**Cheroenhakka (Nottoway) Tribe**

**State of the tribe**

**January 14, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Chief Walt RedHawk Brown

Vashti Clarke

Caroh Holley

Bernard Hedgepeth

Larry Pegram

Patricia Pegram

Josephine Franco

Albertina Edmunds – guest

Carolyn Reyes (sp)

Karen Barrett

Jayne Whitney

Alex Whitney

Patricia Redwood

Jerry Boone

Denise Jackson

Mary Ross

Angelo Franco

Lizzane Furrow

Claudette Orie

Ben Burnette

Colette Amici

Gary Burnette

Tommy Hines

Teressa Baxter

Charles Baxter

William Howell

Joseph Epps

Teresa Preston

Gloria El

Beverly El

Eagle Eye England

Mary Francis Wilkerson

Brenda Kelley

\*\*Chief Brown was greeted with applause as he entered the meeting room. Several tribal members, tribal council and tribal board members arranged a surprise for his birthday with a pot luck dinner and Chief Brown was presented with gifts and a glass desk plaque and medallion inscribed with thanks for his continuous work for the tribe. (Pictures of birthday celebration and awarding of plaque and medallion to be sent out all tribal members via email).

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**Meeting opened with prayer at 2:55pm**

**State of the Tribe Address:**

Chief Brown began the state of the tribe with a power point presentation of tribal history from 1600 to present day. This was a full recap of first ethno historical contact through present day activities in the tribe via PowerPoint presentation. Additionally see below for 2016 recap and goals for 2017.

**(Per slide brief breakdown)**

1-Tribal shield-March 2002 copyright

2-1st American Settlements in the 1600’s

3-1st Ethno-historic Contact-1608 @ Tomi Hatton Colonial inquiring about the Lost Colony

4-1669-1st Native numerical census ordered by House of Burgess Acts of General Assembly in Williamsburg

5-1676-Bacon’s rebellion and the massacre at Occoneechee Island

6-Treaty of 1677-20 beaver pelts and 3 arrows

7-1705-House of Burgess grants 41,000 acres of reservation land-tribal interpreters relieved of duty

8-1711-Lt Gov. Spottswood’s visit to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) village. 1677 treaty was forgiven since the Chief men’s sons were to attend the Brafferton

9-2/27/1713-Stand-alone treaty with Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) changed to 3 arrows for peace

10-1715-Spotswood plans to settle Indians at Ft. Christina

11-1728-William Byrd II of Westover documents visit to tribal land and spent 2 days there

12-1689-1763-Cheroenhaka recruited to fight in the French and Indian war with George Washington

13-1735-House of Burgess enacts an act for tribal land sales. Tribal interpreters dismissed

14-1808 Cheroenhaka special censuses

15-March 4, 1820-language recorded. 2nd recording done 1831-1836 by Tresvant

16-1820-Petersburg newspaper article where Thomas Jefferson states there were 3 tribes remaining in VA

17-1875-last 575 acres of reservation land sold by Sykes family

18-Hand site (44SN22) excavated in 1965, 1966, and 1969. Lead archaeologist was Dr. Gerald P. Smith. Bones dated from 700 A.D.

19-10/14/2005 trip to Smithsonian to view 131 skeletal remains

20-image of non-skeletal remains

21-11/1/11-Hand Site maker placed at rt. 670 & Hanson?

