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BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

Annual meeting set for Nov. 2nd

The 1985 Annual Meeting of Bering Straits Native Corporation will be held on Saturday, November 2, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in the Convention Center in Nome for the following purposes:

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1. Approval of Minutes

2. Election of five (5) directors

3. Ratification of payment of fees and per diem to directors

4. Ratification of selection of independent accountants

5. President's report, land report and other reports including financial and audit reports

6. Such other business which pro-

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Every BSNC shareholder received a packet of information in late September which included the 1985 Annual Report, notice of 1985 Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, a proxy card and a prize list. If you have any questions just call BSNC at 907-443-5252 or write to Box 1008, Nome Alaska 99762. Be sure to read the entire Proxy Statement as it explains everything you need to know in detail.

Please vote your shares, date, sign and return your blue proxy card so that it reaches BSNC in Nome before the start of the Annual Meeting on November 2nd.

If you wish to attend the meeting on November 2nd and vote in person you may do so, even if you have already mailed in your proxy

Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1st and from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2nd.

Seven CASH door prizes will be awarded at the 1985 BSNC Annual Meeting. To be eligible for the prizes, a voting shareholder must return his proxy card to BSNC before the Annual Meeting.

On Friday evening, November 1st the Annual BSNC potluck will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Nome Elementary School. The King Island Dancers will perform after dinner. So bring your family and enjoy an evening of good food and fine entertainment.

Davis to the rescue

Reindeer herd owner Larry Davis, the Reindeer Herders Association and Bering Straits Native Corporation of Nome have joined forces with the Alaska Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association, Cal Worthington Ford and Alaska Airlines of Anchorage to replace Star the reindeer who was kidnapped and destroyed last weekend in Anchorage. According to herd owner Larry Davis, who is president of the Reindeer Herders Association, the female yearling which he is donating will not be delivered to the Stewarts until mid-November. It is presently rutting season and not a desirable time to interrupt the herd's natural schedule.

Look for more details in the next issue of AGLUKTUK.



IF IT'S THURSDAY THIS MUST BE WHITE MOUNTAIN — The King Island Dancers arrive for their premiere performance at White Mountain earlier this year. The group will perform at the BSNC annual potluck on November 1st in Nome. The dancers also shared their talents in Shishmaref, Golovin and St. Michael.

BERINGSTRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING

10AM Convention Center Nome, Alaska

Registration: Friday, November 1, 1985, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the BSNC offices on Seppala and C Street in Nome

Saturday, November 2, 1985, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Convention Center in Nome

Prizes

Every shareholder who returns their proxy card will be eligible to win one of the following CASH prizes:

1st Prize - \$1,991 2nd Prize - \$1,000 3rd Prize - \$ 600 4th Prize - \$ 450 5th Prize - \$ 400 6th Prize - \$ 300 7th Prize - \$ 250

The drawing will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 2, 1985. You do not have to be present to win.

Potluck & Eskimo Dancing

Friday, November 1st, 6:00 p.m. Nome Elementary School The Kind Island Dancers will perform

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING!!

Roustabouts return



OFF TO SCHOOL — Starting from top left are Frank Kavairlook Sr., Ricky Sockpick, Gabriel Takak, Roy Otten, Wilfred Anowlic, Leland Oyoumick, Strum Dickson and Galen Ivanoff. These BSNC shareholders were chosen from over 90 applicants to receive roustabout training in California.

The eight BSNC shareholders selected to fill positions as roustabout trainees for the Bering Straits Monterey Drilling Company (BSM DC) returned to Nome on October 14th after two weeks of training in Taft, California. Scheduled to eventually work as roustabouts on a workover rig on the North Slope for BSMDC under a contract with ARCO are Robert "Strum" Dickson, Sr. and Ricky Sockpick of Nome; Frank Kavairlook, Sr. of Koyuk and Galen Ivanoff of Unalakleet. The first two alternates are Roy Otten of Koyuk and Leland Oyoumick of Unalakleet. The second two alternates chosen were Gabriel Takak of Shaktoolik and King Islander Wilfred Anowlic. In the event that any one of the "Big Four" cannot perform his duties then one of the alternates will fill the job.

