**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**April 28, 2017**

**Attendance:**

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| **Tribal Council** | **Dave Lopeman** | **Chairman** *(absent)* |
| | **Arnold Cooper** | **Vice Chairman** *(absent)* |
| | **Vicki Kruger** | **Treasurer** |
| | **Charlene Krise** | **Secretary** |
| | **Whitney Jones** | **1st Council Member** |
| | **Jim Peters** | **2nd Council Member** |
| | **Vince Henry, Sr.** | **3rd Council Member** |
| **Tribal Administrator** | **Kris Peters** | |
| **Legal Counsel** | **Kevin Lyon** | |
| **Government Liaison** | **Ray Peters** | |
| **Recording Secretary** | **Melissa Puhn** | |

Jim Peters offered the opening prayer. Charlene Krise called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jim would like to discuss water quality. Whitney would like to be prepared to discuss marijuana at the General Body Meeting. Jim moved to approve the April 28, 2017 agenda. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

May 4: Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion for National Day of Prayer. 7:30.
May 4: Per Capita distribution
May 6: Annual General Body Meeting
May 17: Tribal Leaders Summit, UW. Whitney and Kris will attend.
May 18: Legal Work Session
May 19: Salmon Defense Golf Tournament. Whitney, Jim, Vinnie, Vicky.
May 20: Waves of Perfection, MLRC. Charlene added that this is a high end event and will be at the Event Center this year.
May 23-26: ATNI Mid-Year Convention, Portland OR. Ray shared that Terri Parr is reaching out for sponsorships, Council agreed to sponsor at the $2500 level. Vicki would like to attend.
May 24: Retirement Party for Dave Lopeman, Events Center 11-3:00
June 1: First Public Budget Hearing, Council Chambers, 4:30
June 5: MLRC Fundraising Golf Tournament.

Vicky asked about a Council Meeting next Wednesday. She would like Council to meet weekly, including IEI with one of the weekly meetings. The third Thursday meeting will be Legal in the morning, then meet with IEI in the afternoon. Vicky also wants to talk about the GB meeting and have information for the Elevations Taxes. She would like a suggestion box asking for input on how to spend the tax revenue.

Charlene also suggested to have the Lushootseed prayer on both screens during General Body, with Council leading the prayer.

Vicky would like to schedule a meeting with the Aquatics Committee soon. Whitney said that they are going to meet later in May. Vicki would like to attend their meeting and wants to discuss certain health conditions that automatically disqualify tribal members from diving. Kris talked with Julz about setting up a series of meetings; Aquatics will have a series and would like to meet without Council first, then invite Council to share what they've discussed. Would like to include Tiff and Dr. Ott about automatic disqualifiers.

Council discussed the MLRC Golf Tournament and agreed to sponsor two teams.

**TFW Grant Resolution:** Andy Whitener presented **Resolution #17-24** which authorizes submission for the FY17 Timber Fish and Wildlife grant. This is from an agreement that Billy Frank Jr. created with the timber industries years ago, and this agreement created a policy and scientific study that verifies that what the tribe does in the timber landscape protects salmon habitat. Jim moved to approve the grant resolution. Vince seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy brought up fish. In the past Council has provided fish for the Shelton School District Indian Ed banquet, Sgwi Gwi and now Dave Lopeman's retirement lunch. He is asking for money to buy a lot of fish. Vicki encouraged Council to attend the Indian Ed banquet. Council approved the purchase.

**TOURISM**

Leslie Johnson presented the Tourism budget. She discussed the visitor center and how it has been transferred from Government to Tourism. She just refreshed the center and cleaned it up. She changed the reception desk to make it more conducive for the area. Looking to do a promotional just to let people know about it. There are unmet needs for the Center; she and Charlene are working together to improve the area. Leslie went through each increased budget line item. She also will be more involved with the Pow Wow planning and Salmonfest planning. Jim mentioned that the presence of Squaxin Council at the pow wow needs to be stronger and Squaxin needs to be in charge and involved. Charlene would like Leslie to meet with Ray Fryberg to start planning next years and what to improve.

Jim added that if Leslie would like Council presence at any event, let them know.

Vicki moved to approve the tourism budget. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**LCCR:** Nate Schreiner presented an agreement for a machine and gaming software purchase for the Casino. This is same as the previous agreements with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Whitney moved to approve. Vicki seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election Code:** Whitney stated that the Elections Committee discussed a slight modification to the electoral code and changing a sentence regarding if someone is just elected and they cannot run for another position; this just clarifies the verbiage. Vicki was fine with the amendment to clarify the intent of the code verbiage: Whitney stated that there is a parenthesis that will simply be removed. Vicki moved to strike the parenthesis from the election code. "a person (if not elected on the previous ballot) may run for another position…." Striking the parentheses. Vince seconded. Motion carried 4:0. **Resolution #17-25.**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**Clinic Policies:** Vicki shared that there is confusion regarding the Clinic's policies. She would like to see the clinic policies and get a report from Bonnie. She worries that there is a loss of communication somewhere between the Clinic and the community. Kris will ask Bonnie to report at a future meeting.

**Community Kitchen:** Vicki reported that the element in the freezer has not been working for several months. She would like to see a Kitchen Manager hired ASAP so they can stay on top of the maintenance. Kris shared that he and Patti need to sit down with Vicky and have a kitchen meeting and make a plan.

**Sewage Treatment Plant**: Vicki shared that she was told that the tribe has a high end treatment plant, with nobody qualified to run it. She wants to see a tribal member get certified to run it. Kris stated that as of now a contractor manages it, but two tribal members are currently being trained and certified. These two tribal members are also "shadowing" the contractor.

**Organization Chart:** Council would like to review this after elections.

**Code of Conduct:** Kris shared that one of the grants is requesting verbiage regarding nepotism. This is a new policy that needs a consensus vote at a later time.

Council will meet next Wednesday with Tammy and Kevin to discuss General Body.

Kris shared that he spoke with Dave Johns this morning and is putting together a marijuana fact sheet and will have it to Council by Wednesday morning.

Kris suggested that he is seeking sponsorships from LCCR, IEI, SCT to help fund the Chairman's retirement party. Council agreed to have the other entities pitch in.

Jim shared that regardless of the results of the coming election, he will continue his work on the water quality issues.

Kris briefly shared the updated fitness center plans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.