

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe
Southampton County VA
Saturday March 9 2019
Ruth B Campbell Library**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Brown. Prior to start of the meeting Chief Brown gave an overview of the Status on the pending Tribal 8a. A roll call was taken to ascertain if there was a quorum for voting.

Attendance:

Note: Tribal Council Members / Heritage Foundation Board of Directors are in Bold:

Chief Walt Brown

Vice Chief Ellis Wright (Tribal Treasurer)

Vice Chief Caroh Holley Tribal Sec. and Roll Keeper – (has Gary Burnette's Proxy)

Teresa Preston (Foundation Financial Secretary)

Todd DePriest

Karen Barrette

Councilman Alex Whitney (absent)

Councilman Tommy Hines (Assistant Foundation Treasurer)

War Chief William Lamb Howell

Beverly El

Councilwoman Vashti Clarke (Foundation Treasurer) (left @ 1235)

Jade Hughes (left @ 1235)

Claudette Orié

Nia Orié

Mia Orié (left at 1:00 when Chief initially said he was cancelling mtg.)

SUBJECT: Tribal Council/ Heritage Foundation Business Meeting Agenda

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke)
2. **Roll Call: Note proxy**
3. Read and approve Minutes from Feb 9, 2019 meeting (note corrections)
4. **Old Business:**
 - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 3/1/2019 _____
 - **Total outstanding Tribal Dues All Members DUE from 2009 – 2014 was \$101,991.00; however, we only received \$7,879 (Sparrow Hawk & Teresa Preston working on 2016-2018 – What is the current Status?)**
 - Vashti needs the spreadsheet information for the remaining years from Teresa Preston
 - Turn In Dues/ Land Tax ./ Donations to FD Treasure
 - Last Deposits Made To Heritage FD Acct: _____
Bal_ \$13956.38 _____

- Last Deposit Made To Tribal Acct _____
Bal_ \$1592.30 _____
- Dominion Power Electric (Tribal Land) Payment Due: Paid by Treasurer V. Clarke last in February (as requested by Chief Brown)???
- Tribal Land (7.4 acres) Real Estate Taxes Paid (**Land Use Filed**) : **TP 75-12C:**

5. New Business:

- Tribal 8a Update (CNE, LLC): Checking Account opened. EIN 34-4913116 / Census Data Sent to Partner CNE Manger Robert Duhart.
 - Working CNE, LLC Tax Prep Agreement with Eisner Amper, LLP.
 - Need Tribal Rolls stratified by group /gender and age – 1yr to 12 yr.; 13 yr. to 20 yr.; 21yr to 40yr; 40yr to 65yr and 66yr and older.
- Cattashowrock Town Palisade Village Tour Guides Required – Setup Schedule (Fri / Sat) beginning the first day of Spring 2019. 10am to 4pm Friday / 10am to 5pm Saturday.
- **Deep Well Status on Tribal Land: Need to raise \$4,800** to have the Deep well dug.
 - Pre-paid \$300 for permit to Southampton County
 - **Creason Well Inc.** will work with us on the Payment. ½ payment up front approx. \$2000-2200
 - Chief Brown sent an email requesting for vote on the well votes came back yes (**Hokeh**) from **C Holley, A Whitney, T Hines, and G Burnette, in meeting votes from T Preton, E Wright and W Howell and Beverly El– Moved by Ellis Wright 2nd Tommy Hines**
 - Need 5 Blank FD Checks. – Beverly El said she possibly may be able to go and get checks from Heritage Foundation Treasurer Vashti Clarke this will require her to go to Vashti home.
 - Status of \$1,000 winner Raffle Tickets to help pay for the Deep Well???
 - All tribal members tasked to sell two books of 20 tickets at \$10 per ticket.
- Tribal Member Elizabeth “Snow Lizard” Furrow received a Certificate in “**Genealogical Research**” from Boston University. Chief shared the research done on **Wayland Skipper** to show the quality of the work Snow Lizzard is doing.
- **Work required to repair Long House and Round Houses at Cattashowrock Town ASAP. Tribal Office / Kitchen needs cleaning/ Spirit Poles & Picnic Tables need to be sprayed with Thompson water seal.**
- Status: **Landscaping around the powwow circle and ponds with Saw tooth Oak Trees / Stocking Ponds with Fish** – met with Doug Boyce, Dept. of Wildlife & Fishers. Spoke with Tidewater Tree Tran planters (Benny Sawyer – 757-477-2564)
- **GRANTS:** Status: American Evolution Grant / DCR Grant Round coming up /Need to write a Dominion Electric Grant to refurbish the Long House.
- **Nancy Boone** and **Alex Whitney** have signed up for the ANA Review. **Gary Burnette** is also working on American Evolution Grant due March 22.