The eight men learned CPR and first aid, as well as blowout prevention techniques and safety measures. They toured oil fields and,

most importantly, received handson experience in working on a workover rig similar to the one they will encounter on the North Slope.

Strum Dickson pointed out that the staff at Westec Taft College, "Treated us real super. I'm going to send each one of our training instructors a walrus oosik. Dick Mallard, Greg Mudge, Melvin Love and Ivan Wolfe are great guys.

"We also are grateful to Polly

Hodge, the safety manager for Monterey Drilling. She and her husband Bruce drove us all over Los Angeles. They even got us into a Dodgers baseball game."

Roy Otten commented that their trip to Disneyland was well worth it, "Space Mountain was definately the best ride."

Galen Ivanoff said he was ready to go back to Southern California right away. It seems the 80 degree heat and sandy beaches are just the kind of training he needs.

Villages get power

Residents of about 240 Native villages, communities and groups in Alaska have been given a louder voice in the Alaska Federation of Natives, the state's most powerful Native organization, for the first time in AFN's 19-year history.

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The more than 61,000 Alaska Natives who live in those communities will gain voting rights at AFN's 19th Annual Convention which convenes in Anchorage Oct. 24. Voting rights entitle them to a voice in AFN policies which are expressed in the resolutions adopted by the delegates.

In addition, a new interim board to represent village residents in AFN policies will be created at a special statewide village meeting to be held one day before the convention. The Village Board, to be composed of one representative from each of Alaska's 12 regions will look at the options for permanent village representation in the AFN structure.

It will be up to each Native community to decide the composition of its AFN Convention delegation. An AFN credentials committee will approve each delegation.

AFN President Janie Leask said the change is one of many undertaken by AFN since its creation in 1966 to meet the changing needs of Alaska's Native people. "The point is that AFN repres-

"The point is that AFN represents all Alaska Natives," Leask said. "As a people, we can only benefit from the strength that comes with unity."



WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE? — These liasons are the people to talk to if you want to take courses at NWCC. Pictured are Gibu Germeau of NWCC in Nome, Tessie Nashoanak of Stebbins, Violet Kingeekuk of Savoonga and Zilma Nowpakahok of Gambell. Not pictured are Diane Pootoogooluk of Shishmaref and Cyndi Eckels of Unalakleet. They may be contacted at the learning centers in the villages listed.

A word to the wise

To whom it may concern:

We have received several reports from our people that there are certain individuals digging up artifacts on King Island Native Corporation (KINC) lands near Cape Wooley. Let this letter serve as notice that this activity by non-shareholders of KINC is a criminal

act punishable by law.

Allow me to give you some background information on the situation. King Island Native Corporation was formed as a result of the passage of the Alaska Native Land Claims Act in 1971 by the U.S. Congress. One provision of the Act provided that the approximately 200 village corporations in the State of Alaska receive title to land based upon the number of shareholders in each corporation. Thus King Island Native Corporation owns 115,200 acres. This land is private and wholly owned

by KINC just like any individuals home and surrounding property in Nome.

Of course it is virtually impossible to prevent all forms of trespass on 115,200 acres of land. In fact, casual trespass such as hiking and climbing are tolerated by many land owners in our area. However, if someone were to go into your backyard and started digging a ten foot ditch, you would call the authorities.

We urge all King Island Native

We urge all King Island Native Corporation shareholders to notify KINC or Guy Martin at Bering Straits Native Corporation if they witness these criminals digging up the corporation's land.

