

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 28, 2012**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

Dave Lopeman	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Andy Whitener	Treasurer
Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
Ray Peters	1 <sup>st</sup> Council Member
Jim Peters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council Member
Charlene Krise	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Member

**Legal Counsel**

Kevin Lyon

**Tribal Administrator**

Don Whitener

**Recording Secretary**

Melissa Puhn

Dave Lopeman offered the opening prayer. He then called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jim Peters moved to approve the June 28<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. Charlene Krise would like an update on the tribal houses that were taken back by the Tribe. Andy Whitener wanted to update on Oakland Bay. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 14, 2012 Council Minutes. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Ray would like to discuss the Shaker Church later today.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**June 29: Mason General Charity Tournament, Alderbrook.** Jim, Don, Andy, Rich Wells & Mark West

**July 14: Shoalwater Bay Spit Restoration Project, 2-4pm, Tokeland,** Jim will attend.

**July 16: WIGA Golf Tournament, Salish Cliffs.** Council will sponsor one team. Andy, Don and maybe Bob Piersol.

**July 16-18: WIGA , Little Creek Casino.**

**July 28: First Salmon Ceremony, Collier House**

**July 29 – August 5: 2012 Canoe Journey**

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**September 7: Business 2 Business Expo**, hosted by SPIPA, Tacoma Convention Center

**September 18-19:** NIGA Mid-Year, FL. Andy, and Ray will attend.

**October 1-4: Global Gaming Expo**, Las Vegas

Ray asked about visiting Sauk Seattle to discuss machines. Andy will respond to them and coordinate a meeting.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE

**2013 Inauguration Event:** Jim shared his concern about the expense of attending the event. Ray added that there will not be much business going on in DC that week, and the NCAI Winter Session will be held the end of January. No Council Member will attend the event due to the high cost.

**Pond safety:** Dave stated he has heard concerns about the safety of the pond during canoe journey. He wondered if a lifeguard should be on duty just to be sure everyone is safe. Kevin added that if a lifeguard is on duty, they will need to be a certified guard. Andy suggested having a life ring on site.

**Political Candidates:** Ray Peters handed out a list of suggested political donations. He briefly went over the list explaining the various candidates and what they support and oppose. He included a district map as well.

Ray shared that he will put energy in to the health care act next year.

### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

**NIGC Regulatory Review Schedule:** Don shared that the NIGC will hold a consultation at the Casino on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Charlene inquired about the vacant houses and if they will be fixed soon. Don stated that they will be presentable, but not livable, by Journey. The houses will have restricted entry and enforcement will keep an eye on them. Ray would like to make sure enforcement not only does drive-bys but also walk up to them to check as well.

### ENROLLMENT

Diane Deyette presented for Tammy Ford, two new enrollees. The Enrollment Committee met and approved the new enrollees with no issues. **Resolution #12-43** enrolls Luke Falcon Rodriguez and **Resolution #12-44** enrolls Emilio Capoeman-Rodriguez. Arnold Cooper moved to approve the two enrollment resolutions. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

### SOUTH PUGET INTERTRIBAL PLANNING AGENCY

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Amadeo Tiam and Joan Garrow were present and thanked Council for their time. They wanted to brief Council on the upcoming Business2Business (B2B) Expo they are hosting on September 7th. This is a way to raise money to create an endowment for consortium tribes.

Joan provided an overview of the event. It will be a one day tradeshow at the Tacoma Convention Center. The B2B Expo will provide tribal enterprises, independent native owned businesses and non-native businesses a unique opportunity to network and showcase their products and services. They will have sponsorship opportunities as well.

They will advertise in Mason, Thurston & Pierce Counties.

Ray asked about SPIPA services during Canoe Journey. Deo stated that essential staff will be working and a number of their staff will be actively involved in the journey. Next Tuesday they will have a management meeting and will discuss the skeleton crew who will be working in the office.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE

Sally Brownfield was present and requested an executive session. No action.

### FAMILY SERVICES

Kevin Lyon and Deanna Warren presented case #SQL-CW-2011-1104-0056 and # SQL-CW-2011-1104-0060 in executive session. Coming out of executive session, Ray Peters moved to adopt the recommendations of the Family Wellness Team. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### CANOE JOURNEY UPDATE

Deb Meisner shared that she met with the City of Olympia and everything is coming along well with no concerns. KTP has agreed to sell the 2012 Canoe merchandise. Deb also wanted to go over the hotel rooming list again and when to release the unclaimed rooms. Charlene wanted to be sure that once the unclaimed rooms were released, they were booked for Canoe Journey attendees only, and not for people just passing through. Council needs to get names to either Deb or Melissa to be added to the rooming list; that list then gets forwarded to the hotel where the guests make their actual reservation. Dave would like to hold a few rooms for emergencies. Deb suggested inviting the Governor and Olympia City Mayor to offer the general welcoming, with the Chairman at the landing.

