

**Citizen Review Panel**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**  
**4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Teleconference**

**Present:** Diwakar, Dana, Rodreshia, Ben, Bettyann, Margie

**Absent:** None

**Minutes**

- 1) Discuss and confirm plan for Talkeetna retreat on June 6-8<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and end at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Sylvan will send the directions to the parking area for the cabin. It's on the far side of a lake. Those driving with Diwakar will make arrangements among themselves to meet up.

- Diwakar: Will give a ride to Reshia and her son, as well as Ben and Margie
- Reshia: driving with Diwakar
- Ben and Margie: Flying from Juneau Thursday, staying overnight in Anchorage Thursday evening and driving up from Anchorage with Diwakar Friday morning
- Dana: Driving from Haines; he will make his own hotel reservations along the way
- Bettyann: Driving from Anchor Point to Anchorage Thursday, staying overnight in Anchorage Thursday evening, and driving up from Anchorage alone Friday morning
- Sylvan: Driving down from Fairbanks on Thursday evening since it's too far to drive Friday morning

Sylvan alerted everyone that we will all have beds, but she is unsure about how they are divided in terms of rooms so we might have men and women in the same room to avoid anyone sleeping on the floor. There is no shower, but there is a sauna and the lake. There is an outhouse. Those not flying in will bring sleeping bags to keep the dirty sheets to a minimum.

Sylvan will bring all the food, but everyone should bring drinks for themselves (alcoholic and otherwise). She'll send out a detailed menu so people can weigh in.

Sylvan will send out meeting materials for review next week, but will bring copies of everything for everyone. She'll ask Alice if it's dark enough to make it

worthwhile to bring a projector. It was suggested that people bring games for the evenings.

Diwakar asked Sylvan what was on the agenda for Talkeetna. Items remembered included the budget, next year's goals, discussion of reasons for Juneau trip, orientation packets, letterhead/brochure/business cards, annual report, and recruiting. Sylvan acknowledged that she was forgetting several items, but didn't have the agenda with her where she was.

It was suggested that we do a press release about the annual report which members felt was a good idea.

2) Generate a preliminary list of recommendations for annual report

Diwakar indicated that the recommendations will be based on data, our trip reports, and the work plan. Sylvan noted she'll bring copies of this year's trip reports for people to review. Diwakar noted that we'll need an updated IA tracking report. Diwakar encouraged people to think about potential recommendations in advance of the meeting. Dana said it would be helpful to have a chronology of events from last year to include where we went and what issues we discussed. Sylvan said she can put something together.

3) Monthly meeting with OCS on Friday is cancelled

Sylvan noted that both Travis and Christy were busy on Friday so we will not meet. It was suggested that we follow up with Christy on our usual agenda items via e-mail. Sylvan will send Diwakar that list.

4) Ideas for Kristin

Ideas for a thank you gift for Kristin were discussed. Margie said she would ask a friend with horses about gift ideas. Sylvan said she would also think about it and will get a gift. It was agreed that the members who knew Kristin and Sylvan would each contribute \$25 toward a gift for her.

5) Quick updates

Ben asked for the final allocation of the positions that Representative Gara had asked for us to support. Sylvan will find out.

Diwakar remarked on the article about the state of child protection in Kodiak.

Diwakar noted that he saw Katie Baldwin-Johnson at the Trust and spoke to her about housing. She expressed interest in knowing more.

Ben missed the last call so asked for and received a quick recap of the discussion of the Bethel trip report.

Dana noted that he learned that Colorado used a service, Accurent, to find relatives and wondered if Alaska does too. Margie reported that Alaska uses the same service for out of state families.

Diwakar noted that we had a lead for a new member from Kotzebue, a man who works for Fish and Wildlife and is on the tribal council in Kotzebue. We sent him an application.