

## SECCI COUNCIL/MEMBERSHIP MEETING: OCTOBER 6, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chief Panther @ 10:13 AM

The minutes from the March 17, 2012 meeting were read by Joyce. Motion to accept by Anne Billingsley, seconded by James Black Wolf Barfield, motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report presented by Pam, written details to be provided by request, Motion to accept report by Black Wolf Barfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Billingsley– Motion passed.

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Registrar's report presented by Lee Billingsley. For the last year, we have 121 new members, 139 cards printed, 6 members walked on, 1 member was re-activated and 3 duplicates were deleted. We have a total of approximately 6,045 members at this time. Written details to be provided by request. Motion to accept report by Anne Billingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Panther– Motion passed.

### BANDS & CLANS:

Bands & Clans report read by Joyce. Jack Shryock (not present): As a result of actions taken at the March 2012 meeting, we now have 21 bands and clans and 3 charter clans. There was a leadership change with the NC Mountain band. John Walking Bear Holiman was voted in as Chief. I've had inquiries regarding starting a band but nothing to announce at this time. The number of band activity reports sent to me is as normal as in the past. Submitted to Joyce via email. Motion to accept Jack's report by Lee Billingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black Wolf Barfield – Motion Passed.

### TALKING LEAVES:

Rick Runningbear Dunifer states that there were 620 Talking Leaves Fall Edition, 20 pages, mailed and that this was the 10<sup>th</sup> edition he's done. Cost was \$577.00. Spring Edition is always higher due to the annual fee of \$203.00 that is paid to the post office. Chief Panther stated that his report doesn't have to be voted on.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chief Panther states that in the last newsletter she had made a comment that there were three vacancies on the council had to be replaced. She states that she has done a lot of praying and meditation and she doesn't have a big pool to pick from so she has postponed it until she has done more praying. She has spoken to two of the council members and they have agreed to stay until the election in 2014.
2. The Bunkhouse: was supposed to have been finished by this meeting. Dewey has led the repairs on the bunkhouse and the covered bridge. At this time there have been too many emergency problems to be taken care of to have been able to repair the bunkhouse. The bunkhouse has been cleaned out and repairs will hopefully be complete by March 2013.
3. The Protocol Packets and Orientation Packets for new members and guest are not complete yet and are still in the works.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lee Billingsley proposes a hefty increase in the membership and application fees. States that it's pretty much the only income the tribe has. Chief Panther stated that all fees used to be \$30.00 regardless of age and it was a one-time charge. Lee would like to see \$60.00 per application for membership.
  - Pam stated that it was not fair to penalize those people with an application already in process because the application already has a fee printed on it. Also have announcement on website that application fees have changed as of a certain date.

- That increase in membership application fee will take effect on January 1, 2013.
  - Pam does not agree with the \$60.00 application fee.
  - Ken Fisher suggested that we make the application fee \$40.00 across the board regardless of what type of application.
  - Decision was made to make the changes as follows: Motion made by Black Wolf Barfield to accept Application Fee change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joyce. Motion passed.
  - \$40.00 for any new adult member application regardless of type of application.
  - One set of genealogy per family.
  - \$20.00 for children up to the age of 18.
  - \$20.00 for a replacement card.
2. Redesign of new cards is discussed as well as a new program to create them.
    - Anne Billingsley stated that she would play with design and submit several new designs and we will vote on a new design for membership cards in March, 2013. The new membership card design needs to be voted on by the membership for approval. Permission has already been given for a new program.
  3. Anne suggested to save space and time, we could scan all new applications and have them on a separate hard drive to cut down on paperwork. Chief Panther does not want to do that. She wants everything to have a hard copy. Anne could do that, but also must have a hard copy to back it up.
    - Anne will research pricing for scanner and external hard drive and get back with the Council via email. The Council can vote on this issue.
    - Pam said that she would like to have the ability to purchase the Access program for all council to have so they can download documents immediately and not have to search for the documents.
  4. Ken Fisher asked if there was a cost to the tribe for the formation of a new band. Chief Panther stated that there is no cost for this.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

- Chief Panther requested prayers for charter member Sam Beeler who's now in a wheelchair.
  - Star Singer is also ill, keep in prayers.
  - Sound the drums for Walker Calhoun, medicine man for Qualla Boundary.
  - Please keep Pam and Black Wolf in your prayers.
  - Keep Chief Panther and Dewey Lawson in prayers.
  - Autumn Snow needs prayers for healing in her back.
  - Pray that we get some younger blood to help the tribe carry on.
- Discussion of Pow Wow was brought up and Chief Panther said it takes a year to put one together. If someone is interested to do it, that's fine. Dannon Bagley expressed interest and knows a group that may help and become involved. Chief Panther gave him permission to get information and stated there would be no charge with the exception of a percentage of the gate admission. There would be no charge by either party. Dannon will get back with Chief Panther or Black Wolf with some answers/information.

**PRESENTATIONS:** No presentations

Meeting adjourned 11:41 AM