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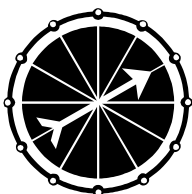
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Did You Know!

IGR staff are available to conduct Charitable Gaming Workshops in your community. Call us at 477-5700 to get more information.

IGR now has 84 % of Saskatchewan First Nations' BCRs designating IGR as their on-reserve charitable gaming regulator



FSIN Vice Chief Delbert Wapass Chairman's Message—IGR Newsletter Issue #7

On behalf of the IGR Board and staff, I welcome you to the 7th issue of the "Gaming Rules!" newsletter from the Indigenous Gaming Regulators.

I would like to thank the First Nations leadership for their support of IGR with their recognition of our mandate by means of Band Council Resolutions which we have received from 63 bands. This means that 84% of Saskatchewan First Nations have approved IGR as their own First Nations' charitable gaming regulatory body.

I am also pleased to report

that the discussions between IGR and the provincial gaming regulator are going well, and that an agreement is in the foreseeable future. It is important that we continue to be diligent in our discussions with our provincial counterparts to ensure the best possible agreement for our First Nations. This final document will be the Licensing Agreement which enables IGR to commence regulating on-reserve charitable gaming and SIGA Casino table games.

In cooperation with each of the First Nations we are building the only First Nations controlled and operated gaming regulatory body in the country.

IGR's objective is to have 100% of First Nations in Saskatchewan designate IGR as their regulator. IGR officials continue to promote the regulation of gaming on-reserve thus ensuring the importance of uniform gaming regulation which will promote fairness and integrity in First Nations' gaming.

Should your community require more information we have staff available to travel and present a "Community Gaming Workshop". You can contact them at the numbers provided in this newsletter.

IGR Charitable Gaming Summit May 25, 2005 — Saskatoon

IGR is holding a one day symposium on charitable gaming in Saskatoon on May 25, 2005 at the Saskatoon Inn. This seminar will include information on how to apply for a charitable gaming license, what eligible use of proceeds are for charitable gaming and how IGR will work with your community to license and regulate your bingos, breakopens and raffles. IGR will present information on what we are doing to ensure that on-reserve charitable gaming is viable, consistent and successful.

Who should attend? First Nations people who are involved in their community's bingos, those who work with First Nations charitable organizations or those just generally interested in learning more about credible, regulated charitable gaming on their First Nation.

If you have an interest in the Charitable Gaming activities that take place on your First Nation you should plan on attending this event. Learn the rules of charitable gaming and how your on-reserve charities can benefit more

from regulated gaming.

Watch for our flyer with registration information or call our office at (306)477-5700 to find out more. There will be no charge to register for this event.

A light breakfast will be served for those who arrive early enough plus a nice lunch to keep you energised throughout the day.



IGR Board Member Senator George PeeAce from Yellow Quill First Nation.

Board Member Profile, Senator George PeeAce...

As in past issues IGR has included Board Member profiles. This issue features Senator George PeeAce Nahkeway from the Yellow Quill First Nation.

"I was born in Nut Lake, now it's known as Yellow Quill. I went to day school there until I was sent to the school in Muskowekwan to live at the residence. In my later years I bounced around in industry, the oil fields, trucking and logging. In 1972 I was hired as band administrator at home. Around 1973 I got on council and was elected district rep in

about 1974-1975 for a time then in 1983-1987 I was Chief of Yellow Quill. Then I was elected in 1988-1991 as Vice Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. I then went back to be TLE (Treaty Land Entitlement) coordinator for Yellow Quill for a number of years. In the mid 90's I was asked to sit on the board of the Treaty 4 trustees and the Treaty 4 Governance Centre project. In 2000 I was appointed to the FSIN Senate and here we sit today."

IGR's Board is comprised of 10 representatives from across Saskatchewan's First Nations and Tribal Councils. IGR is guided by the Board of Directors, their dedication, vision and wisdom.

