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Harrie Hughes states the date of the recording and introduces the people who are present [at a Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo No. 4 meeting]: Alaska Linck from the women's auxiliary, James McDonald, Paul Greimann, Jack Crook, Andy Anderson, Carl Parker, Joe Kager, Mike Young, Earl Beistline, Bill Cashen, Albert Ghezzi and Bill Kapon [?]. Harrie suggests that they put McDonald on the Welfare Committee because he has so much knowledge on the pioneers, Joe Kager, Harry Cardinal [?], Frank Young, Paul Greimann on the committee and Carl Parker on the committee too. Harrie wants Parker to be the Chairman of the Visiting Committee and Joe Kager volunteers to take the first month. [Another man is talking, unclear.] Vice president Andy Anderson suggests that this spring all the officers of Igloo 4 gather and make visits to all the pioneers in the Fairbanks area. [Harrie asks if anybody else has something to say.]

[Some man speaks, the recording is unclear. They discuss the matter at hand.] The community and the state have recognized them [the Pioneers of Alaska] as a welfare organization [unclear.] Harrie would like to have James Cassady, Dan Jones, Jim [James] McDonald, Harry Albacross, Irving Reed and Paul Greimann. James Cassady, Dan Jones, Irving Reed, James McDonald, Harry Albacross and the man who was speaking on the Pioneer Park Committee in order to aid in the park project. Harrie asks if everybody is satisfied with that.

At 3:58 Harrie is speaking about the Pioneer Home Committee, which, he states, is the most important committee of them all. He says it [the Pioneer Home?] needs some action to “swing the extra vote” to tip it over and get it coming [probably talking about getting the necessary votes in the State Legislature to establish the Pioneer Home]. It might be a good thought to consider sending somebody to lobby in Juneau. For that committee, Harrie suggests Harold Gillam, Oscar Phipps, Jim McDonald, Forbes Baker, Frank Chapados, Martin Frazer [sp?] and Bill Taylor. [Unclear.]

[Unclear discussion.]

Harry announces that for the Pioneer Home committee they have Harold Gillam, Oscar Phipp, James McDonald, Forbes Baker, Frank Chapados, Martin Fraser [sp?], William Taylor and John Butrovich. He asks if they want more [people] on that [committee]. [Unclear talking.] Now he wants a Working Committee that can work with the others. They can select anyone of the Pioneers [for the Committee?], and Harrie wants all the members of Pioneers to take part in the projects. [Unclear. Unclear talking.]

For a Chairman of Golden Days, Harrie wishes Colin McDonald would take the post. He asks Bill Cashen to be [unclear.] [Unclear talking.] Now on the committee with Andy Anderson, Bill Cashen, Colin McDonald, Ed Farrell, George Mayan and Ken Ringstad, Adolph Stock.

[Unclear discussion about events chair for Golden Days. More discussion about Discovery Day.]

At 12:10 intelligible recording continues with Harrie mentioning about another special committee that hasn't added on yet, that's the Convention deal. Auditing Committee is to be appointed at the end of the year. For the Convention Committee Harrie suggests: Adolph Stock, Leslie Nerland, Scott Weiner, Jack Rover, Warren Taylor, Frank Young, Sig Wold, John Thurland, Jeff Studdert, Gene Rogg, Irving McKay Reed, James McDonald, Oscar Phipps, Carl Parker, Al Dorch?, Gerald Vassel, Jack Linck, William Stroecker, Rusty Hurlin, George McJohnny, James Mortimer and Bill and Ed Farrell. [Unclear about some young members, possibly the Farrells, who work on the railroads. Cemetery Committee is mentioned.]

Unclear talking. Harrie comes through clearly, but other members are far away from the microphone and can't really be heard.]

At 16:44 Harrie says that each officer needs to get a copy of phone numbers and addresses of the people in their committee. Welfare Committee will have a list of all the officers, who they are, and where they are. [Unclear talking.] Talking about Convention Committee who need to advertise and take turns talking with big companies [for fundraising?, probably taking out ads in Convention program]. [Unclear talking.] . Harrie is reading a list made up by past president Cap Lathrop from the 1948 Convention. One overall chairman made up of two representatives: one from the Igloo, one from the Auxiliary. Harrie says: One general committee executive board from the Igloo and from the Auxiliary is needed to plan scheduled events committees and names committees, to make suggestions. No. 3, the program or advertising booklet: Three members from the Igloo and three members from the Auxiliary to start working after the first of the year which is now. To sell advertising, to compile a book, material and [pictures]. Contact Linda Shafer [Schaeffer sp?] or past president about errors in book before compiling. [Unclear. Cordova booklet, plastic bindings, refers to an Anchorage/Fairbanks old book.]

At 19:44 Harrie discusses number 4: Finances. Three members should include General Chairman, [and they should] set up a special banking account, "Grand Igloo Convention Fund." Three people should work to bank all monies and sign all checks pertaining to the convention. Any charges towards the convention should be authorized and signed by the party who is getting the merchandise and the person authorizing the purchases. Each committee should submit a tentative budget if possible.

Number 5 is the publicity: That's an important thing. Two members from the Igloo and two from the Auxiliary. The radio and TV-Stations, welcome signs on business houses, banner across Cushman Street, lodge signs in Eagle Hall, historical displays in businesses, possibly placed during August or during tourist season so that it seems to be more than a three day event.

