

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

October 8, 2022 – 11:00AM -1:30 (ZOOM Meeting).

SUBJECT: ZOOM / Teleconference: Tribal Council, Tribal Members, Heritage FD, and Committee Members Meeting – **Proxy listed below

Attendees:

Chief Walt Brown
Caroh Holley **Has Thomas Hines proxy
Teresa Preston **Has Gary Burnett proxy
William Lamb Howell
Rebeca Sutaris
Diana Faison
Karen Barrette
M Skipper
Mary Wilkerson
Beverly El
Tommy Birchett
Nora Birchett
Thomas Boone
Sheila Hinton
Bernard Wright
Kevin Denny
Shahneese Wright-Hall
John Turner
LaStell Walker
Carolyn Brown

DRAFT AGENDA (Powwow After Action Report)

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke) - Tribal Secretary
 - Chief Brown opened the meeting with prayer
2. **Tribal Council / Heritage FD Board of Dir Roll Call: Note proxy (Secretary)**
3. Recap and approve Minutes from last meeting (note corrections and approve)

Old Business:

- Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. 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.**
 - a) Chief was unable to get banking balances for todays meeting these balances reflect September totals. Foundation Treasure was not available to give the balance report. Previous religious engagement
- Turn in Dues/ Land Tax / Donations to FD Treasure: **Chief Brown Requesting all to please pay their dues and land tax**
 - a) **Purchased Chairs, need to pick up 28 more chairs and 10 8ft folding tables**
 - b) **Ordered 8x12 shed to store the chairs and tables. Cost: \$2,685 Rent to own. Monthly payment \$124.31.**

- c) **Large Powwow sign and roundabout sign – Chief needs assistance to put up**

New Business:

Tribal Council:

- Chief Brown is recommending Robert I. Turner to replace Soya Lawrence on the Tribal Council and Heritage **Foundation** Board - He is a strong worker and has donated his time and personal equipment to work on tribal land.
- Letter will be sent to Sonya Lawrence thanking her for her service

Motion: To appoint Robert I Turner to the Tribal Council and Heritage Board to replace Sonya Lawrence:

****Motion made by Teresa Preston 2nd by Caroh Holley. Four online council members voted yay.**

***Councilman William Lamb Howell dropped off meeting, however based on previous conversations with Chief Brown he was in favor. Chief Brown to call for confirmation after zoom meeting**

- Tribal Land Status:
 - o Rickie and Chief will cut the grass with the help of Robert Turner in preparation for the Nov 4, 5 and 6 Powwow and School Day –
 - a) **26 acres of land: 10-acre powwow ground need not to be cut just the powwow circle, village, around the ponds, etc.**
 - o Tribal Village need repair and set up for the School Day – Tribal Work day email will be sent to all tribal members.
 - a) **Need a lot of help for the School Day and Powwow set up**
 - b) **Village needing repairs to long house, round houses, fire pits cleaned and whole village area raked; to include, rebuilding the sweat lodge etc.**
 - c) **Threshing booth and fish flat cookers/smokers need repair**
- Fall School Book Scholarships, six students, (\$300 Mail to Each by FD Treasurer)- Thank you letter status?
 - a) **Received thank you letters from all recipients; Ethan Phelps, Mya Orie, Christopher Skipper, Zia El**
 - b) **Thanks to Mya for getting our tribe recognized in the college UVA diversity paper**
- Need large donations tax exempt letters sent out on the FD Letterhead to the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for the \$3,000 donation to our FD – tribal land and after upcoming tribal speaking engagement presentation.
- **Upcoming Events That Require Tribal Member Support:**
 - o Native American Presentations for the month of November – see attached presentation schedule (\$13,000 +)
 - a) **We have a group of speaking engagements upcoming is attached to agenda and notes**
 - b) **Chief brown is requesting tribal support in regalia pls RSVP to secretary w/cc to Chief Brown**
 - o Native American School Day and Powwow Set-up Nov 2 and 3, 2022: – 9Am-4PM
 - Sound System

- Powwow Dance Circle Maintenance
 - Clean Kitchen
 - Straw Bales around the inside Powwow Circle
 - Repair Village – Thrashing Booth; Hide Stretcher; Fish Smokers.
 - Clean Village – rake straw, pine combs, and fire pits in the long and round houses – email will follow.
- 30th Corn Harvest Powwow and School Day, November 4, 5 & 6, 2022
- **Paid Performers – Cost and Rooms: \$6,670 + \$1,215 additional expense listed below (approx.)**
 - **Host Hotel: Super 8: \$60 per night tax exempt (password tribal only REDHAWK)**
 - **Need strong POWWOW COMMITTEE!**
 - **Yapatoko host drum (\$1600) + 4 rooms (\$240)**
 - **Southland signers guest drum (\$1400) + 3 rooms (\$180)**
 - **Aztec Dancers (\$500) + 1 room 3days (\$180)**
 - **AD (\$200) + 1 room (\$60)**
 - **Head Male (\$375) (no room needed)**
 - **Head Female (\$375) + 1 room (\$60)**
 - **Dancer Day Money - \$750 a Day for \$1500 Total**
 - **Start-up Money**
 - **\$200 dollar start up for Kitchen, Front Gate and the History Booth (all \$1.00 bills).**
 - **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)**
 - **Status update on schools that signed up to attend the school day??? – Chief expecting at least 700 children for school day**
 - a) Nansemond Academy 43
 - b) Family 5 kids
 - c) Surry Elementary 60
 - d) Cool S2 responses springs (?)
 - e) Homeschoolers (?)
 - f) Southampton Elementary; Meherrin, Capron, Nottoway and Riverdale number of students pending.
 - **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 (Caroh)**
 - **Need four (4) small pebbles – Red, Brown, White and Blue**

