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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2011**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Dave Lopeman	Chairman
	Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
	Andy Whitener	Treasurer
	Pete Kruger, Sr.	Secretary
	Ray Peters	1st Council Member <i>(travel)</i>
	Jim Peters	2nd Council Member <i>(travel)</i>
	Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member <i>(travel)</i>
Legal Counsel	Sharon Haensley	
	Mark Allen	
Tribal Administrator	Don Whitener	
Recording Secretary	Melissa Puhn	

Dave Lopeman called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the Council agenda. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against *(Ray Peters, Jim Peters and Charlene Krise were on travel)*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold shared that he hopes Council spends time discussing the responsibilities of the Shaker Church. He would like to be sure that the \$20,000/year allocation that the tribe made, is spent appropriately and on the Church. He added that the Church Bishop thought that Squaxin was going to contact other tribes for funding; but Arnold feels that should be the responsibility of the Church and not the Tribe. He also is curious about the ownership of the Church and how Squaxin is related, historically. He would like Council and Legal to discuss this further when the full Council is present.

Don Whitener added that since the tribe allocated \$20,000/year, he would like a new report on the structure of the building and what maintenance needs to be done in order to maintain the building. Don doesn't want the tribe to get involved with the politics of the church, only maintenance and property preservation. Don believes that if a larger project is needed, the church can "bank" the \$20,000 and save it towards a larger project. Arnold just doesn't want to see them continuing to ask the tribe for more money. He would like to see the \$20,000/year allocated, and nothing more. He would prefer to see other tribes contribute as well.

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the September 8, 2011 Council Minutes. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

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October 12-13: Native American Financial Conference (NAFOA), Mohegan Sun, CT. Ray will attend.

October 16-19: Native Fish & Wildlife Conference, Siletz, OR. Pete will attend.

October 21: Elder Host Luncheon Council is invited.

October 28: All Staff Potluck, noon

October 30-November 4: NCAI, Portland OR. Andy, Ray, Charlene, Jim and Pete will attend.

November 19: Potlatch Gala, Seattle WA. Council agreed to sponsor a table for \$1,900.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Dave Lopeman brought up the email that was sent out regarding reservation houses testing positive for meth. He would like to see something drastic to be done in order to stop this problem. There should be no tolerance. Arnold would like an update from Housing in regards to what they do about those houses. Dave would like the entire Council present if any decisions are to be made. Andy suggested a drug task force to target that activity. He added that enforcement is already busy; it would be tough for them to target that behavior. Arnold added that enforcement needs to protect themselves too.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Golf Committee: Don shared that this committee was formed a while ago, but nothing was finalized. Legal drafted committee bylaws. After discussing, Arnold moved to approve **Resolution #11-70** which approves the Salish Cliffs Golf Advisory Board Bylaws, and appoints Andy Whitener and Arnold Cooper to serve as a Council representative on the Board. Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Allen reported on the Wiles Property issue. They had mediation on September 27th and came to an agreement. Arnold moved to approve **Resolution #11-72** which approves the agreement that was reached at September 27th mediation hearing, and approves the boundary line (as attached with the Resolution). Andy Whitener seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Allen presented a technical change with the state gaming compact. This change is to Appendix A in regards to the definition and use of “drop boxes.” This change has been approved by the Gaming Commission and recommends its approval. Andy moved to approve **Resolution #11-73** which authorizes the Chairman to execute the attached Appendix A revisions between Squaxin and the Washington State Gambling Commission. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Gaming Commission: Kris Peters, Dave Whitener Jr., Joanne Decicio, Patti Puhn and Katrina Story were present. Dave Lopeman shared that it is the responsibility of the Gaming Commission to make sure the Casino keeps in check. Arnold added that Council put a lot of thought

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in to the TGA appointments and really wants them to be the eyes and ears of the casino. Pete added that he wants to see the commissioners get along, regardless of the issues. Andy commented that the Commission needs to take a real leadership role. Andy wants TGA to take charge of the information and have strong leadership. Arnold would like to see the audits come out clean. Don stated that a criticism has been that the TGA director set the agenda for the commission; part of the leadership role is to have the commission set the agenda, and the director will report to the commission, not the other way around.

Andy moved to approve **Resolution #11-71** which expands the Commission to seven members, reappoints Joanne Decicio, Katrina Story and Patti Puhn; and appoints Dave Whitener Jr. and Kris Peters. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The ordinance provides for staggered terms. Council would like all the Commissioners to attend certification trainings.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Elizabeth Fenton came in with a request for emergency housing. Council shared that they recently passed an emergency housing policy, and Island Enterprises is overseeing it. Council agreed to have Elizabeth move in to the emergency house, and she will work with Katrina Story, with IEI to figure out the logistics.