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

Dave Lopeman conducted the swearing in of Chief Kris Peters. The Peters Family and Public Safety Department was present to witness the ceremony. Mike Evans was gifted with a Pendleton Blanket in thanks of his time with the Tribe.

### LEGAL

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Kevin shared that he has been working with the Department of Corrections on a funeral leave policy. He will present something later once they have it more finalized. He also circulated a handbook that he has been working on, for families of incarcerated members.

Kevin briefed Council on a per capita situation. Often times there has been a minor found to be dually enrolled. The rule of the current trust account states that the minor has no right to those dollars, until they reach age 18 and has their diploma or turns 21 and is still a tribal member. Until then, that money is not theirs. This is called a safe harbor, and by having that, the money in the account is not taxed until gets distributed. Jim asked if the community recognizes a youth as a tribal member, turn 18, graduates and go to collect; if enrollment catches the dual enrollment at that time, what happens? Kevin stated that typically what happens, this information is found while they are still a minor. You know by the time they turn 18 or 21 if they are Squaxin or not. The question is what becomes of the money in the meantime, it goes back to the tribe. Ray stated as the custodian of the account, he speaks with the parents and states that even though the funds are placed in a trust in their name, but they are not entitled to it until they reach age 18 or 21.

Kevin went in to executive session for a litigation issue.

### LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Michael Starr and Mark West were present. Michael handed out a Casino Operations report which briefed on the status of Finances, Operations, Hotel, Food & Beverage and Gaming.

Mark shared that they will be receiving additional machines, and will be installed before WIGA. Working with Quinault as well.

Michael shared that he hired a hotel director and will bring him in and introduce to Council.

He also hired a new head chef and is working on improving the menu.

Michael reported on payments to the tribe. Starting July 1, TGA will begin the enforcement policy (Resolution #12-28).

Ray brought up the WIGA lunch; shared that NR generally cooks for that dinner, but LCC generally covers that meal. The Casino also will have to purchase fish, mainly due to the shortage of fish for canoe journey.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Whitney Jones and Dave Johns were present. Dave wanted to give an update on geoduck. Seed is always the contingent, have had several discussions with Taylor. Looking in to a consulting contract with their biologist Brian Phipps. Also have a good relationship with Lummi for oyster seed. Lummi is interested in a long term relationship with Squaxin.

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Discussed seed acquisition and planning, buying, preparing, etc. Arnold added that our own hatchery would be nice. Dave is optimistic that Squaxin will get seed; he is hoping to plant 10000 seeds at the end of August.

Whitney reminded Olympia Reign Basketball game is tonight. Last game next week. Looking to host the playoffs next year. Skookum Creek Regatta is next weekend, this is the tribes 7<sup>th</sup> or so year.

Council ask about the costs associated with having this basketball team. All costs including sponsorship, subsidy, losses, promotion, etc. Is this something that is a "good will" or is it something that the tribe is just throwing money at? Dave will look in to it.

Council had Doug Tobin come in. Vicky Kruger asked him to make a small totem to be used as a giveaway for canoe journey. He is selling it for \$3,000. He added that he would like to also carve a canoe in the canoe shed. Charlene asked him to work with Mandy in outfitting the canoe carving shed. He can work with Mandy in acquiring a grant.

Council will discuss the purchase and get back to him.

Ray wanted to discuss Shaker Church. He has concerns about them overspending their budget (the budget that Council allocated to them; \$20k/year). The church needs to go through the proper approval processes for projects and they have not. Council wonders why they do not ask other tribes for financial assistance also. Ray will reach out to the Bishop and discuss this with him. Don added that they have overspent their budget by about \$10k.

Don added that the church has asked for financial help for their July 6<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Church Point. He went ahead and helped them with porta potties, garbage and sign installation; but that will be deducted from next year's funds. Don also shared that Rose and Mike shared they have contacted other tribes for assistance, but didn't get any response.

Jim would like to make sure everything that the tribe has helped with is documented. That way next year when their annual allocation of \$20k is given, it will have the overages from this year deducted. Jim also suggested to not reimburse for anything without proper approval or funds. Council does not want to enable the church.

### LEGAL

Kevin discussed the treaty fishing rights related to transaction in fish - both buying and selling. Revisited the meet and confer, and the development of a tribal code that was adopted in March 2011, proposed revisions to the code, and the recently presented proposal for an inter-governmental agreement from the WDFW. Jim Peters moved to approve the modifications to the buyer ordinance designed to implement the fish buyer issues and approved Legal continuing the negotiation. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Kevin discussed a waiver letter he has drafted for Foster Pepper. Council adopts Legals recommendation and authorized Kevin to sign the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.