

CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE
Tribal Council & Heritage FD Board of Directors & Committee Members
ZOOM / Teleconference Pre-Revival/Pre-Powwow Meeting

September 10, 2022 – 11:00AM -12:00 Noon (ZOOM Meeting).

SUBJECT: ZOOM / Teleconference: Tribal Council, Tribal Members, Heritage FD, and Committee Members Meeting. **** Note: Tribal Council and Heritage FD Board Members**

ATTENDEES:

****Chief Walt Brown**
****Caroh Holley – Proxy for Thomas Hines**
****Gary Burnette**
****Ellis Wright – Proxy for **William Howell**
****Teresa Preston**
Beverly El
Richard Wright
Sheila Hinton
Robert Turner
LaStel Walker
Teresa Baxter
John Polster
Karen Barrett
Patricia Redwood
Peggy Smith
Carolyn Brown
Michael Skipper
Eleanor Bailey
Tommy Birchett

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke) – **Chief Brown opened the meeting with prayer @11:15**
2. **Note:** Sonya Lawrence has not been available for meetings several months in a row. Chief Brown will be drafting a letter to inform her that she may be removed from the Board due to lack of participation.
3. Tribal Council / Heritage FD Board of Dir **Roll Call:** Note proxy (**All proxy noted in above attendee list**)
4. Recap and approve Minutes from last meeting (note corrections and approve)
 - **Motion Made** by Caroh Holley second by Gary Burnette, to accept meeting notes as read with corrections. Notes to be sent to M Skipper for posting on the member's site.
5. **Old Business:**
 - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - - Tribal members are reminded of obligation to pay Tribal Dues and Land Maintenance Fees as this is the money the Tribe uses for operating expenses.
 - Tribal and **Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 9/10//22: \$45,384.83**
 - **Tribal Bank Operating Checking Account balance on hand as of 9/10/2022: \$4,321.78.**

- Turn In Dues/ Land Tax/Donations to FD Treasure: **Chief reminds Tribal members to check their emails or the deposit spreadsheets that are being sent out at the request of Chief Brown**
- Chief Brown still working on Calendars to see if we can get a discount, price has doubled

New Business:

- Tribal Land Status:
 - Rickie and Chief will cut the 10-acre Powwow Ground and other areas (26 acres total). **Kudos to Rickie Boone for the outstanding grass cutting efforts**
 - **Chief will put an email out about grass cutting days and workdays**
- Fall School Book Scholarships, six students, (\$300 Mailed to Each by FD Treasurer).
 - **All checks have been mailed to the recipients by the foundation treasurer**
 - Beverly El says she has only received 2 thank you letters to the tribe for the Scholarships
- Need large donations tax exempt letters sent out on the FD Letterhead to Preservation VA, Richmond, VA for the \$1,532.13 donation.
 - **Teresa Preston to send out thank you letters on Foundation letterhead for donations**
- New Tribal Member Status: Last New Member was Ethan Phelps
- Thanks to tribal genealogist Snow Lizard & Silver Moon – Doing super job on all the genealogy research they are doing for the tribe
 - Jordan Turner has also been doing lots of genealogy for R Turner family chief ask she sends it to the genealogist
- **Upcoming Events That Require Tribal Member Support: The work of the many is done by the few – Chief is thankful for some of the new younger members coming onboard and participating in tribal events**
 - **Native American Revival: September 17, 2022, from 12 noon to 3:30 PM**
 - **Set-up for Revival: Friday morning, September 16, 2022 – 9Am-4PM**
 - **Sound System** – need strong men to assist in the set-up for revival
 - **Powwow Dance Circle Maintenance**
 - **Clean Kitchen** inside for female dancers to change
 - **Straw Bales** around the inside Powwow Circle
 - Looking to have donations for both Chief Silverheels and also Andre Best for the Shofar Blowers
 - Rooms have been reserved (12) \$60 each
 - **30th Corn Harvest Powwow and School Day, November 4, 5 & 6, 2022**
 - Powwow Flyer and School Day Agenda developed (Thanks Karen Barrett) all of which have been **posted to the Tribal Website, Facebook page and Powwow.com. (Thanks Karen, Caroh and Mike)**
 - School Day Invitation Letter and Agenda emailed to all Tidewater Schools, public, parochial, and home schools. **(Thanks to Karen Barrett and Shelia Hinton)**
 - **Chief asked Sheila to give an impromptu professional background as he is thinking of utilizing her on the Tribal Council or in other positions supporting the tribe – School Coordination Committee.**
 - **Iroquoian Native American Wedding, 3 pm, November 5, 2022**