- **Double Neck Vase (needed) Chief asking for a tribal member to pick one up locally (Tribal Member Rebecca Sutaris stated she has ordered it and will bring to the powwow / wedding)**
- **More information to come...**

- **Upcoming Tribal Speaking Presentations:** Email sent out but few responses for support!

- a) Had about 2 responses
- b) Please support our tribe so we will not be embarrassed

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

School Day Volunteers: ** Tour Guide WE Need 15 Tour Guides)

1. ****Caroh Holley**
2. **Rebecca Sutaris – village (Beading demo)**
3. ****Sheila Hinton**
4. **Beverly El - village**
5. ****Mary Francis Wilkerson**
6. **Bernard Wright – village (Dug Out Canoe areas)**
7. **Shahneese Wright Hall – village**
8. ****Tommy Hines**
9. **Diana Faison-kitchen set up**
10. ****Karen Barrett**

- Chief to send out email for volunteers for History Booth, Front Gate, Dancer Registration etc.
 - Need to tribal members for both Powwow days Saturday **and** Sunday
- Tally Sheets are to be turned in at the end of the powwow with tally committees – tribal members manning these positions (Front Gate, History Booth, Kitchen are the tally committee)
 - a) We had a shortage last powwow that was a short of \$100 out of a \$500-dollar envelope – for future powwow / events all monies will be recounted now at the tally meeting room (kitchen) at the end of the Powwow.
 - b) Front Gate, Kitchen and History Booth and registration table – Chief is appreciative of the support and states everyone has done an outstanding job in past powwows.

******Do Not Leave when the powwow is over as we need people to clean up at the end of each day**

- **Ellis is checking on the Porta Johns for the school day and powwow \$365 - \$450 for two regular and two handicaps**
- **No fee for tables and chairs as we have our own now, Chief Brown will pick up 10 each 10ft folding tables and another 28 metal folding chairs from Walmart.**
- **Tent put up/take down fees \$500+**
- **\$350 for cooking – bison burgers, fries, corn on the cob and fish**

***Advertising: Karen Barrett**

- a. **Tidewater News \$350 for ad (Chief Brown will handle)**
- b. **It's Happening -Tidewater News (free)**
- c. **Radio station 101.7 (free)**
- d. **Chief asking all tribal members to share the Powwow and School Day flyer to their Facebook pages**

**e. Suggesting 'go fund me' page for Tribal Support of Powwows – K Denny
volunteering to take lead**

**Next Tribal Council and Heritage Board Meeting/Powwow after-action: Second weekend in
November, Saturday November 12th

Chief Brown closing meeting with prayer... 1:30pm

“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

**UPDATED SCHEDULED TRIBAL PRESENTATIONS FOR OCT AND NOV 2022
(NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN REGALIA AT THE PRESENTATIONS)**

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place/address</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Hampton Roads FD	Sep 21 /11am-2pm	Tribal Land	\$3,000 paid
Elizabeth City State Univ	Oct 10 / 2pm-4pm	ECSU 1704 Weeksville Road Elizabeth City, NC 27909	\$1,500
Matoaka Celebration “Setup Tribal Booth Info Only”	Oct 29 / 9am–4pm	394 Floods Drive Spring Grove VA 23881 Chanco on the James	\$ 300
T Community College	Nov 10 /11am–1pm	Tidewater Com College Chesapeake Campus 1428 Cedar Road Chesapeake, VA 23322	\$5,000
U.S. Fleet Cyber/10th Fleet	Nov 16 /11am–2pm	112 Lake View Parkway Suffolk, VA 23435	\$1,000
Fort Lee, /244th QM BN	Nov 17 /11am-12pm	Fort Lee Play House 4300 Mahone Ave. Fort Lee, VA 23801	\$1,500
USA Corps Of Engineers	Nov 29 / 1pm-2pm	803 Front Street Norfolk, VA 23510	\$1,000

Total Donations scheduled (Speaking Engagements), Thus far...\$13,300

NOTE:

Please Note That Due to The Successful Tribal Speaking Presentations That We Have Given Over the Past 15 Years Throughout Hampton Roads and Every Military Installation; To Include, Two Air Carriers, We Are Now in High Demand. I Expect Additional Request for Tribal Speaking Presentation to Come Forward in November (Native American History Month)

BOTTOMLINE: We Need Your Tribal Support, In Full Native Regalia, To Dance Into The Speaking Presentations That I Will Be Giving To The Sound Of A Native American Drum CD an A “Live Drum” At The Tidewater Community College Presentation.

PAYMENTS: All Stipends/Donations Are Made Payable to The Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage FD, 501 (C) 3 Tax Exempt Entity

Please RSVP your support to the tribal secretary an cc Chief Brown at wdbrowniii@aol.com