

**SECCI COUNCIL/MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**MARCH 19, 2011**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Principal Chief Vivian Panther Lawson; James Black Wolf Barfield, Tribal Marshall; Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski, Tribal Secretary; Pamela Standing Bird Sandusky, Treasurer; Lee Spotted Pony Billingsley, Historian/Registrar; Tar Morningstar Drazdowski, Orator; Ken Quiet River Fisher, Alternate.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Diane Beaty, Jeremy Lang, Dewey Lawson, Pat Cummings, Orville Cummings, Ken Howell, Christopher Brinson, Theresa M. Jones, Shawnee Running Beaver Barfield; Kathleen Barfield;

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Don Standing Bear Schreiner, V. Chief; Audrey Autumn Snow Jones, Parliamentarian.

**CHIEF PANTHER CALLS THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CHEROKEE COUNCIL TO ORDER: 10.15 a.m.**

The minutes from the October 2, 2010 meeting are read by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski.

Motion was made by James Black Wolf Barfield to accept the minutes as read, seconded and minutes were approved.

Chief Panther asks Joyce Spirit Wind if the 4.5 Amendment to the By-laws has been added to the web site yet. Joyce states, not yet. Chief Panther instructs her to add the Amendment at the end of the By-Laws on the web site page.

**REPORTS:**

**From the Treasurer: Financial Report**

Pam's report is as follows:

The 2010 end of the year Financial Report General Fund Balance began January 1, 2010: 4708.50  
 Income/Donations for the year: \$2286.00  
 Membership Fees: \$3106.00  
 Talking Leaves Income/Donations: \$277.00

Sales: \$586.00  
 Camping: \$ 120.00  
 Misc. Income: \$80.00  
 Total Income: \$6455.00

Transferred in from Money Market Account to General Fund: \$684.18  
 Expenses for the year:  
 Utilities: \$1439.99  
 Annual Fees Paid: \$75.00 (Fees to the state)  
 Talking Leaves Exp.: \$1822.08  
 Taxes, Ins. Etc.: \$1179.23  
 Food/Supplies: \$294.99  
 Post Office: \$104.14  
 Expense for Sales: \$10.00  
 Misc.: \$819.52 (ink, website exp., refunds of overpayments, recorders)  
 Scholarships: \$500.00  
 Grounds Repairs: \$692.03 (covered bridge, drum arbor, bathrooms, misc. repairs)  
 Transfer out: \$750.00 (to Grounds Fund)  
 Total Expenses Paid: \$7686.98

Balance in General Checking Account at the end of last year: \$4160.70

Grounds Fund Account Balance Jan. 1, 2010: \$146.44  
 Transferred in \$750.00 (from General Fund)  
 Donations: \$70.00  
 Expenses: \$966.44 (forklift rental, mower repair, bridge repair, bathroom repairs)

12/31/10 Balance left in Grounds Fund: \$188.76

1/1/10 Chief's Petty Cash Balance: \$167.90  
 Postage Expense: \$44.00  
 Balance 12/21/10: \$123.90

Money Market Account Balance 1/1/10: \$21982.35  
 Transferred out: \$684.18 (to General Fund)  
 Interest Paid: \$95.27

12/31/10 Balance: \$21993.44

Money Market holds all funds for the Blue Heron Medicine Lodge, Scholarships, New Hope Fund, Interest Income and General Fund.

- Our expenses were more than our donations again. If you notice also that our Talking Leaves took in

\$277.00 in donations and cost us \$1800.00 to produce. In February, the last edition, the cost was a little over \$1000.00 which included the \$200.00 bulk rate fee. It went from 500 editions to 750 editions being printed. But we are now doing less pages. I still have concern over the cost of the Talking Leaves. We may possibly have to look at the cost of this when we get down to using money in the Money Marketing account to continue to produce the Talking Leaves.

- One thing we need to do is to remove the people on the receiving list that do not submit the form in the Talking Leaves. This form has been made a requirement and needs to be adhered to and the mailing list updated to keep the cost of the TL down to a minimum. We cannot continue to send out the TL to people that are not sending in the form because we are not sure if they are even receiving the paper.
- James Black Wolf Barfield states that to date, he has only received one request for the Talking Leaves and he informed them to send in the form from the Talking Leaves.
- Pam apologized for going off where I'm only supposed to give the report but I'm just giving you the concerns that I have after reading the report. Chief Panther says that this is part of her report.
- Pam asks Lee Spotted Pony that when he gets new members is he giving that information to Rick Running Bear to add to the Talking Leaves. Lee states that not every new member but every new address. There are some people that call also with new addresses and he forwards that change to Rick as well.

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