

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2012**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

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

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Tribal Administrator

Don Whitener

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 11th Agenda. Jim Peters seconded the motion. Andy wanted to discuss the Quinault Canoe Journey later today. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the September 27, 2012 Council Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

October 15-19: NAFWS, Pendleton. Pete and Andy will attend.

October 17: Council Hosted Staff Appreciation Dinner, Events Center, 6pm

October 21-26: NCAI, Sacramento, CA, Ray and Andy will attend.

November 3: Potlatch Gala, Tulalip. Charlene will attend.

November 8: NW Navy Tribal Council Meeting, Oak Harbor. Don shared that Council gets invited regularly to this meeting. Deb Meisner attended their last meeting and was able to get some canoe volunteers. They invited Billy Frank to speak at the upcoming meeting; if any Council Member would like to attend the Navy needs to know ahead of time for clearance.

Jim added that if nobody can make it, Council should send them a thank you letter for their help during Canoe Journey. Don will check with Deb, but she might have already send one. Don may attend the meeting.

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CHAIRMANS UPDATE

ATNI Report: Jim provided a report from ATNI last week. He said they discussed the elections and the Native Vote Movement. Ray added that Squaxin had voter registration at the last per capita check distribution. He added that Legal is working on a pamphlet showing who and what the Tribe supports; Ray will seek Council direction on the referendums. Legal also is in contact with other tribes on their stand with certain issues.

Charlene brought up the taxation and how tribes are taking a stance against the government collecting taxes on the reservations. Ray has been working with Legal and there are many topics the tribe needs to take and aggressive stance on.

Jim brought up the Natural Resources Committee meetings at ATNI. There was good attendance this year. Two major issues brought the committee together this year. One of the issues that came up is the Northwest Coal exporting. The coal export is a major concern due to the cumulative affect with trains going through tribal country and the coal dust accumulating and eventually leeching in to the water. The other issue is the Fish Consumption Rate. There will be a meeting on November 18th with the core fish consumption group.

Andy brought up the Quinault Canoe Journey. They are asking for a large donation. Council agreed to donate \$15,000 to Quinault which is the same donation that was made to Swinomish for the 2011 Canoe Journey. These funds will come from One Percent, and will be made in four quarterly payments.

Jim shared that a Quinault tribal member stated that the Canoe Journeys have gotten so large that individual tribes cannot host them anymore, they've gotten too elaborate. Jim reminded that the traditional potlatches are to show your wealth. Instead of trying to "one-up" the last journey, host as the host sees fit; not the way the last tribe hosted. Andy added that in 2014 Bella Bella will host and they certainly don't have much for funding; it will be hosted their way.

Charlene Krise shared that she recently attended the Northwest Native American Basket Conference at Muckleshoot. Squaxin was asked to host the Conference in 2014 which will be the 20th Anniversary of NNABA. Council agreed by consensus to start planning to host the conference in 2014.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Adam Walsh Code: Dave Babcock presented changes to the law and order code that are required to comply with the Adam Walsh Registration Law. The law was signed by George Bush and in the law, it allowed tribes to either do their own compliance or let it lapse to the state. In 2007 Council passed a resolution stating they wanted to act as their own jurisdiction. It turned out more complicated than expected. Dave shared that Bruce Davies started the process and the deadline for implementation is the end of this month. Law Enforcement is getting the necessary equipment; a lot of the work is already done. One of the missing pieces is adding in to the tribal code, the requirement that offenders must register with the tribe and it posted on the website. This would include anyone living on the reservation, working on the reservation of going to school on the reservation. 99% of the code

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language is mandated by the Adam Walsh Code. The code creates three tiers of offenses which is a little different from how it's been done in the past. All tiers have to register and they have to state where they live, work, attend school along with other personal information. The tribe will have a website open listing that information.

The resolution David has adopts the code. David explained also that the Adam Walsh Code does not require exclusion; that is a tribal policy. There is an existing tribal exclusion policy that states that the tribe will seek exclusion for any level 2 or 3 offender. That will stay the same. One of the issues is that if the code is changed from levels to tiers it will change the way people are classified, which may conflict with what is already in place. For example, if someone if a level 1 offender now, could become a tier 2 offender because of a definition change; then will they have to be excluded because of a change in definition? Dave has added a piece in the code that fixes that.

Dave Babcock handed out the **Resolution #12-62** which adopts the code. Jim Peters moved to approve the resolution. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. Ray asked if this will need to be added to the Employee Handbook. Dave will work with HR. Jim asked about a requirement for staff training to make sure this comes up either on the application or interview process. Dave didn't feel there is a need for training, but a new employee will need to register on the reservation if it applies.