Council discussed ways to protect the victim, while they are staying in the emergency house. Sharon Haensley will look in to restraining orders and will talk with Kevin Lyon about strengthening that part of the policy.

LEGAL

Bruce Davies presented a guardianship case in executive session. Coming out of executive session, Council supported the request for case# SQI-CI-2010-0111.

LEGAL / NATURAL RESOURCES

Jeff Dickison handed out a Memorandum of Understanding between Squaxin, Olympia, Lacey and Yelm, regarding Budd Inlet and the Deschutes Watershed restoration. The MOU is for water mitigation plans and implementation; Natural Resources is supportive of building this type of strategy. Jeff asked Council is they would like to do a signing ceremony, or pass the document around for signatures from all parties. Council liked the idea of a signing ceremony and having all parties in the same room. They would like to schedule this before the end of the year.

Jeff shared a fish catch report. He shared that there have been more fish caught this year, than last year. The numbers are still low. Last year was a poor run size, but other systems did well; this year everywhere has a low fish count, not just the South Sound. Arnold would like tribal members to be aware that the low fish count is not the fault of Natural Resources and that the Puget Sound is suffering.

Sharon shared that she, Jeff and Ray will be leaving to Washington DC this weekend regarding federal reserved water rights. They will be meeting with Sense Inc. and delegation. She handed out the white papers that they will be presenting. Tomorrow she will be in Seattle to meet with the

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attorneys from the other tribes to share information on the joined approach. Jeff shared they have been discussing strategies on legal cases and how the water affects tribes rights.

Sharon provided an update on the settlement agreement with the Port of Shelton. Council supports the agreement.

Sharon handed out a settlement with Department of Fish & Wildlife and Kitsap County. She briefed on the permit that Squaxin is appealing. Council supports the settlement concepts presented.

Sharon shared that the Swinomish Tribe is fighting with Department of Ecology regarding instream flows. Council supports this.

Sharon provided an update on the trespass case with WA Department of Natural Resources. There is an argument this Friday at 10am in Tacoma. If anyone is interested in attending, let Sharon know. Council is open for mediation, provided that it's pertaining to shellfish.

Sharon shared that there is a preparation meeting for Council with Legal on the Nisqually issue. It is set for next Thursday, October 20th at 9am. October 24th is the meet & confer with Nisqually.

PLANNING

Esther Fox handed out a draft of the preliminary goals for the Cobell Trust land consolidation program. She also provided a quick update on the Island land sales.

SOUTH PUGET INTERTRIBAL PLANNING AGENCY

Comprehensive Cancer Control Project: Sherry Johns introduced Amelia Mainord, Cancer Project Manager, and Jen Olson who is their data person. Sherry shared that they met with Don recently and became aware that most tribal members are not aware that SPIPA has a Cancer Program.

Amelia handed out an information packet on their program. Sherry is starting a cancer support group. Jen shared that the Squaxin youth have been very active in this program. They host conferences and awareness classes. At this point, their funding allows for three conference, support groups and awareness activities.

Sherry shared that they are seeking funding. Arnold suggested they apply to the One Percent Commission. Amelia will look in to that.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Tully Kruger shared the listings of two potential support boats he found for sale. Council asked Tully to look in to them.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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John Taylor shared that he is working on the disaster plan for the canoe journey, as well as preparing for winter and disaster recovery. Arnold asked about the budget for snow removal. John shared that last year they over sanded the hill, so they will cut back this year.

He is also working on the 2012 NIMS requirement. The 2011 certification for necessary staff is complete, along with the 2011 DOH grant requirements. Two DOH grants were received for next year. He is assessing the current alert system and looking in to utilizing social media for emergency updates. Social networks have really taken off, so may be a good avenue for information sharing.

Arnold asked if a major disaster happened to the tribe, how John feels about disaster recovery. John shared that Squaxin far exceeds the national standard, to the point that the tribe does not depend on the state anymore. Don added that John has put together a good program.

TRIBAL ELDERS

Lila Jacobs, Myrtle Richards, Loretta Case, Rose and Don Brownfield, and Ila Ball stopped by to share their concerns with the changes in the Elders Program. They expressed they would like to have their room back and they do not like the recent changes that were made without their consent. Arnold suggested that they be on the next Council agenda to further discuss their concerns, with the appropriate people present who can answer their questions. They will be on the next agenda, along with any elder who would like to join, Kathy Block, Lorraine VanBrunt, Janita Johnson and Colleen Woodard.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Margaret Henry, Rose and Mike Davis came by regarding the memorial they would like to put at Church Point. They have been fundraising, but still need additional funds. Council suggested they apply for funding through the One Percent Commission. Margaret will assist them in applying.

Arnold Cooper moved to adjourn the October 13th Council Meeting. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried, adjourning the meeting at 2:40 p.m.