

BLACK WOLF WARRIORS MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chief Ken Quiet River Fisher. He turned meeting to Principal Chief Vivian Panther Lawson. Statement to Quiet River: You came in with all odds stacked against you. I understand your frustration, because I feel the same way. We have the same problem with the whole tribe. For whatever reason we can't get many members to attend any of the meetings on the tribal grounds. I am not sure anything can be accomplished with a few of members in attendance now. Ken Quiet River asks Chief Panther to give the problems that she is concerned with to those who are in attendance if she would.

First of all we are a 501 C3. The federal government can come here and check into everything that we do. We have to do things right. Your minutes have to be precise. Minutes in a past meeting were not correct. When Joyce Spirit Wind resigned from BWWS, her letter was not in your minutes or attached. The reason in your minutes was not the reason in her letter for her resignation. Your minutes reflected what took place after your meeting. The letter and the minutes were read by the secretary at this time. (See minutes and letter attached).

BWWS is not bringing in physically able men and women tribal members. Warriors must be able to walk the grounds in 2 hour shifts for the whole weekend. You are here to serve the tribe and be at all work weekends when called, and attend the 2 important meeting each year on the tribal grounds. The fire must be guarded when it is burning and guards used for the ceremonies. You are not doing this. Be more selective of your members. You have about 4 members here right now able to do all the duties expected this weekend. Where are the rest? Why can't the bands/clans raise the funds to send at least 2 of their warriors to the 2 meetings each year? They seem to be more interested in serving their own bands/clans and in the regalia they can wear than the duties they are expected to do. BWWS is not about the numbers, but quality and dedication to the whole tribe. To serve and protect the people is the number one responsibility of the BWWS.

There was a lot of confusion at the March ceremony from the warriors. Duties were not given to each warrior prior to the ceremony and when the leader did not

attend one of the ceremonies, the rest were not sure what to do. If the leader is not able to attend the ceremony he needs to appoint someone else to fulfill the duties expected for the ceremony and weekend. This was not done. You need to follow what Adam Brother of Hawk and Eagle gave you, and follow your by-laws. Regalia was discussed at this time. Chief Panther stated, "regalia is for meetings and ceremony only, not to be worn at any other time".

Disbanding and the new formation was not done properly. Notice was not given to the BWWS membership prior to the meeting. BWWS is back to the original by-laws and rules and regulations. I take full responsibility for allowing that to happen at the meeting October 2007. My mind was on family issues at that time. Those who were brought in during the new formation will continue to be members. They should not be penalized for what they did not know. As I stated before, we are constantly being watched by the government as well as the two federally recognized Cherokee Tribes, so we need to stay traditional and do what is right. At this point a discussion was held about whether we should disband due to the small numbers of members in attendance. That may be the right choice at this time.

Adam Brother of Hawk and Eagle arrives at this time so the meeting is turned over to him. He asks if the tribal council is in attendance and is told yes. Also asks for the older by-laws. After reading them he states that the present membership can ask for a vote. He was asked about associate members instead of regular warriors if elderly or disabled. He states associate is not the correct term. The Chief of BWWS has the authority to name honorary members of BWWS. You can designate duties to them that they could perform but they would not be warriors, but members. Elderly or disable members can not go into the Grey Feather Society unless they have had lifetime service to the tribe, not just a couple of years in SeCCI. They must have the knowledge to teach the young. If they are not physically able to perform the duties of BWWS, then they should not be brought in! The old way (traditional) was originally here and it needs to stay that way. Go back to it. You don't put on hats and patches. People know you by your service to the tribe. In the past warriors were in the shadows 90% of the time. You did not do it for the glory. If you are in it for the glory, you need to be gone. You have to earn the right to be a black wolf warrior. You need people to pick up a hammer when needed as well as a lance. You need to be above the "me" attitude and SERVE THE PEOPLE. Adam stated that he had a conversation with

another past member of BWWS, Scar Medicine who was trained in the old way by Walking Bear like he was. The conversation was about what is happening in the current BWWS. The recommendation would be to destroy the BWWS and let it bring itself back! It is organized as a band/clan. Follow the by-laws to destroy it. According to the by-laws the members present can vote. How many are present he asks. There are 4, plus him-self. A question was asked as to how to bring it back. To bring it back would require the tribe to vote it back in. You don't take applications to be a black wolf warrior. Isn't the BWWS already dead? All those attending said yes. If it was in their hearts they would be here. If it were destroyed, then the council/tribe would determine who the warriors are in the tribe by their service to the tribe while on the tribal grounds.

Adam asked for the rules and regulations and by-laws to look over again. He then asks the Chief of BWWS for a formal meeting. Chief Quiet River agrees and calls for a formal meeting at 8:41.

Adam makes a motion for BWWS to accept as a full warrior, Shawnee Running Beaver Barfield with all the powers and privileges of a full warrior. This motion was seconded. The secretary read the motion again and asked for a vote. Vote was taken and motion was passed.

James Black Wolf Barfield made a motion that the membership dissolve BWWS. Motion was seconded. The motion was read again by the secretary and vote asked for. The motion passed by the membership to dissolve the BWWS.

A question was asked by a council member what would happen now when we have ceremony with no BWWS in place? The answer was that the Chief would appoint warriors or the Tribal Marshal could out of those who are in attendance on the tribal grounds. That's how you get your warriors the correct way.

No further business.

Meeting closed at 8:46 pm

