

**SECCI COUNCIL/MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2013**

Meeting called to order by Chief Panther at 10:20 AM

The minutes from October 6, 2012 were not read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Report was read by Pam, written details to be provided by request. Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Report presented by Pam. We have approximately 6080 members. Six members have crossed over that we know of since the Oct. 2012 meeting. The registrar's position is a shared position with our Vice Chief Don Schreiner who was able to convert the old program from the previous registrar to the new program and get the membership list alphabetized. The template for the cards is not up and running. All applications and updates are handled from the Tribal Grounds by James Black Wolf or Pam Walela. The information is sent to our Vice Chief who records all information on the register. Letters and Cards are formatted by the Vice Chief and sent to James and Pam. Cards are printed, taken to Chief Panther for signing and mailed. Hard copy applications are kept in the Chiefs home. The new program is very simple so we should have no problems with losing a registrar. With 4 sets of eyes on the information we are sure we can keep track of all applications sent to the Tribe.

**BANDS AND CLANS**

Report was read by Jack Shryock. We have 22 active Bands and Clans and 3 Charter Bands. All annual reports were received except the Ca. Hummingbird Band and the NC Mountain Band. They are expected soon. Two Bands no longer wish to be Bands in SeCCI. They are the NC Enola Band and the Mi. Thunderbird Band. A letter was read concerning the Thunderbird Band. We have no bands in formation. We recently lost 3 Band Chiefs into the night land and one has resigned. The Buffalo Creek Band has elected Tony Lanman as the Chief and Angie Tyree as the Vice Chief. The Turtle Moon Band will be put on the inactive list for now. The Long Hair Band will be put on the inactive list. An attempt will be made to see if there is any interest in having the Band continue with current members.

**TALKING LEAVES**

Rick Dunifer states that 700 Talking Leaves were mailed for the 2013 spring addition. Cost was approx. \$600.00, plus the fee for the Annual Bulk fee from the Post Office.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Panther states the bunk house was inspected by her son and the damage was extensive. For this reason the decision was made by the family to have the bunk house burned in a control burn by the fire department. Should the Tribe have funds at a later date, we can have a discussion as to what to build at that time. Mention was made that the cook shack floor had rotted and a new floor was put in by James Black Wolf and Troy. The floor has rotted and a wall needs repair in the small bathroom so it has been closed for the weekend and will be repaired as soon as possible. Bat problems in the Council were addressed by a professional and have been removed. No more smell.

Council and members had a discussion about the old business of changes to the protocol and orientation for the Tribe. The Tribe already has both in place from the Grey Wolf Clan and Blue Heron Medicine Lodge. No motions or votes were taken.

Discussion was held by Council and members in regards to the change in prices for membership applications and updated cards that were approved in Oct. 2012. Pam stated that she agreed with the prices. As treasurer in general we do not see any other funds sent to the tribe once the application fee is sent. We have numerous members who move, marry etc. who want changes to the card, sometimes several times a year. There is an expense to this. After discussion, no motions were made, no votes taken.

## **OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED**

In October 2012 meeting discussion was held concerning changing the Membership cards. The current Registrar and team see no problem with the cards being printed as before. Chief Panther and Council members agreed as to why pictures, addresses and dates of birth stay on the cards and the places that our Membership cards have gained them access. Motion was made to not change the cards. Motions was passed, vote taken and passed.

Purchasing a scanner and external drive for the tribe was discussed in Oct. 2012. The current Registrar and team do not feel that is was necessary and the Council agreed that hard copy should always be kept. No motion made, no vote taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Autumn Snow gave the Council and membership her Clans project to continue to keep the Talking Leaves in hard copy. Each of her members are sending her a minimum of \$1.00 per month for the year towards the talking leaves. A check for \$936.00 was given to the treasurer for the 2013 amount from her clan. She continues to leave out donation jars during her meeting for the Tribe as well as for expenses for Clan. Any money donated will be sent to the treasurer throughout the year. She has recommended perhaps other Bands/Clans can do something similar. Suggestions were to have a bake sale or yard sale or auction to raise the funds with your Band to have the money to come to the Tribal Grounds and donate to the Tribe. We are going to have some of the ideas in place for the Oct. 2013 meeting and advertise ahead of time through the announcements.

A letter was read by Pam from Joyce Bugaiski in regards to her resignation. She was resigning from her Council position and as Chief of the Turtle Moon Band due to her husband's health. She still maintains her membership to the Tribe and will continue to teach the children and work on the website. Chief Panther and I both asked that all website information be given to us so that we can pass the information to her according to priority and for all of us have patience with the website. It is a very time consuming position.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

A beautiful plaque was presented to the Tribe to be used to honor our Chiefs who have crossed over. The tribe will purchase brass plates with the Chiefs names on it, and the plaque will be placed in the Museum. Applause was given for the plaque that was presented by the members present.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Chief Panther has asked that prayers and sage be burned for Jim Curtis' (brother of John Curtis) and his family as well as prayers for the 6 recent crossing over of Tribal members and for their families.

Chief Panther also asked for anyone who was interest in taking the position of Secretary until the next election. It would be important they be here for the required 2 meeting a year.

Dannon Bagley's group was on their way to discuss having a Pow Wow on the Tribal Grounds at a later date. It was decided to have an informal discussion of this after they arrived as it would not require a vote.

Meeting closed at 11:20

Submitted by Pam Walela Sandusky (acting secretary)

Meeting was closed just as a high wind came through and pulled down an awning. During that time Anna Bagley stated her desire to be the Secretary. Chief Panther appointed her Secretary to fulfill Joyce's term until the elections in 2014.