

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

**October 22, 2022 – 9:30AM -11:00 (ZOOM Meeting).**

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

**Attendees:**

Chief Walt Brown

\*\*Caroh Holley           \*\*Has William Lamb Howell

\*\*Robert Turner

\*\*Gary Burnette       \*\*Has Teresa Preston

\*\*Ellis Wright         \*\*Has Tommy Hines

Carolyn Brown

Diana Faison

Beverly El

LaStel Walker

Tommy Birchett

Nora Birchett

Michael Skipper

Rebeca Sutaris

Karen Barrett

Vanessa Clark

Bernard Wright

Tommy Hines (signed in briefly)

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke) – by Chief Brown
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)
  - a. October 8<sup>th</sup> minutes updated with corrected scholarship recipients as per Beverly El
  - b. Chief states minutes must now be resent to Council and Board for approval with changes
4. **Old Business:**
  - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 10/22//22: \$
    - o **Chief Brown has no balance information currently**
    - o **Foundation treasurer unavailable due to religious ceremony**
  - Tribal Bank Operating Checking Account balance on hand as of 10/10/2022: \$
    - o **Chief Brown has no balance information currently**
    - o **Chief also asks that Ellis Wright be prepared with bank account balance going forward**
  - Turn In Dues/ Land Tax/Donations to FD Treasure: No Report available

**New Business:**

- **Tribal Land Status:**
  - o Rickie and Chief will cut the grass with the help of Robert Turner in prep for the Nov 4, 5 and 6 Powwow and School Day

- Robert Turner Chief Brown and Rickie Boone have been cutting grass - Kudos for all their hard work
  - Chief Brown thanks the grant committee for jumping on the Hampton Foundation grant for the restoration of our tribal village.
    - NOA will be in mid-December with funding released in January
  - Tribal Village need repair and set up for the School Day –
    - Tribal Workday email will be sent to all tribal members.
- **Fall School Book Scholarships**, six students, (\$300 Mail to Each by FD Treasurer)- Thank you letter status?
- Beverly El reports receiving thank you letters from all six recipients
- Need large donations tax exempt letters sent out on the FD Letterhead to the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for the \$3,000 & \$5,000 donation to our FD – tribal land and after upcoming tribal speaking engagement presentation.
- **Teressa Preston sends out these letters.**
- **Upcoming Events That Require Tribal Member Support:**
- Native American Presentations for the month of November – Update will be emailed (**\$13,700**)
  - Tribal Members must be in full native regalia
  - **Upcoming Tribal Presentations:** Email sent out but few responses for support!
  - Chief will have secretary resend presentation list in hopes of more tribal volunteers
  - looking for a minimum 7-8+ members to attend each presentation in regalia
- **Native American School Day and Powwow Set-up Nov 2 and 3, 2022: – 9am-4PM (Set-up Agenda will be emailed to all tribal members)**
- Sound System –
    - a. Karen Barrette will need assistance
    - b. Red shed has been bombed for killing pest, thank you Diana Faison, will need to be cleaned out and old village set materials discarded
  - Powwow Dance Circle Maintenance (Check Flag Holders)
  - Clean Kitchen –
    - a. Michael Skipper said he would come out weekend before the powwow and clean kitchen
  - New Straw Bales around the inside Powwow Circle and Village
  - Repair Village – Thrashing Boot; Hide Stretcher; Fish Smokers.
  - Clean Village – rake straw, pine combs, and fire pits in the long and round houses – email will follow.
    - a. Chief Brown stressing the importance of tribal participation in getting village and tribal land prepared for the November powwow and school day
  - Paint Blue, White, Red and Tan Rocks in center of Powwow Circle
  - Prepare and put up 4ft x 8ft Powwow Direction Sign on the west bound side of Hwy 58
  - Prepare and put in place large Round About Sign

- 30<sup>th</sup> Corn Harvest Powwow and School Day, November 4, 5 & 6, 2022
  - **Recap: Paid Performers – Cost and Rooms –**
    - **Not needed as all council has received copy of previous paid performer and hotel room list on October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**
  - 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  
Karen Barrett:

SCHOOLS	#STUDENTS	#TEACHERS	#CHAPERONES	CONTACT PERSON	Phone #	Email	TOTAL
CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE							
SCHOOL DAY ROSTER NOVEMBER 2022							
Nansemond Suffolk Academy	45	2		Alexandra Bartlett	(757) 539-8789 Ext.3313		47
Barefoot University Homeschoolers	22	14		Jamie B. Strat	(804) 221-0652		36
Greenville Elementary	130	9		Linda Turner		<a href="mailto:lturner@gcps1.com">lturner@gcps1.com</a>	139
Tom Palmer	3	2		Tom Palmer		<a href="mailto:guardian238@protonmail.com">guardian238@protonmail.com</a>	5
Surry Elementary	50	6	4	Patrick King, Jr.		<a href="mailto:patrick.king@surryschools.net">patrick.king@surryschools.net</a>	60
Riverview Elementary/Murfreesboro	50	6		Elizabeth Johns	(757) 907-5404		56
Colonial Heights	40			Ms. Moore			40
Midlothian Group	23			Carrie Huhn	601-573-7733		23
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- **Need School Day Tour Guides in full Regalia for the School Day, November 4, 2022**
  - **Must be on site at 8:30am on November 4, 2022**
  - More information to follow.**
- Chief is Expecting at minimum 500 children
- **Powwow Color Guard**
  - **A Company 244<sup>th</sup> QM BN. 23<sup>rd</sup> QM BDE – Fort Lee, VA**
    - a. **They will carry in the US Flag, All Services Flag, POW Flag and Battalion Flag (They will not post colors)**
    - b. **Tribe will carry in the Eagle Staff, Tribal Flag and Tribal US Flag (will post colors)**
- **Iroquoian Native American Wedding, 3 pm, November 5, 2022**
  - **Chief found and read his letter stating he was ordained to perform tribal weddings**
  - **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 – (purchased by Rebecca Sutaris)**

- a. **The man and the woman will be wrapped individually in a blue blanket when entering the circle –**
  - b. **At a point doing the ceremony they both will be wrapped together in a white blanket**
  - c. **Need a tribal woman to carry in the white blanket**
  - d. **Need four (4) small pebbles – Red, Brown, White and Blue**
- Chief Brown to send email with possible tribal member names for the above stations for the tribal wedding
- **Kitchen Update**
- Cashiers, Saturday: Dianna Faison and Gary Burnette
  - Cashiers for Sunday – Still needed 3-4
    - Carolyn Brown is volunteering to help on Sunday
  - Needs assistance in cooking ahead of time; **50-60lbs of bison meat** for frybread
    - Dianna Faison and Tommy Birchett (?) to assist with pre-cooking
    - Michael Skipper handling the frybread booth Saturday and Sunday (approximately 350 frybread sold last November 2-day powwow)
    - Needs help with the french-fry station – one person to man 2 fry pots and double burner for french fries
    - Tommy Birchett has volunteered to help with food purchase
    - Collette Amici will be manning and leading kitchen on Sunday since Gary Burnette will not be available
    - Still looking for inside kitchen help currently has one of the Orie girls
    - Need to find all square readers, Chief ask that Caroh Holley reach out to Foundation Treasurer Kitty Boone to locate other readers.
    - Chief saying, he will try to find other volunteers via phone and email
    - Bernard Wright volunteering his grand children to assist in kitchen, Chief Brown ask him to call him directly.
    - Chief Brown asking Tommy Hines (Assistant Treasurer) to sit with Dianna Faison on Sunday to take credit card sales for kitchen

### **Meeting Adjourned @ 11:10am**

“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