Sincerely, Mike Saclamana President King Island Native Corporation

Profit pays off

By Rose Ann Timbers

Solomon Native Corporation held its annual meeting on September 21, 1985 at Solomon. The board of directors declared a dividend of one dollar per share from a portion of their retained earnings. Needless to say, the 37 stockholders are quite pleased with the health of their corporation

In other business, the board and stockholders approved a settle-

ment with the corporation's staff on 14(c) municipal land. The stockholders elected Robert Curran, Edison Okitkon, Joe Curran and Rose Ann Timbers to the board of directors. The board of directors then elected the following officers: Rose Ann Timbers, president; Joe Curran, vice president; Robert Curran, secretary/treasurer; and Edison okitkon, sargeant-at-arms.

Agluktuk

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Shareholder Spotlight

A sculptor & an artist



KEEPING A TRADITION ALIVE -Lloyd Elasanga uses a bow drill to carve his ivory creations.

"I was born on Little Diomede Island, Alaska in 1936. My village is on the International Dateline and only 21/2 miles from Russia's Big Diomede Island.

"Family and tradition are the mainstays of life in an Eskimo village. I learned my craft from my grandfather who carved using the traditional tools of our people—the bow drill, hand files, and hand carvers. He would sit on the floor telling stories of walruses or seals or bears while he carved, and as I watched, the spirit of the walrus would take form from the ivory my grandfather worked with.

1, too, work in the traditions of my forefathers, having hunted the walrus for food and ivory to carve. I also use baleen from the bowhead whale for accents in my pieces. I began selling my works at age 9. When I was thirteen, I made rosary beads and two polar bears out of mammoth

ivory for Pope Pius XII.

"My work is currently on exhibition in museums and private collections around the world. It is a statement of my heritage, the spirit of my culture. My pieces are not only skilled and extraordinary works of art, they are pieces of the history and people of Alaska.

'Most often, my work is three-dimensional carving of one or more animals or people sculptured from a single piece of ivory—an eagle clutches a writhing salmon in extended talons; two wolves bring down a caribou;

a walrus suns itself on an ice floe.

"As my grandfather before me, I often simply sit on the foor with a piece of ivory and bring to life the animal I find there. I use only hand tools such as files and carvers and the traditional bow drill and rarely use sketches or photos."

These are the words of Lloyd Elasanga, a gifted artist from Diomede. He and his wife, Lovie, opened an art studio in Anchorage on March 1, 1985. The "Eskimo Bow Drill Studio and Fine Arts" is located in Suite 1B in the Landmark Building at 4th and D Street. The phone number is 276-2030.

AGLUKTUK visited Lloyd earlier this year in Anchorage. His shop and carvings are impressive, to say the least. Lloyd Elasanga wanted to inform all carvers in the Bering Straits region that he is willing to display and sell their carvings on consignment or cash basis depending on his

So the next time you are in Anchorage, stop by and pay Lloyd Elasanga a visit. His skill of carving the old way using a bow drill will fascinate you.



A CREDIT TO THE ART -BSNC shareholder Lloyd Elasanga runs a successful ivory store in Anchorage. He can help you sell your carvings, too. Read "A sculptor

Don't leave it blank . .

BSNC IS REQUESTING THAT ALL SHAREHOLDERS FILL OUT THE WILL FORM FOUND ON THE BACK OF YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE IT NOTARIZED. IF THERE
IS NO NOTARY AVAILABLE YOU MAY HAVE THE POSTMASTER
STAMP IT. UPON COMPLETION, SEND TO THE NOME OFFICE
AND A PHOTOCOPY 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.

Who are you voting for?

Shareholders will elect five members to three year terms on the BSNC Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on November 2nd in Nome. To refresh your memory, there are 15 members on the board. Presently, the following people make up the BSNC Board of Directors:

Lonnie O'Connor - Chairman Henry Ivanoff - President Paul Johnson - 1st Vice President Z. William Barr, 2nd Vice President Carolyn Michels, Secretary Blanche O. Walters, Treasurer Thomas Johnson, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer John Pulluck, Sargeant-At-Arms Charles Degnan, Director Frances Degnan, Director June Degnan, Director Suzanne Fagerstrom, Director Charles Johnson, Director Vern Olson, Director George Walters, Director

The five director seats open for election are those currently held by Charles Degnan, Suzanne Fagerstrom, Charles Johnson, Thomas Johnson and Lonnie O'Connor.