"IGR is a good thing, we have an inherent right to gaming and it needs to be regulated. If we as First Nations do not regulate our own gaming then the government will. Together we are striving to achieve full jurisdiction over our gaming. Its something exciting to look forward to as a Board Member!"

Guess What?

Do you know who the first female chief in Saskatchewan was?

Where was she from?

Who was the First Aboriginal to lace up for an NHL team?

Where was he from?

How many Treaty Territories cover Saskatchewan and which ones are they?

Answers on page 4

Band Council Resolution Update...

To date IGR has received 63 of the 75 First Nations permission to provide them with licensing & regulation services. That's an impressive 84%!

If it were not for the confidence of our First Nations in IGR, IGR could not have achieved this show of support.

Because of the 2002 Gaming Framework Agreement, IGR's authority to provide licensing & regulation of on-reserve charitable gaming is dependent upon receipt of authorization from the individual First Nations through Band Council Resolutions (BCRs).

First Nations do have a choice of what licensing authority

may provide them with services. They can designate IGR or the provincial government's SLGA or another First Nation or Tribal Council authority. However, the licensing authority must have the capacity to regulate and be a duly recognized licensing authority.

With First Nations, For First Nations, By First Nations



Senator PeeAce and Premier Calvert

Yellow Quill First Nation Community Profile...

The Yellow Quill First Nation is a party to Treaty No 4, signed by Chief Yellow Quill in 1876.

The Yellow Quill First Nation occupies the Yellow Quill Reserve #90 which is situated 8 Kilometers east of Rose Valley. The reserve covers 14,000 acres. In addition, there are 17,000 acres in newly acquired Treaty Land Entitlement lands.

One of Yellow Quill's recent

successes has been their well known water treatment plant. For many years Yellow Quill had been getting its drinking water from a contaminated creek.

By paving the way for new treatment processes, it is hoped that other communities with extremely poor quality ground water will also soon be able to produce

high quality drinking water on-reserve.

The water treatment plant is just one of the many endeavors of Yellow Quill First Nation.



FSIN Winter Legislative Assembly...

IGR staff make every effort to attend our FSIN Legislative Assemblies. The 2005 FSIN Winter Legislative Assembly was held this February in Regina.

IGR staff set up the IGR booth and provided information and answered questions from delegates and visitors attending the Assembly. Most inquired about the Licensing Agreement and IGR's role in the

gaming industry. Upon completion of the Agreement, IGR will begin licensing and regulating on-reserve bingos, breakopens and raffles.

IGR also provided an Elders Rest and Wellness Room to provide our Elders and weary travelers with a place to relax, visit and take in some nutritious snacks and beverages.

These Assemblies provide IGR with the opportunity to con-

nect with the leadership from across the province in one location.

As always, when attending events such as these, IGR does free daily draws for some of our awesome gear! If you see a piece of IGR gear that you just can't go without, remember that all our items are available for purchase, just give us a call...



Hubert Napope takes home the IGR door prize "The Hand Game" by Calvin Sand.

FSIN Health & Education Summit...

The FSIN Health & Education Summit was held at the Saskatoon Inn on March 28 to 31, 2005. The expected registration for the event was to be around 300. Over 700 people registered over the 4 days!

This summit addressed many of the major issues that we as First Nations people are dealing with everyday on and off the reserve. Many influential and inspiring speakers were

on hand such as Waneek Horn-Miller (Olympic Medalist), Deric Starlight (who also provided four star entertainment), Whitefish Jr's, The Northern Lights Drummers and many more quality entertainers and speakers.

IGR took this opportunity to setup the IGR booth and provide an Elders Lounge with refreshments and snacks.

IGR also provided some cool prizes for attendees, including a few windbreakers and a Calvin Sand print titled "The Hand Game".

The Health and Education Summit staff invited IGR to participate in their banquet on the evening of March 30. The IGR staff would like to give a big "Thank You!" to the organizers for a wonderful meal and a great night.

