

**Closed Meeting  
Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe  
February 8<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Quality Inn Courtland VA**

**Attendees**

Walt Brown-Chief, Council, Board  
Ellis Wright- Vice Chief, Council, Board  
William Howell- Vice Chief, Council, Board  
Alex Whitney- Council (replaced Cynthia)  
Gary Burnette- Council, Board  
Beverly El- Board  
Karen Barrette – Committee Member  
Caroh Holley- Secretary, Council (Has proxy for Preston)  
Tommy Hines – Treasurer  
Vashti Clarke- Council Women’s Leader, Treasurer  
Teresa Preston –Board Member, (absent)  
Teresa Baxter – Board Member (absent)  
Joe Epps –(stepped down) NEED REPLACEMENT on COUNCIL  
Deborah Mottahari – (stepped down) REPLACED

- Chief Brown is discussing the roles of the council and board Tribal executives are chief vice chief and war chief provide the vision (18years) the Council and board is the legislative body of the tribe and should be carrying out the vision of the Chief and executive body.
- Federal recognition goal is being added to the vision goals McEachen and Blair Wriston taking point on federal recognition. Now we are writing to Senator Warner to run point in the senate. However we have only had 53 tribal members of some 400 to send the requested email letter.
- Chief Brown had all “Legislative” Council (Tommy, Alex, Gary, Caroh, Vashti, Beverly) to swear their oath of allegiance to the tribe. This was followed by the same oath for the “Executive” body of the tribe (Chief, William and Ellis)
- Motion to make Gary Burnette a member of the Heritage Foundation Board. **Moved by T Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Wright (Voted Yes)**
- Needs the creation of a tribal calendar, Chief wants it on Facebook and the website – Calendars cannot be created on Facebook. Events can be posted which is what has been done by the secretary for each event.
- Motion moved to set up online store via square to sell tribal calendars, t-shirts etc. made by tribal members. **Moved by G Burnette 2<sup>nd</sup> by B El (Vote – Yes)**
- Chief is working on the BIA packet for federal recognition
- Chief wants Vashti and Alex to go with him to orchestrate the language CD
- Chief talked about updating the tribal rolls and purge non active tribal members.
- Chief looking for bid to hook up electricity and a fan in the tribal gazebo (Fry bread kitchen)
- Chief is researching septic rules for building public bathrooms on the tribal land.
- Chief is requesting tribal members in regalia for upcoming presentation

- Women's group campout – Chief is hoping this continues and grows garden needs cleaning and one will be used for 3 sisters and one will be used for tobacco – Ellis starting seedlings
- Taxes need to be filled for 2019 for rent received in 2019 from CNE
- Chief asked Gary and Vashti to come up with budget for events in 2020
- Balance of CNE \$170,984.29
- Balance of Heritage \$7,808.38
- Balance in tribal account \$3,229.63
- Money in CNE is coming from investor to pay upfront cost on the things we are trying to accomplish. No pipeline report from Jay Lang (consultant) receiving 5k a month for his job but does not appear to be getting any contracts.
- Oath of allegiance from Caroh Vashti and Jade
- Motion for Tribe to donate \$500 out of the \$1000 rent, to the OHeritage foundation, \$100 to T Hines and \$25 to C Holley CNE Secretary **Moved by G Brnette 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hines (Vote yes)**
- Motion to do a gift stipend of \$100 to treasurer Vashti Clarke for the 990 and 102 work and \$100 to Secretary Caroh Holley for her work as secretary
- Motion moved to pay \$1325 the December 31 January 11 deposits for admin fees. **Moved by T Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by B El to pay \$1325 check #2077 to tribal account**
- Email to tribe that if you are in good standing with the tribe and your son or daughter is in college they can be eligible for a book scholarship for freshman juniors and seniors
- Porta Johns \$275 Motion moved to pay Roanoke porta-jon for the November powwow **Moved by T Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> V Clarke (Vote – Yes)**
- Eight more saw tooth pines needed for pounds and to replace one from the powwow circle Motion to coordinate with tide water tree farm to get 8-9 saw tooth oaks **Moved by V Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hines (Vote – Yes)**
- Lewis Bateman bought 7.4 acres of land across from the tribal Land
- Final report AE grant was turned in January 31<sup>st</sup> copies to secretary, treasurer and Chief Brown
- VA Humanities \$7000 of which we have \$3500 Chief is using pictures by C Holley from the Womens group (V Clarke) for the signs. poles for the palisade post Collette Ameci is working on signs.
- Need more Post for the fences around the village
- Rebarb being put up on the long house by Lewis Bateman.
- Internet Bill (Tabled from previous meeting) \$398 – Chief wants a motion that we pay the current bill for the last 2 quarters and at the March meeting further discussion on how to pay the internet bill from Deborah Motthari going forward. **Motion made to pay the accrued bills for the last 2 quarters in the amount of \$398 voted yes William Ellis, Beverly, Tommy and Alex voted no Caroh and Vashti**
- Chief wants committee Teresa P, Beverly, Alex and Tommy to audit the foundation and the tribal accounts.

**Money Collected:**

\$832.89 collected \$102.89 to the tribal account