Presently, there are nine nominees for the five board seats available. They are:

Gwen M. Anagick Charles Degnan Suzanne Fagerstrom Charles Johnson Thomas Johnson Percy Nayokpuk Lonnie O'Connor Charles Soxie Rose Ann Timbers

For more information on the nominees, read pages 7 & 8 of your 1985 Proxy Statement.

Remember that write-in nominees are allowed. Also, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on November 2nd.

Tears

In the quiet and solitude of my home

I thought of loved-ones who had gone on to be at peace -

Of "saying good-bye" to my beloved father when he suddenly had to leave us

Of seeing my beloved grandmother leaving this world when I was but a

thought of all the wonderful relatives who had recently departed. I recalled the sad times when I said "good-bye" to friends I held very dear when we parted as they left for other parts of this wonderful earth and the times we shared when times were sad,

Above all else — I deeply felt hurt and pain I had to endure during the darkest and saddest times of my own earthly life.

All those sad memories made my mind, heart and soul fall and succumb into a very deep dark pit of sorrow

that tore my very being apart

And felt the never-ending flow of tears

as I tried consoling myself by crying out loud!

Each tear seemed so perfectly round and crystal bright although each single tear carried all my secret wounds and hurts

That clouded my vision as all the tears flowed freely down my face creating scars of emotions that left lines of sorrow on my cheeks. I heard myself crying

And how the pain and memories hurt and echoed in my mind, heart

It was then that I seemingly "heard" my own tears "say" to me-

'Please allow us to flow freely and comfort you

We will make you stronger and feel comforted

We came from within the deepest depths of your mind, heart and soul

We are the symbols of each hurt, sorrow and pain Please let us help you and comfort you

If we withhold us, you will just make yourself all the

more sadder We are comforting you, please allow us to freely flow."

In a short while, the sadness and turmoil seemingly left—for a while and I felt "comforted" in knowing that I felt lighter.

The tears that freely flowed were replaced by faith and hope that life must go on despite the sorrow I temporarily embraced

Tears cannot be denied or thwarted in times of sorrow and sadness they are necessary so we can endure and enjoy this beautiful life, Tears—though they be sad or happy—are part of us and each in

Do comfort us in this early life, especially in times of sorrow!!!

By Albert A. Ningealook, Shishmaref

WHERE ARE YOU? BSNC NEEDS **CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE**

FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDERS: Alurac, Raphael Iyapana
Anowlic, Joseph Patrick
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And Licelle
Asbury, Craig Barclay
Atluk, Frank Yumic
Bernhardt Jr., Enos Raph
Bernhardt Jr., Friz Drise
Carlson Jr., Fritz Drise
Chapman, Lorraine
Charles, Michael Duane
Cowger, Edward Michael
Cysewski, Rose Ann
Dirks, Frances A.
Douglas, Einar Aaron
Downes, Emily Catherine
Dugan, Herbert Lee
Dugan, Jessie Grace
Eugan, Jessie Grace
Eakon, Monroe
Eben, Leona Dale
Evan, Charles Murphy
Farmer, Jeanne Ruth
Fuselier, Viola
Gonangman, Collins Aldred
Grant, Effery
Green, Deborah Mae
Green, Richard Myles
Hanaka, Jacob Ronald
Hardy, Llovd Franklin
Hawk Jr., William Richard
Henry, Virginia Irish
Hopkins, Iris June
Huson, Kichard Edmond
Humphreys, Bette Ann
Ione Jr., Guy Myron
Ivanoff, Alfred
Ivanoff, Karl M.
Jager, Roxanne J.
Johnson, Jennifer Metro
Katchatag, Knan L.
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Working together

In late September the Bering Straits Native Corporation Board of Directors met with the Bering Straits Coastal Resource Service Area Board (BSCRSAB) at Unalakleet. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss mutual concerns of the draft coastal management plan for the region.

