

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribal Meeting
September 13, 2019
Quality Inn, Franklin Virginia**

Attendees:

Chief Walt Brown

Caroh Holley

Vashti Clarke – has Alex Whitney Proxy

Ellis Wright – has William Howell Proxy

Beverley El

Teresa Preston

Tommy Hines

Gary Burnette

Karen Barrette

Meeting opened at: 12:40 with prayer by Chief Brown

- Tribal Secretary read the meeting minutes from August 10 2019 to get corrections so it can be finalized and sent to Debra Mottahari – August meeting notes corrected and approved as final ****moved by Tommy Hines and 2nd by Ellis Wright**
- Heritage account balance: as of today **\$3,492.70**
- Tribal Account as of today **\$11,49.63**
- Dominion Power bills are being paid online by Vashti Clarke last bill paid \$134.68 and \$102.69 for the month of August
- 102 and 990 Copies are needed for Treasurer Vashti Clarke – To be gotten from Teresa Baxter Chief Brown discussed the results of the Board of Supervisors meeting: Ellis & Chief went to Board of Supervisors meeting. After Chief Brown gave history of Cheroenhaka name both street names were approved.
- Names for roads as follows: Cheroenhaka Rd for hwy 58 to river and Cattashowrock Dr. for the short road that goes to the cul-de-sac.

New Business: CNE LLC

- CNE LLC update
 1. Original 50,000 by the investor/partner Monument Construction for startup and fees
 2. \$3000 was wired to India for webmaster paid by the accounting team of Softec
 3. \$30,000 was paid to Softec per their invoices (10 invoices paid)
 4. \$3,006 for construction insurance sent directly to Insurance Broker for CNE
 5. \$10,000 Jae Lang for construction consulting a secondary \$5,000 also for construction consulting
 6. There was also a \$180 wire fee for the \$3000 to webmaster
- Loan agreement for CNE LLC from Monument Construction in the amount of \$100,000 has been reviewed by Chief Brown and corrected to remove that the Cheroenhaka Nottoway Tribe is not being held in account for this loan but solely held by CNE LLC. CNE LLC is the borrower is not the Tribe.

- Tribal secretary Caroh Holley stated that she does not wish to be the secretary for CNE LLC and never did as it is too much with other tribal duties and working a very demanding full time job.
- Chief Brown paid no attention to this and stated that she will be paid and it is a mute issue. Also requested she copy out what was discussed in tribal meeting under separate CNE notes and save.

Virginia Humanities Grant:

- Matching grant for \$7000 to create the signs for the walking Trails Check for \$3500 has been received check #2364513 (written from University of VA)
- Chief due to the loss of his pamphlet with the tribal flora and fauna announced he is going to use the workbook that Caroh put together during the woman's group foraging and edible plants class hosted on the tribal land, instructor Monique Winston and use the pictures for the signs – Chief wants the pamphlet in word.
- Chief Brown also wants to take the pamphlet and make it into a sellable item for the powwow creating an introduction page and give credit to the Woman's Group and the person who identified the plants. (note that Caroh is not agreement and feels that Chief Brown is taking her work for his purpose and does not want to give her any credit for doing the work – she has stated this at the meeting and in private to Chief Brown)
- Chief asked Vashti Clarke to show him where the plants in the pamphlet are located so he knows where to put the signs
- Chief Vicks signs paid for 16 signs @ \$45 each total \$720
- We will also need to take money out of this for the post and plywood for the signs
- Sonya Williams assisted Chief Brown with the grant and it was granted with the second submission

Virginia Tourisms Grant: Gary Burnette

- We will receive a check \$7452.50 we are required to match the other half of the grant money in the amount of \$7452.50
- Accounting for \$2000 of the match from CNE LLC, Gary expects he can get another \$2000 from IBM and Chief Brown says we can get the rest of the match from the school day and gate money
- We need to provide a press release that we received this grant as part of the VA Humanities Cuisine
- Everything printed for School Day and Powwow needs to have the logo on it for VA Humanities Culture and Cuisine (round Logo)
- Receipts are needed for every payment made Vashti will purchase a receipt book to be used at the powwow and they will need to be signed.
- Gary provided a table of cost/expense and the use of the money by category (attached Gary to email copy for attachment)
- Gary states he has a vendor to get Bison meat at a good price to make tacos and chile
- \$2000 Come Home Campaign advertising, flyer etc. Vashti is in charge of this come home
- \$2900 in grant for drum groups
- \$200 Arena Director, \$500 Emcee, \$400 each head male/ head female
- Money for all dancers free day money – Chief wants registration
- \$900 for featured dancer pay – Chief Brown working with Lawry(?) for hoop dancer
- Gary suggests using eventbrite to collect dancer registration – Chief pushed this down as there may be an addition fee but we cannot charge more money

- Karen Barrett will be the contact for dancer registration on the powwow flyer
- \$400 allocated toward a 'Come Home' campaign for food at Bonfire to be hosted by Vashti Clarke and the Women's Group
- Chief Brown interjected at this time how he went to the Nansemond Powwow to network Keith Anderson about his Red Crooked Sky dancers and that he received an adverse reaction, Keith would not speak to him at powwow other than to say in passing as Chief Brown tried to talk to him that he was hot and kept moving.
- Chief Brown stated that he finally was able to talk to Keith via phone by calling his place of employment and Keith told him curtly that the group was not available.

