President Johnson reported that Chairman Lonnie O'Connor will be host to Governor Sheffield at the AFN Tundra Times Banquet which will be held the evening of October 22.

St. Michael news

At the August 30th Annual Meeting of St. Michael Native Corporation held in St. Michael, the shareholders elected a new Board of Directors. The newly elected Board of Directors then had a meeting and voted amongst themselves to determine the officers of the village corporation. The new officers are as follows:

Roger Otten Sr. - President
Clifford Tom - Vice President
John Cheemuk, Sr. - Secretary-Treasurer
Norbert Otten, Sr. - Member
Lawrence Lockwood, Sr. - Member
James Niksik - Member
Leonard Kobuk - Member
Esther Andrews will continue as Bookkeeper and part time General Manager for St. Michael Native Corporation.

Shareholder William Tom won a 30-30 rifle as the First Prize win-

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WHERE ARE YOU? BSNC NEEDS CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDERS:

Raymond John Amarok
Marion Baumel
James Allen Beaver
Roy Peter Beaver
Patrick Ollana Binford
Gregory James Bogojavlensky
Phillip Thomas Bowman
Bruce Malcolm Buchanan
John Charles
Michael Duane Charles
Tracy Lee Cooper
Edward Michael Cowger
Bobbi Ann Craun
Frances A. Dirks
Gerald Drake
Marion Ruth Eakon
Collins Alfred Gonangnan II
Miles Gonangnan II
Marion Gonangnan
Mary Hanson
Sunan Lori Hawk
Marion Maxine Henry
Julia Joanna Honeycutt
Troy Lee Honeycutt
Richard Edmond Hudson
Phillip Edward Hunter
Clariss A. Jones
Gregory Lee Katchatag
Helen Cheryl Katchatag
Sandra Elizabeth Katchatag
Michael Andrea Koweluk
Vicki Lynn Kruse
Dagnan Thomas Kunnuk
Ryan Marshall Lant
Lorraine Lupson
Randy Scott Martin, Jr.
Irene Ann Martin
Claudia T. Mayokok
James Harvy McAlear II
Ronald McQuire
Richard Stanley Montgomery
Thomas Keelick Octuck, Jr.
Anna Sharon Okboak
Shirley Ollom
John Carl Oman
Reginald Lee Oman
Paralee R. Oquillock
Victor Oxereok
Evelyn Kitty Pederson
Stella Polaretzke
Romana Prieto
Martha Pungowiyi
John Albert Reimer
Anna Agnes Riley
Alden Roberts
Misha Lee Sagoonick
Michael V. Samuelson
Wayne A. Samuelson
Gary B. Savetilik
Jacob Aranapanak Snowball
Leona Mary Strohmeier
Donald Takak, Jr.
Clarence A. Traeger
Antonia Marie Van Pelt
Katherine Joan Watson
Meta Movae White
Geraldine Esther Wilson

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er of the door prizes given at the Annual Meeting. The Second Prize of two drums of stove oil went to Damian Tom. The Third Prize of \$100.00 worth of groceries went to lucky Elizabeth Ward.

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Stebbins; John Pullock, King Island; and Blanche Walters, Sitnasuak.

On Friday evening, November 4th a potluck will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Nome Elementary School MPR room. The potluck is being organized under the skillful direction of Catherine Tobuk. All BSNC shareholders are invited to attend.

Questions & answers

The Land Department of the Bering Straits Native Corporation has received numerous questions from shareholders regarding their native allotments. The following basic information answers some of those questions.

The Native Allotment Act

May 17, 1906

(34 Stat. 197)

CHAP. 2469 - An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to allot homesteads to the natives of Alaska.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion and under such rules as he may prescribe, to allot not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres of nonmineral land in the district of Alaska to any Indian or Eskimo of full or mixed blood who resides in and is a native of said district, and who is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years of age; and the land so allotted shall be deemed the homestead of the allottee and his heirs in perpetuity, and shall be inalienable and nontaxable until otherwise provided by Congress. Any person qualified for an allotment as aforesaid shall have the preference right to secure by allotment the nonmineral land occupied by him not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres.

Approved, May 17, 1906

Q. WHAT IS A NATIVE ALLOTMENT?

A. A Native allotment is a homestead of up to 160 acres allotted by the Federal Government to an Indian, Eskimo or Aleut.

Q. HOW DO I APPLY FOR A NATIVE ALLOTMENT?

A. In 1971 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act stipulated that no more native allotments could be applied for and repealed the Native Allotment Act. It is no longer possible to apply for a native allotment.

Q. WHEN DO I GET MY NATIVE ALLOTMENT?

A. In 1981 the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (D-2 Bill) automatically approved all native allotment applications pending since 1971. However, although all allotments were approved, they were not actually deeded until the exact location has been identified on the ground, surveyed by the Bureau of Land Management, and the final paperwork has been completed. This process can take several years. So, although your native allotment has been approved it may be years before you receive the actual land deed.

Q. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR WHICH SAID THAT MY NATIVE ALLOTMENT IS SUBJECT TO MINERAL RESERVATION. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

A. This means that the Federal Government thinks that oil, coal or geothermal resources may be present under your selected native allotment. The original Native Allotment Act (printed above) prevented the Federal Government from deeding allotments in areas with mineral potential. This was later changed to allow them to deed the allotments, but reserve the rights to oil, coal and geothermal resources.

If you received this type of letter from the Department of the Interior, you will have to sign a mineral waiver. Once your allotment is certified you will own the land and you may use it as you see fit, except you will not own the mineral rights.

Q. WHO DO I TALK TO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT NATIVE ALLOTMENTS?

A. Harold Anderson
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Box 1108
Nome, Alaska 99762
Telephone (907) 443-2284