5. **Federal Recognition Update:**

- **Chief Brown reported that he Received a return call from Congressman Whitman and McEachin's Office/ Spoke with Austin Walston and Keenan Reed (Chief of Staff for McEachin) and confirmed that Congressman McEachin, 4th congressional district, per our request, will run POINT on a consolidated Congressional Federal Recognition Bill for the remaining Non Federally Recognized VA State Recognized Tribes.**
- Was told that Blair Wriston will be working/drafting the packets for Congressman McEachin.

6. Close our meeting with prayer (Pray for Vanessa West & Baby Randy Brown)

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- The Tribal Foundation Treasurer Vashti Clarke left the meeting room / Library at 12:35 after waiting 30 minutes for Chief Brown to arrive without leaving the Foundation Checkbook. Chief Brown was very concerned to find out that the Foundation Treasurer had left the meeting with the checkbook etc. Chief stated that it was impossible to conduct tribal business and pay bills without the Foundation Check Book and if the Foundation Treasure was leaving the meeting the checkbook should have been left with the Assistant Treasurer Tommy Hines. Chief stated that he is doing the majority of the treasure's work in collecting and depositing money into the bank account, etc.
 - Chief initially announced he was cancelling the meeting because it was impossible to conduct business and pay bills without the Foundation Check Book, in that there were bills that had to be paid, then changed his mind but did say that he was considering keeping the Foundation checkbook.
 - **Check from John Polster** in the amount of \$250 for his and his two daughters and one son for their dues. Stratified as; \$25 for sons tribal and the remaining \$225 for \$210 for tribal dues for all children and self and \$15 remaining towards land tax.
 - Chief Brown had Teresa Preston research the spreadsheet and found that John is behind on his 2017 and 2018 dues.
 - Chief sent an updated version (updated December 2018) of the Tribe's Ethno Historic Snapshot and was sent to the tribal Web-Master to be uploaded to the tribal website.
 - Chief discussed how his 20 years of tribal history research was stolen from him by William Hinson (tribal member) for his book being sold for \$80 online without any acknowledgement or credit for the History that Chief Brown did personally. Chief requested the book have an acknowledgement and that the tribe receive a percentage of the sales.
 - Chief Brown requesting Sec. Caroh to get the square for her phone for sales at the history booth that way people can pay with a credit card. Sec. Caroh suggested that one was needed for the kitchen Chief said he wanted to see how it went with the History Booth first.
 - Teresa Preston gave suggestions on how we can use the cabinets in the tribal kitchen that were donated to the tribe a discussion ensued and Chief stated there was no space in the 10ft x 20ft tribal kitchen and that the only way to use the cabinets would be to

expand the size the kitchen. Chief stated that there is just no space...a stove and a sink will have to be put in once we get water on the powwow grounds.