- **Need tribal women to carry in the bread and a tribal man to carry in the arrow.**
- **Need two blue blankets on one white blanket**
 - **The man and the woman will be wrapped individually in a blue blanket when entering the circle**
 - **At a point doing the ceremony they both will be wrapped together in a white blanket**
 - **Need a tribal woman to carry in the white blanket**
 - **More information to come...**

- Upcoming Tribal Presentations: (Pending) NEED TRIBAL MEMBERS IN REGALIA TO PARTICIPATE

- **Tidewater Community College**, Chesapeake Campus, Native Presentation, 11:30 am – 1 pm, November 10, 2022 – Pending (\$5,000)
- **Navy Exchange** Native Presentation, November 15, 2022
- **Fort Lee VA** Native Presentation, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, November 17, 2022, Quartermaster School – Pending (\$1,000 - \$1,500)
- **Franklin Downtown Fall Festival: October 1, 2022, from 8AM – 4PM**
 - Setup popup 10' x 10' tent, tables, and artifacts at 8 AM
 - Pass out Powwow and School Day flyers
 - **Need tribal members in Regalia for support**

- Powwow and School Day Preparation / Repairs

- **Need Male Tribal members to come out and help with the heavy lifting and repairs**
- **Round House** Mats in place – need one mat over the top
- **Long House** repairers required
- **Fish Smoker and Thrashing Booth** need repairing / rebuilt
- Need to **rebuild Sweat Lodge**
- **Relocate new hay bales** to Powwow Circle (will purchase from Walter Young)
- **Cut 26 acres of Grass**

Chief has put out email pertaining to the below rooms for Powwow

- **Yapatoko 4 rooms, \$1600 for drumming 2 days 1 night**
- **Southland Singers 3 rooms, \$1400 for drumming 2 days- 1 night**
- **Joey Cruchfield MC 1 room, \$400 payment 1 night**
- **Tina Mullin Head Female 1 room, \$375 payment 1 night**
- **David Brown IV Head Male, \$375 payment local, no room**
- **Cochise Clark AD 1 room, \$200 payment 1 night**
- **Aztec Dancers 3 nights 1 room, \$500 payment**

- Need School Day Tour Guides in full Regalia for the School Day, November 4, 2022
More information to follow....

- Chief Brown is going between 2 Walmart (Franklin & Suffolk) stores to get the chairs and tables previously approved by the council
 - Chief needs assistance to store folding metal chairs in the shed, need hanging elbows to hang chairs and tables
- Chief Brown has check, \$1500 CNE rental, to deposit into the Foundation account
- CNE Tribal leadership meeting yesterday discussing new construction projects, approximately 10mil

- ☉ CNE new Joint Venture created: CNE-EnProVera – JV, LLC to complement CNE IT Business Unit
- Lots of hard work going on under CNE to bring in projects, the goal is to be able to break ground in 2023 to build the Tribal Cultural Center and museum, parking lot – Phase I and non-denominational church and Wellness Center, Phase II on the tribal land
- Tribal members IN GOOD STANDING will eventually receive a portion of the proceeds of CNE’s income generated after the Cultural Center and Museum, Non-Denominational Worship Center and Wellness Center are built on the tribal land –\$1.4 mil project.
- Chief gave Gary Burnette kudos for all his good work on CNE Board and advised he would need more input on the IT side of the CNE IT Business Unit

Chief Brown closed meeting out in prayer of thanks and healing for Tribal members and family who are sick or have lost loved ones recently.

Meeting closed @ 12:30PM

“may your walk in the sacred circle of life make better the walk of another – those that will follow in our walk – the young tribal members and those not born as of yet”.

Thank you.
Chief Brown