**Cheroenhakka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe**

**Tribal Meeting March 12, 2016**

**Ruth B Campbell Library Franklyn Virginia**

**Attendees:**

Chief Brown

Ellis Wright

Joe Epps

Teresa Preston

Teressa Baxter

Colette Amici

Tommy Hines

Jerry Boone

Brenda Kelly

Beverly El

Gloria El

Patricia Redwood

Claudette Orie

Caroh Holley

William Lamb Howell

Karen Barrette

Vice Chief Ellis Wright gave opening prayer at 12:15 pm

Chief Brown opened meeting discussing notes from previous meeting and then into the draft easement that he sent out to heritage board and foundation and the fact that no one replied with any comments or corrections additionally the management plan and base line report which is including mapping parking and canoeing/kayaking and ceremonial rituals.

Chief Brown met with Rob Evans and Irving Wilson (DCR) to walk the 155.7 acres of land pinpointing areas for parking, canoe and kayak and ceremonial ritual. The state has a deed of easement to the property Chief Brown is stating resistance and attempts to curve what can be done on the trails etc. Chief is requesting the easement states residual from any cut on the long leaf pines to return to the foundation; 15-25 year window, Deed of easement is restrictive of what can be done on the land; no commercial activities is stated on the easement. Chief requesting the right to move earth to repair trails etc. This project is close to fruition but still some more negotiation and work to be done with DCR Rob Eves and Irving Wright. Need to rewrite timber deed to include not cut zone.

When you sell timber the seller pays only $1 for filing fee and buyer pays the rest. Chief Brown is coordinating with Dan Crumpler (closing attorney) and DCR in reference to easements to the wood paths on the Cheroenhaka Path.

The council and the board need to make a decision as to how they want the 7.5 acres deeded: Tribal name only, Foundation name only or both. Need to think of how we can easily separate this land into lots to build cabins and space for caretaker to live free to care for the grounds and land.

Teresa Preston: Artifacts from privately owned property are sent to DCR to do cataloguing but then DCR returns them to the rightful property owner. Key outlined SMZ areas when he did the cruise (what was left out were the 100 year oak tree)

Chief Brown received previous meeting and \*\*\*It has been moved that the minutes from the state of the tribe from be accepted with all corrections.

**Current Balance in the Foundation account:** **$10,364**

**Balance of tribal account:** **$195.39**

**Total of cash collected**: as of 3/4 **$135** after 3/4 $**980** + **$20** for a **total of $1000**

**$770 in Administration Fees for Tribal Account making new balance of $965.39**

2016 Annual Powwow/Budget Briefing:

**Tommy Hines** presented the budget projections for the July and November powwows as well as an overall account of previous year’s actual budget numbers. Changes were made to line items and projections (attached)

**Total money given to Teressa Baxter at meeting: $1425**

$510 is for the tribal account for admin fees (will be given at the next meeting)

**New tribal Membefs:**

**Denise Jackson A-65-9423**

Daughter of Creator (Aruna Quacker Hunte)

$250 check received – $60 dues, $20 tribal card, $170 land tax

2216 Tuliptree Circle

Suffolk VA 23435

Moved and seconded that Denise Althea Jackson is accepted as a tribe member

**Catherine Fay Allen A-53-7459**

Great Woman

$250 - $60 dues $20 tribal card, $170 land tax

30 Parker Lane

Gates NC 2937

Moved and seconded that Catherine Fay Allen is accepted as a tribe member

Admin fees **Patricia Redwood $60**

Admin fees **Jerry Boone $50**

Admin Fee **William Lamb $50**

**Calendar sale $30**

**Teresa Baxter** has written a check in the amount of **$770 payable to the tribal account for admin fees**.

**Joe Epps** talked about the raffle fundraiser he an Mary Francis will be doing in November for a $1000 raffle to be done separate of the BBQ dinner and door prize

**Collette Amici** – presentation on Iroquois Heritage Program (see attachment)

In partnership with Norfolk Farm Market and Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Hampton Roads Schools two part educational outreach program for fourth grade students. Cost: $20 per student for both, $15 only for one program. Children get to take home corn husk dolls and miniature 3 sister’s garden: Part one in November about the ‘no face dolls’ and part two in the spring about the three sister’s garden. Has great potential to capture entire Northern VA Public School System.

**Support needed:**

Norfolk Farm market will pay for material cost

Corn husks to be donated by Chief Brown

**Chief Brown** talked about support and marketing involving **Karen Barrett** with the letters to school boards and school principles

\*\***Collette** brings up Lacrosse which is a traditional Iroquois game and could be a major seller at School day or Powwow. Also Collette talks about the 6 nations Iroquois willing to come down to demonstrate Lacrosse.

Chief Brown to do letter of introduction to be sent to schools, board etc.

Collette and Norfolk Farm Market to develop a MOA on partnership between the Norfolk Farm Market and Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian tribe

**Moved by Chief Brown and seconded by Ellis Wright** that this Iroquoian Heritage Foundation move forward with Collette Amici spearheading this program a letter of introduction will be done and sent out to superintendents and principles of all the school districts of Hampton roads , private, public parochial and home schools.

**Spotswood treaty** 20th or 21st of April 2016 (Wednesday/Thursday)

**Chief Brown** discussed the status of the sand pits/ponds on Tribal land. Barter with Curtis Constructions met on site to take 5 gallon buckets of sand samples from areas designated for sand collection. Sand ‘proved’ and now they need to see soil samples map for area. Chief Brown went and had maps pulled of soil samples of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) land. Plot 6A and 25A, will be delivered to Curtis constructions. Chief Brown coordinating with JD Van Surveyor to have pond area laid out on tribal survey.

**Jerry Boone** BBQ Fundraiser 100% of revenue goes to the tribe for a BBQ Fundraiser on the tribal land. Jerry says he has lots of help from church ladies. Jerry says he wants to see our tribe Grow. Jerry hopes that the funds raised will help in getting electricity and running water. Jerry talked about being in unity with the spirit of Christ and reminds us of the Song of Solomon 8:6 jealousy is as cold as death. Jerry went on to talk about how we need to love each other in unity we have so much contention we need to pray for that agape type love and he has talked to Chief regarding camp Meetings on the land and bring back that good old gospel.

**Tickets for BBQ will be $10.00per with door prizes of:**

 **1st prize $250 2nd place $100 and 3rd place $50**

**1000 tickets to be printed and ordered = Collette Amici**

**Public Service Announcement (Marketing)**

**GOFUNDME:** we're @ $2995.  Gofundme keeps 5% as a fee.  For charitable contributions, gofundme (for some legal reason) cannot pay out directly so they go through a third party that actually confirms the 501 (c) 3 status and makes the payment and they keep 4%.  So, in total ... it is 9% ($269.55) we will receive a total of $2745.45 from gofundme to tribe

Gary has also inquired and sent letter of inquiry for another grant

William and Mary American Inidan Student association on Sunday March the 20th will be having a powwow from 12-5 all members who wish to attend in regalia please attend. Any questions call Vanessa Atkins 804-385-3558

Polynesian Voyaging Society is inviting us to the welcoming ceremony for the arrival of the Hokule crew at William and Mary on Sunday April 24 chief to put out email

**Moved and seconded to have a check cut to JD Van in the amount of $2500** – Chief to get from Teressa after meeting