

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 14, 2012**

**Attendance:**

<b>Tribal Council</b>	<b>Dave Lopeman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Arnold Cooper</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
	<b>Andy Whitener</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	<b>Pete Kruger, Sr.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	<b>Ray Peters</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Council Member</b>
	<b>Jim Peters</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member</b>
	<b>Charlene Krise</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member (arrived at 9:30)</b>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Kevin Lyon</b>	
<b>Tribal Administrator</b>	<b>Don Whitener</b>	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Melissa Puhn</b>	

Ray Peters offered the opening prayer. Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the June 14, 2012 Council agenda. Jim Peters added an update on the First Stewards. Ray Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the May 24, 2012 Council Minutes. Jim Peters seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**Every Thursday! (June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19) 3pm – 5pm, Canoe Journey Craft Class, 5pm – 6:30 Drum Group at Community Kitchen.** Don stated that at the last Directors Meeting he announced the mandate of having staff assist with making gifts for the special visitors (*Deb Meisner has a list compiled of needed items for participants such as Skippers, Chiefs, Elders, Dancers, etc.*) at least two days each week. He believes that people are getting excited for the Canoe Journey and is confident that we will meet our goals. Don brought up the request from employees of other entities and their desire to help with gifts as well. Dave would like a letter drafted for his signature addressed to Bob Whitener Jr., requesting that he allow his employees to be involved with all aspects of Canoe Journey; whether it be making gifts or paddling. Don would like all management to be reminded that for the next month and a half, to be flexible with scheduling their staff, and let them participate. This includes non-tribal employees who would like to participate as well. Ray added that he recently met with Deo at SPIPA they will be open with limited staff during the Canoe Journey. Allowances will be made for staff participation. and they will possibly be closing SPIPA that week and his staff will be available to volunteer. Ray will follow up with him.

**June 15: Sgwi Gwi, 5pm LCC Events Center**

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**June 18: Dinner Meeting with Oly City Council**, 5:30 p.m. City Hall.

**June 17-20: NCAI Mid-Year**, Lincoln, NE. Andy will attend.

**June 29: MGH Foundation Tournament**, Alderbrook. Andy, Jim, Don, Mark West & Rich Wells

**July 16: WIGA Golf Tournament**, Salish Cliffs. Council agreed to sponsor one team.

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

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

**July 29 – August 5: 2012 Canoe Journey** Don shared that he felt the recent work session was good. It has created a sense of urgency with staff and really energized the event. Council discussed their appreciation for the hard work that people are putting in to this event and will plan an appreciation dinner after the event. Jim suggested doing something before, and after, in order to keep morale high.

Pete shared that he got a phone call from Relay for Life, who recently was sponsored by the One Percent Commission. They would like to have a Squaxin banner hanging at their event this month, and the banner would cost \$60. Council agreed to pay for the banner.

Council will host the next Canoe Work Session on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 9am. All involved will be present and it will be an open discussion.

### SHAKER CHURCH

Mike and Rose Davis were present along with Bishop Strom from the Shaker Church. The Bishop handed out a flier for their dedication of the monument at Church Point on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. They would like Council present and would like to acknowledge the tribe for the help they have given. He thanked Council and stated that the Church would not be where it is today without the help of Squaxin. The Bishop shared that all 37 ministers from their 37 churches are invited. Each minister will be given a candle to light up the monument, he is anticipating a good event. They will order buttons to commemorate this event. After the blessing, they would like to have a BBQ lunch. They will serve dinner at the Mud Bay Church that evening. He explained that this is on conjunction with their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July campout at the church.

The Bishop had a list of items that they will need help with. Transportation is the largest area of concern, he shared that he estimates only 20 cars will be able to park at the Point and would like to use the tribal busses to shuttle people from an offsite parking area. They will also need someone to monitor parking. They will need porta-potties including one handicap. BBQ and accessories, tables and chairs for 250-300 people. Alter and candles. PA System. Ray asked where the monument will be placed. The Bishop stated that they have not located a spot yet. He added that they will need to have someone go prepare the spot, once it is chosen.

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The Bishop asked if the tribe could help shuttle people. Don stated that he would have to check on the availability of the bus and drivers. He added that it is right before Canoe Journey. The bishop also asked if the area was safe for swimming. Council stated no and that people need to be responsible for their own kids.

Rose asked about preparing the location for the monument. Don will check with Dan Neelands regarding that. The bishop stated that someone will need to talk to the school about using their parking lot and someone will need to order porta-potties. The church will take care of the BBQ and accessories, but what about tables, chairs and a PA system?

Don stated that the tribal staff is extremely overworked right now with canoe journey. He has asked staff to give two days each week to work on gifts. Everyone is focused on the Journey. He stated, respectfully, that in reality his staff is overworked at stressed as it is. He asked if the Church would be willing to change the date of the blessing to later this year. The Bishop stated that they chose the date because the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is their annual camp meeting at Mud Bay and it is well attended. That Saturday is their regional meeting. Everyone will be there anyway. Later this year they will run in to conflicts.