22-2002-1st powwow

23-Partnership with ASV

24-Numerous Native presentations

25-100 acres obtained

26-3/20/09-land closing ceremony

27-3/20/09-tribal peace pipe

28-image of aerial view of land

29-image of Cheroenhaka museum

30-image of tribal land aerial view with old and new land shown

31-image of tribal land survey-100 acres and 155.729 acre conservation area

32-27345 Aquia Path –Cattashowrock Town

33-image of palisade village being built

34-walking trails

35-20,000 long leaf pine planted

36-Mortgage burning ceremony

37-Plans for cultural center, museum, wellness center & worship center

38-7/23/16 powwow

39-recap of 2016

**RECAP OF 2016: (included in PowerPoint)**

* CATTASHOWROCK VANDALIZED – GO FUND ME ACCOUNT INITIATED BY TRIBAL MEMBER GARY BURNETTE.
* FLEX BARK PURCHASED TO COVER LARGE ROUND HOUSE ($560 PER SHEET) @ $6,100. PALM MATS PURCHASE TO COVER SMALL ROUND HOUSE ( $49 PER SHEET) @ $3,500
* APRIL 2016 PURCHASE FROM TIMBERVEST LLC 163 ACRES OF TRIBAL LAND @ $550,000.00 (TAX PARCEL 75-12 & 12C). TOTAL TRIBAL ACRES OWNED 263 ACRES. (SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH ATTENDED LAND CLOSING CEREMONY)
  + WROTE AND RECEIVED $271,000.00 DCR GRANT
  + BORROWED $285,000.00 FROM BB&T BANK
  + SOLD 155.7 ACRES OF TIMBER (CHEROENHAKA TRACK) TP 75-12 FOR $305,000.00.
  + PAID BB&T BANK $265,000 -$20,000,00 REMAIN ON NOTE (3 YEAR NOTE)
* BROUGHT ELECTRICITY TO THE TRIBAL LAND (DOMINION POWER) @ $15,800.00
  + PURCHASE 20FT X 12FT SHED FOR TRIBAL KITCHEN ($3,600)
  + TRIBAL KITCHEN AND TRIBAL OFFICE WIRED FOR ELECTRICITY – OBTAINED PERMITS AND INSTALLED TWO METER BASE POLES, METERS AND BREAKER BOXES @ $5,000
  + NEW POWWOW DRUM HARBOR BARN SHED INSTALLED - 36 FOOT BY 26 FOOT ($6,200). WIRED FOR ELECTRICITY WITH LIGHTS AND OUTLETS.($2,500)
  + TWO DUSK TO DAWN (HIGH POWER LIGHTS INSTALLED TO LIGHT UP THE POWWOW CIRCLE (DOMINION POWER)
* FUNDRAISER(S)
  + CONDUCTED TWO LAND RAFFLE/MORTGAGE TICKETS FUNDRAISERS – (MARY WILKERSON & JOSEPH EPPS)
  + 2016 TRIBAL CALENDARS PRINTED (KAREN BARRETT) - $15 EACH
  + PRIMITIVE SKILLS GATHERING AND BBQ PLATE SALE - (JERRY BOONE)
  + GAVE NATIVE AMERICAN PRESENTATIONS
* 19TH ANNUAL GREEN CORN DANCE POWWOW ( ONE DAY - JULY)
* 20TH ANNUAL CORN HARVEST POWWOW AND SCHOOL DAY: 800 STUDENTS & TEACHERS, 2ND THROUGH 6TH GRADES VISITED CATTASHOWROCK TOWN
  + FIRST BONFIRE AND NIGHT GRAND ENTRY (FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2016)
* CLOSURE ON VDOT VS TIMBERVEST SUITE – LAND CONDEMNATION - DEED OF CORRECTION FILED (WIN WIN FOR THE TRIBE)
* GUEST SPEAKER NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH – HISTORIC ST LUKES CHURCH; TADOC HQ, FORT EUSTIS AND NAVY EXCHANGE COMMAND
* MAINTAINED CATTASHOWROCK TOWN / GRASS CUTTING ON 16 ACRES AND REPAIR OF ROUND HOUSES WITH NEW MATS/FLEX BARK – REPLACEMENT OF PALISADE POLES.
  + PURCHASE FROM AGRI SUPPLY 65 SALT TREATED 5IN X 10 FOOT POLES ($16.00 EACH - $1,000)
* CHIEF ATTENDED QUARTERLY CHIEFS MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF COMMONWEALTH
* CHIEF APPOINTED AS AN ELDER TO THE SOUTHEAST AMERICAN INDIAN WORKING GROUP (SEAIWG). QUARTERLY TELECONFERENCE MEETING.
* PRESENTED THE SPOTSWOOD TREATY TRIBUTE OF THREE ARROWS TO VA’S GOVERNOR ON ST GEORGE’S DAY (APRIL)
* SUBMITTED 8 INCH PACKET TO CONGRESS REFERENCE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE TRIBE
  + PARTICIPATED IN A 1.5 HOUR CONFERENCE CALL WITH SENATOR WARNER, KAINE AND CONGRESSMAN WHITTEN AIDS
* APPLE BEES, FRANKLIN, VA, APPROVED WALL SPACE FOR A CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) TRIBAL MURAL.
* SOLD REMAINING 13 ACRES OF TP 75-12E FOR $14,000.00 – USED FOR GOOD FAITH MONEY TOWARD PURCHASE OF TP 75-12 AND 12C.