The Indigenous Gaming Regulators (IGR) is an Institution of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. IGR is a non-profit corporation with the mandate to license and regulate on-reserve charitable gaming.



Some of the "Peacekeeper" youth sporting IGR toques during their winter exercise in Northern Saskatchewan.



Roland Desjarlais & IGR's Cathy Poundmaker at the IGR booth in the Queensberry Center, Regina.



IGR sponsored a Elders Meeting and Resting Room at the 2005 FSIN Winter Assembly.



Frequently Asked Questions!

FAQs consist of the questions that IGR hears most often out there in the communities. If you have anything you would like to see in the FAQs, let us know. Our FAQs are also available on our website as well as our CGW schedules.

What is the cost for a license?

IGR requires no fees to provide your charitable organizations with licensing & regulation services.

Does our group have to apply separately for each type of license such as a license to conduct bingos,

one for breakopens and another for raffles?

Yes. Charitable Organizations will need to apply for each type of license separately for bingos, breakopens and raffles.

When will IGR sign their Licensing Agreement with SLGA?

IGR is confident that a final agreement is close. Our officials report that there has been significant movement towards finalizing a deal between IGR and SLGA, however there are one or two points to be worked out. IGR recognizes that we are representing First Nations people in this process, and there-

fore are committed to ensuring we address the aspirations of First Nations people. This licensing agreement will be very important for the future of First Nation's charitable gaming, and we will work toward an agreement that positively affects First Nations gaming overall.

To get more info on the FAQs and for answers to all your licensing & regulation questions come on out to a Charitable Gaming Workshop near you or call the IGR office (306) 477-5700!

Charitable Gaming Workshop Schedule Spring 2005

- April 2-3 FNUC Pow-wow
- April 5 Ocean Man FN
- April 6 Sauleaux FN
- April 7 ACTC
- April 12 Pelican Lake FN
- April 19 Cumberland House
- April 20 Big River FN
- April 26 Key FN
- April 28 Nekaneet FN
- May 4 Thunderchild CGW
- May 11 One Arrow FN
- May 18 Birch Narrows FN

IGR In Our Communities...

STC & SPS PEACEKEEPERS

Saskatoon Tribal Council & Saskatoon Police Services have joined together to form the PEACEKEEPERS. The Peacekeepers program addresses at risk youth and provides them with positive role models in the community and immerses them in First Nations culture and values. Some of the activities Peacekeepers take part in are camping trips, ski trips and occasions such as the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

IGR sent them some outdoor gear to wear on their most recent camping trip as you can see on the previous page.

FNUC POW-WOW

IGR staff set up the booth and attended the April 2 & 3 Pow-Wow in Regina to support this great event. Over 700 dancers were registered and more than a dozen drum groups participated in the weekend celebration.

IGR's goal is to have our name and logo recognized in the Aboriginal (and non-Aboriginal) community. Our support for important events such as this will help to achieve that, plus it gives IGR the opportunity to contribute to the entire Aboriginal community.

SICC ELDERS FORUM

Elders are important members of our communities. They are our link to the past and are the keepers of culture & languages. Their voices and their teachings must continue to be heard and knowledge passed on.

SICC hosted the 2005 Elders Forum at the Best Western Inn Saskatoon with well over 250 participants. All of our Saskatchewan First Nations language groups were represented. Attendance was well over expected and wrapped up at the end of the week with a Feast, Giveaway and Pow-wow at White Buffalo Youth Centre. There was nightly entertainment for the Elders and was enjoyed by all.

IGR's community liaison staff and some licensing officers set up a booth at this event to show our support of the Elders Forum and to answer their questions about our organization.

"Guess What" Answers

The 1st Woman Elected Chief was Chief Gwen O'Soup of The Key First Nation in 1955.

Freddie Sasakamoose from Ahtahkakoop First Nation was the 1st Aboriginal to lace up for the NHL.

There are 6 Treaty territories in Saskatchewan. Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10.

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