**At this time Vashti Clarke tried to talk to Chief about results of calling specialty dancers and their responses to dancing for our tribe. Vashti brought to the forefront the response from the Eagle/Hoop dancer we used 2 years prior and how he is upset with Chief Brown over how he was spoken too and that he is refusing to do anything with our tribe. She also attempted to discuss how Chief Brown speaks to people when he feels slighted or is upset that the person is not doing what HE wants. Chief Brown's response was to get angry and he stood up and slammed papers on the table, stomped around yelling at the room that he quit and he isn't going to be Chief anymore and Vashti can be Chief or Tommy since he always wants to be Chief and that he didn't want to hear anything that was being said about his behaviors and how he speaks to people, dancer, vendors, etc. at the powwows. Chief Brown refused to listen to what was being said, examples were given of his behavior at the Radford powwow when he yelled at the MC about the pronouncing of the tribal name. Vashti Clarke intervened and reminded Chief of how she had pull him from the circle and calm him down. Chief Brown refused to listen and said he did not yell at people or stomp around with his hands in the air (witnesses of that behavior; Caroh Holley Beverly El and Karen Barrett, Vashti Clarke, Teresa Baxter and Ellis Wright shown by raised hands) Other examples were given but Chief Brown refused to listen to anything further.

Other Tribal Business:

- Jamestown Powwow Oct. 12-13 sent a letter which Chief Brown read pertaining to the registration for the Powwow Chief to do an email to be sent out by the tribal secretary so they can register if they are interested in dancing. REGISTER - Martin Sangina 757-253-7330 Duane Baldwin 757-253-4403
- Chief Brown tabled (again) any discussion about the July powwow. Many council and board are saying it is too hot and they will not be in attendance again.
- Caroh Holley brought up the latest United Way check \$26.00 (check was not brought to meeting by Chief Brown so is not in the accounting of new money) and advised United Way doesn't put your name on their check stubs. A report has to be pulled. Chief needs to supply Caroh or Vashti with the check stubs so the report can be pulled and Caroh can get credit for the payments towards her dues and land maintenance.
- Chief started talking about double accounting but we have documentation showing it's coming from Caroh Holley's paychecks. Treasurer Vashti Clarke advised when doing to income tax for the tribe, only donations were listed not who the donations were from so there is no double accounting since we can record 'via united way' when accounting for the dues land tax in the tribal records.
- Tribal secretary has about 12 Tribal cards to make for new members and a few replacement cards. Advised that she is waiting on photos for many of the cards.
- Tribal Cookbook to be redone for powwow as fund raiser to have logo for VA Humanities Cuisine on the cover

***Moved by Beverly El and 2nd by Ellis Wright to have this done**

- Sonya Williams requesting free card as she provided stock cards and ink to Chief Brown for the card machine, Chief says all tribal members needing new card need to pay \$25 if they had an original card or lost a card.
- \$40 Chief paid to Robert Stevenson out of pocket (no receipt presented)
- Teresa Baxter to mail copies of 102 and 990 to Vashti Clarke for Files
- Chief Brown advised that tribal Secretary needs to come and get all the tribal files from his house, when she inquired how she was supposed to cart 400+ files back to Baltimore Chief said a little at a time.
- Chief Brown also states she needs a file cabinet and should purchase one – Caroh believes she will need more than one file cabinet to fulfill 400+ files and does not have space in her home or money for said purchase.
- Policy is that no tribal member can give out a tribal application ONLY Chief Brown can give out tribal applications so he can talk to them prior to give out the application.
- 1819 Free Negro Mulato Census of Southampton County list many tribal surnames (Buck and Turner) living on Indian land.
- Palisade Poles are needed (50) to purchase 10ft posts in the total amount of \$800

***Moved Ellis Wright, 2nd by Teresa Preston to purchase 50 poles for the fence**

Incoming Money:

- \$60 admin fees for Sherry Newbie
- \$110 Admin fees for Charles (\$50) and Teresa Baxter (\$60)
- \$100 Karen Barrette for land maintenance
- \$3500 voucher 3712044 from Virginia Humanities Grant check number 2364513

Outgoing money:

- Lewis Bateman \$200 for grass cutting Check #2048
***Moved by Tommy Hines 2nd by Ellis Wright check #2048 to pay Lewis Bateman for grass cutting**
- \$149.49 paid to Karen Barrette for stamps purchased to send out flyers Check # 2052
***Moved by Tommy Hines 2nd by Ellis Wright**

New Members:

William Reese \$250

Native Name:

Harrison/Buck line (Teresa Baxter nephew)

Roll: A-58-2579

Anderson B Reese (son born August 2008)

Stratified as:

\$60 dues

\$25 card

\$165 Land Maintenance

***Moved by Beverly El and 2nd by Gary Burnette, that William Reese and son will be admitted to the Cheroenhaka tribe with all rights there in.**

Total money was \$4020.00 of which \$255 goes to tribal account to be at the next meeting
Tribal account is still owed \$930 from the August meeting (\$330 plus the \$600 previously owed) this
makes the grand total due to tribal account \$1185.