* USDA GRANT APPROVED TO RESEED 13 ACRES IN LONG LEAF PINES
* UPDATED THE U.S. FEDERAL GOV SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) CAGE CODE FOR THE TRIBAL FOUNDATION

**2017 OBJECTIVES / GOALS: (included in PowerPoint)**

* FOLLOW-UP ON FEDERAL RECOGNITION REQUEST/PACKET TO CONGRESS
* SUBMIT LETTER TO THE QUEEN REQUESTING PRESENTATION OF THE SPOTSWOOD TREATY TRIBUTE
* REQUEST RETURN OF THE 131 HAND SITE SKELETON REMAINS AND NON SKELETAL REMAINS
* MARKET 2017 TRIBAL CALENDAR AND NEW T-SHIRTS
* REESTABLISH / REFORM TRIBAL FEDERAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – CONTACT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND: POC ROSE CUNY – 1-800-447-0784 (SEND FORMAL LETTER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE)
* SUBMIT FEDERAL RECOGNITION PACKET TO BIA
* DEVELOP A TRIBAL SPOKEN LANGUAGE CD – CHIEF BROWN & WOMEN GROUP LEADER VASHTI CLARK (DOUG PATTERSON) – NEED FLUTE PLAYER(S)
* EDUCATIONAL DAY/ GREEN CORN DANCE POWWOW – JULY 1, 2017
* 21TH ANNUAL CORN HARVEST POWWOW AND SCHOOL DAY – NOVEMBER 3, 4, & 5, 2017
* MAY PRIMITIVE SKILLS GATHERING AND BBQ FUND RAISER – CATTASHOWROCK TOWN
* GRANT / FUNDRAISER TO COVER LONG HOUSE WITH FLES BARK - $23,000
* PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF VIRGINIA (ATTEND MEETINGS) FEB 3, 4 & 5, 2017. BYRD THEATRE, RICHMOND VA
* ATTEND TRIBAL SUMMIT AT VA TECH MAR 15 AND 16, 2017- NATIVE COMMUNITY CENTER
* PURCHASE TRIBAL ID CARD MAKING MACHINE – DOUBLE SIDED ($3,800)
* MAKE LAND MORTGAGE PAYMENT AUG AND DEC 2017 - $3700 RESPECTIVELY ($7,400 TOTAL)
* ESTABLISH COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
  + - APPOINT TRIBAL LAND MAINTENANCE/GRASS CUTTING/ PALISADE FORT, CATTASHOWROCK COMMITTEE CHAIR
    - REVISIT POWWOW CHAIRS AND RE-APPOINT A POWWOW COMMITTEE CHAIR (THREE CO-CHAIRS – WILLIAM LAMB HOWELL; JOSEPH EPPS AND TAMMY DESNOYERS.
    - REAPPOINT GARY BARNETT AS FUND RAISER COMMITTEE CHAIR - TRIBAL CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM
    - REAPPOINT CHAIR OF TRIBAL WOMEN GROUP (VASHTI CLARKE)
    - APPOINT A TRIBAL MEN’S GROUP CHAIR (RECOMMENDING JOE EPPS)
    - APPOINT TRIBAL P/R REPRESENTATIVE (RECOMMENDING KAREN BARRETT)
    - TRIBAL LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – CLEAR AREA TO LUNCH KAYAKS AND CANOES – SCOUTS, AMERICA CORPS
* ORGANIZED THE TRIBAL GREAT NADAWA DRUM GROUP (DRUM ON BOARD )
  + - NEED 8 DRUMMERS ( RECOMMENDING THE BATEMAN BOYS)
    - SOUTHERN DRUM: START PRACTICE IN MARCH (SPRING)