Kevin added that this was a huge project and wanted to thank Dave for the hard work he put in to this. Jim would like to do an article in the newspaper education tribal members on the Adam Walsh Law. Dave will submit something. There being no further questions, the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Kris Peters was present. Charlene asked for a report on the dog incident. Kris briefed Council in executive session.

GUEST SPEAKER

Hunting on the Rez TV: Tori Rainbow introduced himself on behalf of Hunting on the Rez TV. He was here during protocol and did some interviews of tribal members. During protocol he started planning for new episodes of HTR, which will broadcast on the Sportsman Channel. This is more than just a hunting show, but also will showcase tradition and way of life. Each tribe has a unique story to share. HTR is that vehicle to share the story and develop tourism in Indian Country. His proposal is a three or four part TV series on Squaxin. The sponsorship is \$55,000.

Their goal is to have 13 tribes on board by January to finish a season. If Squaxin were to sponsor a series, he would start filming immediately. It would take 2-3 weeks of filming and editing. Council will discuss later and get back to him.

Charlene brought up the Munro Property. The tribe got a proposal on the property and decided not to pursue it at this time. Ray will set up a time for Council to meet with Ralph and discuss what he is looking for.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison, Joe Peters, Will Henderson and Scott Steltzner were present. Jeff shared that they are here to present fish management: Joe does fish management and works with the state, federal and other tribes. Will does the enhancement portion. Scott does fish restoration.

Joe gave a quick update of management and their pre-season preparations. He showed the predictions for Chinook, Coho and Chum. They receive weekly updates from test fisheries and share the regional catches with other tribes; the tribes have a sharing agreement.

Scott discussed the Remote Site Incubator (RSI) idea. This method has been in place since the 70's, and is not used much anymore because of the low level of success. South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group has tried this method in Fry Cove with 40k eggs with no return. University of Puget Sound tried in Puget Creek with 30k eggs and no return. The Olympia Salmon Club tried to do one on Woodard Creek with only a few salmon returning. Currently in Sherwood Creek there is an RSI Program with 200k eggs, they have a 0.7% return.

Jeff shared that they are not doing enhancement on Chum because that is a healthy run. Scott shared that if wild fish spawn with hatchery fish, the health of that run goes down over time.

Will went over the net pen enhancement. They had 1.9 million Coho. From April - June they released 1.8 million. They maintain health tests by NWIFC and all reports come back healthy. They are in constant discussion with the State to ensure adequate funding is available to continue the net pens.

Jeff brought up the Deschutes Watershed Center. Basically this creates a hatchery on the Deschutes River. He went over the funding requirements that will be spread over six years. Along with the hatchery will also be an education center with a fish migration interpretive trail starting in Budd Inlet and follows the river to Pioneer Park, where the hatchery will be.

He discussed federal funding for this project. Ray would like Natural Resources to look at lobbying for funding for this project. Jeff would like guidance on Chum enhancement, although it is not a recommendation to pursue at this time. Arnold would like NR to educate tribal members on salmon enhancement; such as a newspaper article. Jeff stated they currently try to keep tribal members in the loop by keeping a SITNR Blog of what they're working on. Perhaps they should promote that more.

Council commended Natural Resources for the work they do for the Tribe.

LEGAL UPDATE

Sharon Haensley was present regarding water related matters. She stated that she has been here for about three and a half years. When she first started, she learned that the creeks in the south sound were shrinking. Over the last three and a half years, they've begun to implement strategies and some have been successful. The water cases that she has been working on would be meaningless without the work of the NR Department in their information gathering. Not only that, but the staff are good communicators and explain these issues to her very well.

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Using Johns Creek, NR has gathered a lot of information from there, making it a good vehicle. This led to pressure on Ecology and the Port of Shelton and now, the two large wells in Johns Creek will be shut down. Mason and Thurston County eventually will revamp how they deal with wells. She thanked Council for letting her work with NR and on this issue.

Kevin handed out an MOU with Department of Corrections that Sharon has been working on. Sharon stated that this will allow incarcerated Squaxin Members to attend tribal funerals. There will be a handing off of the inmate from the DOC officers and SIPD. DOC is not aware of any other tribe/DOC arrangement where jurisdiction will be transferred like this. Information only, no action at this time.

Kevin handed out the NW Justice Project Brochure. They now have a program for free legal assistance for low income tribal members. Arnold suggested that this be in the newspaper. When Legal receives request they refer to these types of programs.

Kevin requested executive session to discuss litigation matters. No action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for the day.