- Beverly asked about the Primitive skills May 17, 18 and 19th run by Stan Peirsa. Chief says Karen will be doing a flyer with Stan for advertising on web site etc. Chief stated that the Colonial Model A Ford Club will come on May 18 with a number of their Model A Fords Cars. Hopefully we can sell food from the tribal kitchen or sell BBQ plates at \$10 per plate...will need tribal help.
- Chief Brown talked about not wanting to go in his pocket again like he did before early on in the development if the tribe in the amount of \$17,000 which took some 10 years before he was reimbursed. However we need some \$5000 to \$6000 to put in the Deep Well and a Pump House on the Powwow Grounds.
- Chief will be changing the members section password. The new password will not be announced publicly nor passed on by one tribal member to another. You must call Chief Brown to get the new password. **Moved by Caroh Holley and 2nd by Teresa Preston**
- Elizabeth Andrews Prof. of Law at William & Mary met with Chief Brown reference building partnerships. May be possible Grant Dollars for public access; public restrooms, trails etc., for the tribe.
- Chief wants list of Cheroenhaka Tribal event placed on Facebook by Sec. Caroh Holley.
- Chief reminded the Secretary that it has been approved for her to get a file cabinet and Sec. Caroh Holley stated she had not had time to price one yet.
- Chief received the website internet bill from web master D Motahari for the website.
- Chief stated that he spoke to the webmaster regarding updated minutes and correcting/updating the website, (Sec. Caroh Holley sent Chief Brown screen shots of items that needed to be updated and corrected by our webmaster on the web site 2 weeks prior to meeting). Sec. Caroh Holley also states she has sent the meeting minutes for the rest of 2018 as well as the January 2019 meeting minutes in the pdf format now requested by the tribal web master Deborah Motahari. It was voted that the webmaster be reimburse for the internet bill.
- Properly moved and second that we **order one box of Palm Matts from Kelly Bamboo** and to be paid for on the foundation credit card – **moved by Ellis Wright and 2nd by Tommy Hines**
- **April 13th will be a Land Maintenance Day** for Cattashowrock town and the tribal circle. Office and Kitchen cleaning and land raking, matts to be replaced on round house etc.
- Properly moved and seconded to pay Roanoke Porta Johns \$550 – **moved by Beverly El 2nd by Tommy Hines. Check was written out of the tribal account.**
- National Congress of American Indian NCAI Membership– Properly moved to write a check to NCIA in the amount of \$150 – **Moved by Beverly El 2nd by Tommy Hines. Check paid for out of the tribal account.**
- Chief Brown, Vice Chief Wright, Beverly El and Mary Francis Wilkerson attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Virginia State Park. Held At Gloucester Co. Timberneck. Chief Brown networked the Virginia Conservation & Recreation (VCR)

Director Clyde Christman and was informed to be on the lookout for a new round of grants to come out – grant for upkeep of trails available and possible compost bathrooms to be put on the walking trails on the 155 acres of tribal land.

- Properly moved and second that a small compact printer be purchased for the assistant treasurer for printing at meetings. **Moved by Ellis Wright and 2nd by William Howell**
- 16 calendars are available for sale Chief is asking for Sec to send out another email.
- Properly moved and seconded to accept the notes from February 9th meeting with corrections – **Moved by Beverly El and 2nd by Tommy Hines**
- Web Master bill for internet \$369.14 - \$59.14 for 4th qtr. 2018, \$284 is for her payment of time she spent updating website (reconstructing of pages, program upgrades and updating website with meeting notes) Properly moved and seconded – **moved by Ellis Wright and 2nd by William Howell**
- Chief Brown and Teresa Preston are both writing stories for the American Evolution website

Money taken in at 3-9-19

\$215 check donation from Beverly el

Stratified as: Robert El land tax \$100 Edmond Silvers land tax \$100 1 calendar \$15

Darryl Black \$60 dues

Leander Cutler \$60 dues \$100 land tax

Bruce Cutler \$60 dues \$100 land dues

Morris Peirce \$50 dues

Larry Pegrin \$45 dues

John Polster \$60 dues Elizabeth & Emily \$60 each Ben \$30 dues and \$25 card

Karen Epps \$60 dues

Debbie Epps \$60 dues

Carolyn Brown \$50 dues \$5 land tax

Claudette Orié \$50 dues Danny Orié \$60 for dues

Total money for the day is \$1285.00 of which \$850 is owed to the tribal account in April 2019. Chief Brown was given the money to deposit into the Foundation Checking account.

See the attached meeting Agenda and deposit-spread sheet