**(End PowerPoint presentation)**

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* Chief Brown discussed the tribal Language CD. He and women’s leader and council woman Vashti Clarke will be going back to the studio to complete CD. Recording is being done over due to voice sound level issues in first recording. CD will be sold for $50 each.
* Chief Brown reminded tribal members of the American Indian film festival on February 5th
* Mention was made regarding the purchase of double sided card machine for tribal ID cards. Card machine will be with Tribal (Asst.) Secretary and Roll Keeper Caroh ‘Water Blossom’ Holley so that ID cards can go out with tribal enrollment letters. Cost of double sided machine approximately $3800 and will be purchased once funds are available
* August and December mortgage payments $3700 each were made 2016 next due in August 2017. (Mortgage payments are made from the land tax of $100 per year for 3 years that tribal members have been asked to send in).
* Tribal land maintenance committee-volunteers needed. Chief Brown states he CAN NO LONGER continue to keep the land maintenance up by him-self it is becoming stressful on his health.
* Chief Brown request Powwow chairs to be revisited and duties stratified for upcoming powwow year.
* Chief Brown moved that Gary Burnette be appointed Chairman of fundraising committee – Accepted by Gary, moved and seconded
* Chief Brown specified that woman’s Leader and Council Woman Vashti Clarke will be resuming Women’s group meetings once a quarter. Chief Brown suggested having women’s meeting prior to tribal meeting – several of the females objected that would make for too long of a day and are requesting separate meeting days.
* Chief Brown moved that Collette Amici be appointed Chairman of the Land Development Committee. Accepted by Colette, moved and seconded
* Chief talked on the tribal Drum - Nadawa Drum group – Need to get all drummers together for practice so the group can start playing powwows.
* Chief Brown moved that Caroh ‘Water Blossom’ Holley appointed as Tribal Secretary. Caroh has been handling the tribal Secretary duties for approximately 2 years now under the Assistant Secretary role since Debra Matahari has been sick.
* Deborah Matahari will retain title of Web Master and continue to handle tribal website maintenance and updates to member pages.
* Chief stated he needs Russell Gates website status
* Gary gave information about Flipcause-a platform to integrate websites.

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**Financial Talley**

Current balance: Heritage Checking Account $6,982.27

Current balance: Tribal Account: $1,114.53

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**Applications/New members:**

**Rose Ann Marie Furrow ‘Talking Bird’**

**A-81-3811**

**$250 stratification:**

60 admin fees

20 tribal card

170 to land tax- needs tax exempt letter for this

Motion made and seconded that Rose Ann ‘talking Bird’ is voted into the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe

**Robert ‘Timber Wolf” Bourne**

**A-57-5316**

**$250 stratification:**

60 admin fees

20 tribal card

170 to land tax - needs tax exempt letter for this

Motion made and seconded that Robert ‘Timber Wolf’ Bourne is voted into the Cheronhaka (Nottoway) Tribe Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe

**Morris A. ‘Strong Bear’ Pierce**

**A-49-4035**

**$250 stratification:**

50 admin fees (over 62)

20 tribal card

300 to land tax- needs tax exempt letter for this

Motion made and seconded that Morris ‘Strong Bear’ Pierce is voted into the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe

**Chana Jade ‘Sweet Water’ White** (Tuscorora/Cheroenhaka)

**A-72-4277**

**$250 stratification:**

60 admin fees (over 62)

20 tribal card

290 to land tax- needs tax exempt letter for this

Motion made and seconded that China Jade ‘Sweet Water’ White is voted into the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe

**Carolyn ‘Turtle Woman’ Reyes**

**A-46-0801**

**$250 stratification:**

50 admin fees

20 tribal card

300 to land tax - needs tax exempt letter for this

Motion made and seconded that Carolyn ‘Turtle Woman’ Reyes is voted into the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe

**Total received for application fee money: $1610**

**Additional Monies received: Listed and Stratified in attached pdf of Receivables Spreadsheet and in the pasted spreadsheet below.**

**Jay Sullivan $270**

**Stratified as:**

60 admin

210 land tax

Chief Brown paid admin dues for two daughters **Kisha Brown-Richards** and **Felicia Brown** in the amount of $60 each by check **total $120**

Joseph Epps…….…$ 50.00  (Senior) + $ 100. ( My 2017 Land Tax Payment)

Karen Epps………..$ 60.00  ( Under 65 YO)

Debbie Epps………$ 60.00 (    “       “    “   ).  
Jamie Robertson .$ 60.00  (   “       “    “    )

**Total Amount   $330.00**

**$15**-Collette Amici- purchase of 1 calendar

**Received from Paypal:**

**$100-**Wesley 2 Eagles Wright-land tax

**$6**-Young Brinson-partial admin



**\*\*\*$5150 total collected with $2060 to go to Tribal account/ balance of $3090 to Heritage account.**

**Bills to be paid:**

Dominion Power $45.27

Dominion Power $86.04

\*\*Gary moved, Tommy 2nd to pay Teressa Baxter to send payments

Chief Brown thanked everyone again for coming and thanked all for his plaque of appreciation, he said this was a great birthday for him and talked of how his mother Ruth ‘CookingBird’ Brown used to make him a 5 layer chocolate cake every year including when he was overseas in the military she would mail the cake to him.

Tribal meeting adjourned with closing prayer at 6:00pm