

SECCI COUNCIL/MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MARCH 20, 2010

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; Tar Morningstar Drazdowski, Orator; Audrey Autumn Snow Jones, Parliamentarian; Ken Quiet River Fisher, Alternate; Jack White Eagle Shryock, Leader of Bands/Clans.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cosette Windfeather Faulkner; Jim Strong Dear Faulkner; James Two Pony Nettles; Mary Star Pony Talbert; Starr Thunderfoot MacCauley; Kristen Little Badger McBath; Eric Flying Puffin Camil; Paul White Horse Mihacy; Kyle Reedy; Troy Night Walker Hitt; Sidney Medicine Crow Pope; Anita Spirit Talker Pope, Phyllis Usdi Waholi Shryock; Shawnee Running Beaver Barfield; Zach Pope; Kathleen Barfield; Andrew Nettles; Haylee Pope; Terri Helton; Heaven Helton; Ben Helton II; B. Helton, Jr.

CHIEF PANTHER HEREBY CALLS THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CHEROKEE COUNCIL TO ORDER: 10.03 a.m.

- Chief Panther states Vice Chief Don Standing Bear Schreiner is unable to be here, having been kicked by a horse breaking his leg.
- Chief Panther states that Medicine Crow will be standing in for the Vice Chief today, bringing us to a full Council.
- The minutes of the Council/Membership meeting of October 10, 2009 are read by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski. Discussion followed with regard to Ron Spirit Walker and events taking place in his area.
- Chief Panther stated that from reports received from people in that area that the matter had to be investigated. Black Wolf stated that basically what we were doing was making the situation aware to this tribe. Jack Shryock stated that he also knew the history.

James Black Wolf Barfield moved to accept the minutes as read. The Motion was seconded by Audrey Autumn Snow Jones. Motion was approved.

- Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski asks Chief Panther if in the future the minutes may be condensed to shorten the reading. Chief Panthers agrees. Chief Panther states that we could put it to a vote to have the minutes approved as they appear in the Talking Leaves. Chief Panther wanted the entire minutes read at this meeting as some members are present that did not receive the Talking Leaves. Chief Panther says that in the future Joyce Spirit Wind can do a condensed version as well as the full version.

Financial Report

Pam's report is as follows: "I'm going to give you the last 3 months version of the financial report. The General Fund balance is \$4,184.99. From January to March we received \$ 961.00 in income. That is from donations and membership money for three months. For three months we have spent \$1,635.85. Money is going out and it's not coming in. The Talking Leaves had additional pages added to the paper so the Talking Leaves expense was \$1,229.58. Of that, a little over \$ 200.00 of that is our annual bulk rate fee. Because he printed the same number of them but added more pages, the printing part went from \$407.00 in the fall of 2009 to \$907.00 for the Spring of 2010. So we're going to be discussing that. One issue was \$1,200.00, granted it was better than the \$2,500.00 that we were spending before, I will give you that. And names were added so we only printed 500 of them this time and 500 of them last time. We sent out more of them. Pam states that he prints 500 papers and sends out not quite 400. The cost for printing at the best rate is the minimum of 500 copies. So, Pam told Rick to maintain that count of 500 to continue to get the best price. We also give copies to new members and to new people that come here.

Starr Thunderfoot MacCauley states that she's thinking that Rick Running Bear is a member of her band and perhaps to save on postage Rick can give her the issues for members of her band and she can hand them out. Starr says that this might save a little bit of money. Pam states that the postage is actually printed on the paper. Pam states that this would not make a difference because the non-profit postage permit already includes the cost so there would actually be no savings.

Pam states that all of that money went out of the General Fund. Out of that \$1,600.00, \$1,229 of that was for the paper (TL). The other money was for I don't have a breakdown but it was for the electric and \$100.00 went into the grounds fund. All we have really is electricity, property taxes and house and property insurance, liability. The remainder of the \$1,635.85 after the cost of the paper went to pay three months of incidental bills.

The Money Market Account and the rest of the accounts, Chief Panther's account, all of the rest of the accounts are all the same. The only place I moved money around is in the General Fund. Someone suggested that the information be listed on the web page. Chief Panther said the problem with that is that right now we don't have a webmaster. Someone said perhaps we should only print the paper once a year. Pam said the problem with that is that current events will not be known without at least two papers per year.

Jack states that there are a lot of older people that do not have internet and don't know anything about it, and the Talking Leaves is their only resource as to events and what is happening with the tribe. Tar said that perhaps it could be transmitted electronically. Pam also stated that a way to cut down on space was that she did not need to put every single transaction in the Talking Leaves. She could just put in ending balances,

deposits, withdrawals, etc. She does not have to have the whole report printed. She could probably do it with ten lines. Then we can eliminate the 4 pages. Chief Panther states that we are the only tribe, recognized or not, that publishes their treasurer's report in their paper. Someone suggested eliminating the Kids Page because perhaps no one read that. Chief Panther said that we really don't know that. Chief Panther states that the two kids that are present at this time have been the only kids that have been on these grounds for the last five years. Chief Panther says that she wants to see the kids come back. If they don't, we're all going to die out, the SeCCI will be no more.

Starr Thunderfoot has a suggestion to notify all band chiefs and get them to have a cookout, or a cooking sale or whatever to raise money. Black Wolf stated that in the By-laws it states that every band should be donating to the tribe anyway. And how many actually do that? Pam states that each band is supposed to contribute \$25.00 per year to the tribe. Anything that the bands or clans are selling under the SeCCI name, 10% of that is supposed to be given to the tribe. Chief Panther states that if you use the SeCCI name or logo, you contribute the 10% if you hold a bake sale and don't use our name you don't have to do that and that's fine. Black Wolf states that like today when we have our table set up, if someone stops from hwy 19 and buys something even if they're not a member, 10% of those sales goes to the tribe. Chief Panther states that you're free to hold fundraisers or whatever you want to and give us part of it. Pam states that she has put it out on announcements a couple of different times to get together to hold garage sales, car wash or whatever to raise money to get to come and if one person couldn't afford to come and so that you have the money to donate to the tribe. Black Wolf states that in their clan, they have a treasurer but they do not retain any money. All of their money goes straight to the tribe. They do not retain any money. Because we don't need to raise any money for any of us to get here. Pam states that, "our donations go straight to the tribe". Joyce states that their funds go for supplies and money donated to the tribe. Jack is speaking but cannot understand. Pam states that we can probably eliminate those four pages easily and go back to the original costs although if he had not done that we probably would have come out about the same as last year.

Pam states that she wants this to be printed in a condensed version in the paper so that other information can be printed about the tribe. She states that we get new members all year round and this paper is their first access to the tribe and that why it should be done in the Spring and in the Fall before our meetings so that the information can get to the members before they get to the meeting so if they do have questions or concerns. Pam states that this is her financial report. The Balance in the Chief's Account: \$167.90; the balance in the Grounds Fund: \$146.44; the balance in the Money Market Account: \$21,857.05; the difference is the interest income. \$51.34 came out of the BWW account into the grounds fund. General Fund is: \$4,184.99.

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