Number 6. Favors. [Unclear.] This includes donations. For instance, they have so many [unclear, appears to be talking about drink tokens or other little handouts for the convention goers].

Number 7 should have been on top of the list. Housing and transportation: [The Committee needs] 4 members from the Igloo and 4 members from the Auxiliary to get rates of all the different hotels and send the information to other Igloos and Auxiliaries so they can plan. Find a number of rooms from private homes. [Unclear.] Need to decide if the visitors will make their own reservations or if the Igloo No. 4 makes a reservation for the delegation. To greet [unclear] planes and trains and provide transportation to Eagles' Hall]. Harrie wants to remind that the pioneers have automobiles to give tours to convention goers. He apparently wants to make a list of suggestions about places to see, such as the University. [Unclear.]

Hospitality committee: Four members from the Igloo 4 and 4 members from the Auxiliary will arrange for cookies, coffee, and doughnuts and headquarters before all this is taken, [unclear]. The all-Alaskan dinner on Friday at somewhere other than at Eagle's [Hall]. Tours and entertainment during the day. Women's lunch at the Auxiliary, men's lunch at [Unclear]. Grand Ball: 2 members of the Igloo and 2 members from the Auxiliary form a Committee. Master of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge, introduction and a history of their city, [unclear], prizes for best costume. Good money [unclear]. Banquet's location hasn't been decided yet. Committee of 2 from the Auxiliary and 2 from the Igloo 4 arrange the place and seating, menus, favors – preferably something local – and also the grand prize. [Unclear] master of ceremonies in secret. A committee will provide any other entertainment.

24:56 [Unclear.] There was one or two good players, but there was a lot of time loss and the band didn't get to play [unclear]. It would be nice that when the Ketchikan band comes the [unclear] has at least 2-4 hours of uninterrupted dance. "A lot of these folks like that." Harrie has got a hold of Arnie Lee and asked him to work on Evan Hawks, Vera Olson, the piano player and one more, Paul McDonald. They form the Igloo no. 4 band and they need to start practicing once a week. [Unclear.] A man's voice says they don't want to put the Ketchikan bunch to shame. Harrie says that he visited Joe Dimond on "this trip" and those folks were given [unclear]. Another thing is that it costs a couple thousand dollars to bring all 6 or 7 up here and if they can't come, they'll be short. Joe Dimond says he [unclear] but if he's here and they don't have enough instruments, let's have a band ready for it. [Possibly Harrie means that

the Fairbanks Igloo should form a band so that there can be spare instruments/musicians ready if the out of town band can't afford to bring up all their members or their instruments.][Unclear talking.] Harry asks if anybody has anything to say about that and that there might be other pioneers who can play instruments [unclear]. [Unclear.]

27:51 Harrie says he'll come to that a little later and that he wanted to get some volunteers. He took Albert and Bob and George to Yukon, to Dawson City, and wants to see if there is somebody present [unclear]. [Unclear talking. Later Harrie is talking about getting somebody to drive people from Eagle by car to the convention. More unclear talking.]

At 32:19 Harrie is talking about Charter Lind (sp?), the oldest living charter member of Igloo 4. A woman's voice suggests Ed Crawford (sp?), but Harrie says he is Yukon [Order of Pioneers or Yukon Alaskan Pioneer]. Henry Roden is also mentioned. He suggests honoring the oldest member of this convention, the oldest living charter member of Igloo no. 4. [Unclear discussion about it. Bob Bloom and Henry Roden are mentioned, but they are not able to come.]

One more subject is that Harrie has another sheet of paper that says [tentative schedule [for the Convention]unclear] and it should be turned over to the Convention Committee as the basis of their information. It says Thursday, September 17th, 10am: all-day recreation at the Eagle Hall. In the evening there is a dance at the Eagle Hall, mugup [food and drink]. [Unclear] Friday, September the 18th: Someone has to be appointed to bring in the highbush and lowbush moose [highbush moose is moose, lowbush moose is rabbit, as hares are known in Alaska] unclear]. Friday, 9am the recreation committee at Eagle Hall, 10 o'clock [business section starts] no special monthly plan. 2Pm, the business section again, go out for lunch. Evening, All Alaska Dinner somewhere else than in Eagle Hall. Saturday: 10am, a business session at Eagle Hall. Noon, ladies' lunch with a fashion show. Look into Tiki Cove, Traveler's Inn for men's lunch. Evening is dinner on their own, or at local pioneer's home. [Unclear.] One can look into University Cafeteria. [Unclear.] Pioneers visit the University and might have a little lunch there. [Unclear about Saturday evening, September 19th.] Saturday before the ball, during the time of their business

session. If the recess is at 5pm like they normally do it, and the ball starts at 7, 8 or 9. After that if anyone hasn't had dinner, they can have it on their own. No, grand ball, master of ceremonies, introducing historical costumes, an interview about history [or most attractive costumes, prizes for costumes]. On Sunday, a tour at the University and dredge in the Ester area in the late morning, lunch at the University if possible, [unclear] and 1:30 is the memorial service at the Eagle Hall, 2:30 is the business section [election of new officers] and in the evening there is a grand banquet, possibly at the Elks' [or the Switzerland] or at the University. [Unclear. Harrie's talking about wanting to wait until the Convention schedule is finalized before typing it up.]

At 44:15 Harrie states that that was the end of the meeting.

[End of recording.]