The meeting began with a pot luck lunch complete with dry fish, smoked fish, muktuk, seal oil and Eskimo ice cream. It was a good opportunity for members of both boards to get reacquainted and renew old friendships. After a presentation of the history of coastal management by BSCRSAB director Bryan MacLean, the two boards got down to business.

The significance of the meeting was that channel of communication was opened between the regional corporation and the coastal board. The Land and Village Committee of BSNC will meet with the coastal resource board in the near future to continue the discussion of the draft coastal management plan and further define the concerns of the regional corporation

The BSNC board of directors and staff would like to thank the Bering Straits Coastal Resource Service Area Board and staff members for their fine hospitality during their 2 day stay in Unalakleet.



By Doris Adams

The BSNC Scholarship Committee met on August 7, 1985 to review applications for the Martin L. Olson Scholarship Fund. For the 85/86 school year, the Scholarship Committee awarded the Martin L. Olson Scholarship to Lillian Aukongak of Golovin and Jane Norbert of Unalakleet.

Lillian Aukongak is in her freshman year at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. She is working to-ward a bachelor's degree in a field where she can come back to Bering Straits region to work. Lillian was also awarded a four year, \$4, 000 scholarship from the Sohio-Principals' Scholarship Program. Only 25 students received this scholarship statewide.

Jane Norbert is a freshman at Sheldon Jackson College working toward a degree in accounting. In the future she plans on furthering her education to become a regis-

A year ago, the Scholarship



LAYING THE GROUNDWORK - Bryan MacLean, George Walters, Norbert Otten and Vern Olson discuss a map of the region at the joint meeting of the BSNC and **BSCRSAB** in Unalakleet

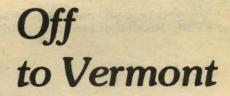


HAMMERING OUT THE DETAILS - BSNC President Henry Ivanoff, BSNC Chairman Lonnie O'Connor and BSCRSAB Chairman Johnson Eningowuk read over the lengthy coastal management plan.

Committee limited the scholarship fund to two BSNC shareholders at \$750 each. The reason for this action was that the limit will allow the principle to grow over the years. As a result, more awards to more shareholders will be granted in the future.

BSNC is proud of all its shareholders who are working to further their education. Keep up the good work.

BSNC shareholders who are interested in applying for the Martin L. Olson Scholarship for fiscal year 86/87 academic year may write to BSNC Scholarship Committee, Box 1008, Nome, Alaska 99762.



By Rose Atuk Fosdick

Mary Jane Litchard, Inupiaq artist living in Nome, needed a real change and felt "adventurous" when she happened to read the Institute of Alaska Native art's letter to artists this past May. In the let-ter, IANA announced the Center for Northern Studies in Vermont was recruiting students for their nine month course. She applied and has been accepted to the program. Litchard is very excited about taking the nine undergraduate courses offered in policies, prehistory, law, resources and the sciences of the circumpolar north. She and two other Alaska Natives will join eleven other students. Mary Jane will teach by participation in discussions and in one or more formal lectures.

Mary Jane and her family will live in Vermont from September to May. She has made arrantements for shipping all of her tools and supplies to do her art while there and is even bringing her band saw with her.

Mary Jane has participated in a number of IANA programs, having received scholarships to attend college, participated in workshops, taught a workshop and currently her baleen basket is in the IANA exhibit, "Interwoven Express-



FAST FINGERED TOBUK - Sisters Patricia and Theresa Taxac learn some tips on the switchboard from BSNC/Kawerak receptionist Catherine Tobuk. The girls were investigating the office machines at the Bering Straits Building for their clerical class.