Charlene asked since there are so many churches, perhaps they could reach out to other churches in the area to help with transport and use their vans. She asked Margaret Henry to help them with that. The Bishop stated that he could do that, he would like to pull back a little and take more responsibility. He added that he will see how much they can do on their end, he has been a little disappointed in how little their membership does.

### TRIBAL LIAISON

**Political Donation:** Ray shared recently how they donated to Linda Ring-Erikson. He brought up Drew McEwan and how Drew is against the expansion of gaming. Ray suggested a donation to him as well. Ray put together a list for political donations, he worked with WIGA compiling this list. He doesn't have the list with him now, but would like Council approval to make those donations. Ray will email the list to Council. Council said okay.

**Travel:** Ray shared that SENSE Inc. sent out 2013 Inauguration logistics. Does Council want to secure hotel rooms? Council said yes, reserve seven.

**Ecology:** Ray shared an email from Department of Ecology. They are working on a public relations issue that can tie in with Canoe Journey perfectly. One of the big issues that the tribes are working on is the issue of bulkheads and other shoreline armoring. DOE suggested that a couple of canoes stop at a few points along the way and recognize and thank waterfront homeowners who are doing to right think and trying to be good stewards of the land and water. Ray will work with Charlene and Deb.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER UPDATE

Bert Miller and Andi Bloomfield were present to clarify a recent incident at the Child Development Center. They explained the incident. They also received a State inspection after, and nothing was found relating to the accident.

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They shared how they try and keep parent contact information updated. Jim suggested that if a child is ever treated with a medical condition, could it be requested that they need a doctors release to return to the center? Kevin will work with the Child Development Center for a protocol list on how to handle an emergency situation.

### ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Whitney Jones presented a letter from Ron Whitener, requesting the appointment of Don Smith to the Business Administration Board. Ray Peters moved to appoint Don Smith to the Board. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Whitney wanted to discuss the 2013 Mason General Hospital Golf Tournament. She explained how Squaxin is a major sponsor each year and it is held at Alderbrook. She wanted to know if next year it could be hosted by Salish Cliffs. They like to announce the venue for 2013 at this year's tournament. Andy would like to know how much in-kind is needed, and is this something Salish wants to get in to. Ray suggested that since One Percent is a major sponsor each year, perhaps next year they just make the funds out to Salish; that way the cost to the hospital would be low, and Salish wouldn't be donating in-kind; since that is not what they are in the business of.

Andy stated that any decision to lower the costs to accommodate a group at Salish should come to Council first. It should not be a Salish management decision. Council needs to be part of the discussion regarding charity event costs at Salish.

Council agreed that yes, next year's tournament can be held at Salish. The cost details can be worked out later. It will be held the last Friday in June, 2013.

Jim gave an update on the EPA Leadership Meeting. It was a good meeting and the tribes continue to have the support of Lisa Jackson. He will lay out a strategy with John Konovsky and head to DC to education Department of Agriculture and NRCS tribal sovereignty.

Jim shared that Centennial Accord went well. He attended a Tribal Water Summit the day before the Accord, water quality and fish consumption was discussed and how to continue pushing this forward, keeping the EPA on task.

Jim brought up the Climate Change Conference, being hosted by First Stewards and held in Washington DC. This is a good event, but with the timing of Canoe Journey there will be no Squaxin representation this year. Council agreed to donate \$500 to help the event (*check will be made out to Salmon Defense*).

Andy brought up the Fish Committee that was held yesterday. They brought up chum enhancement. Andy shared that chum have not been enhanced in a long time. He supports enhancement if it is done right. Arnold asked if Natural Resources could do a better job in sharing with the community the work that they already do to better the life of fish and shellfish.

Dave brought up the funding needed to complete the Museum landscaping. The total cost will be \$26,000. Council directed Don to find the funds and make it happen.

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Don announced that he appointed Kris Peters as the Squaxin Chief of Police, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a swearing in ceremony at the next Council meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Mason County Sheriff and Kris's family will be invited.

Don reported that he and Jim recently attended a BIA meeting in Spokane. During that time, he had thoughts about what the tribe is lacking, in the education department. He knows the tribe does not have the ability to follow national issues or serve on national boards. The TLC Director is busy and does not have the ability to follow these issues. He took the initiative to establish a position to do that, the position would be a Community Education Advocate. This position would be designed to participate in national education issues on behalf of the tribe and look in to the feasibility of a tribal school. Council would like to see a job description, but is supportive of the idea.

Kevin Lyon shared that Legal has brought in Jim Richardson to the Business Center to prepare wills and estate planning for tribal and community members.

Kevin added that there is a hunting and gathering meeting tomorrow at Nisqually. Pete will attend with Kevin.

Council will hold their next Canoe Journey Work Session here on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. Open discussion format, all involved will be in attendance. Lunch will be served at noon.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00.