

**Squaxin Island Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2006**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Andy Whitener	Vice Chairman (<i>left at 4:15</i>)
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Patti Puhn	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Dave Whitener, Sr.

Legal

Kelly Croman-Neelands

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn, sitting in for J. Ruby Fuller

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Will Penn offered the opening prayer.

Minutes/Agenda

Andy motioned, and Pete seconded the motion to approve the meeting agenda with a few minor additions.

Andy motioned to approve the February 23rd meeting minutes with minor changes as well as the April 3rd and April 6th phone poll minutes, Charlene seconded the motion.

Travel Reports and Plans

Shared Strategy for Puget Sound, April 14th, at the Mason County Building 8, Jeff Dickison may attend.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Auction April 29th, benefiting the House of Knowledge. Council will purchase five tickets, a \$250 donation.

National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC), May 1 -5, Temecula CA.

General Body Meeting, May 6th, Little Creek Casino Resort Showroom. It was suggested to have Tammy Ford run a shuttle bus from the housing to the meeting.

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Mid Year Conference, May 15-18, Spokane Valley, Jim Peters and Ray Peters plans to attend.

2006 Self-Governance Conference Annual Conference, May 8 – 12, Acme, Michigan. Jim Peters, Pete Kruger, Charlene Krise, and Ray Peters plans to attend.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference, June 18 – 21, Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Andy Whitener and Ray Peters plans to attend.

Chairmans Update

Meeting with Tribal Youth

Jim reported that a group of Tribal Youth came to meet with him regarding their per capita checks. They were requesting a portion of their spring check, in order to purchase spring clothes and school supplies. Jim said that they had a good visit and they talked about school. He explained to them that if they received part of their per capita now that would be less they would receive upon their 18th birthday.

Council discussed the senior graduation incentive gifts of a laptop computer and a printer, along with the \$1000 they already receive. It was suggested to work with Information Services to check on price and dependability of laptops. There was also discussion about incentive gifts to present to college graduates. The Education Commission will come up with ideas to present to Council. It was suggested to send out a letter to congratulate college graduates with Councils signature. Ray will write the letter for Council.

Salish Seafoods

Will Penn wanted to discuss the process of ordering seafood for Council donations. It was decided that when Council needs to donate seafood, the order is to go through Ruby or Melissa who will then order from Salish Seafoods. The donation is limited by the event; if the event is last minute then the donation will be limited to \$100, any other events should be brought to Council for a consensus.

Letter from Puyallup Tribe

Andy Whitener presented a letter that was sent from the Shellfish Chairman of the Puyallup Tribe. After discussion, and based on the information that Council has, they would not like to have Kevin Lyon pursue this request. Kevin was asked to draft a response letter for the Council approval. Ray will contact Kevin.

Executive Director

Political Donations

Norm Dicks is having a breakfast reception on April 21st, and NWIFC has available seats at their table. Jim Peters will attend and Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500. Ray Peters will also attend.

Ray reported that the NWIFC inquired about Squaxin Island Tribe hosting a fundraising reception for Senator Maria Cantwell. It was discussed that this event could either be hosted at the Little Creek Casino Hotel or at the Museum. Council approved Ray to check with the Senators schedule and set a date in May.

Canoe Family

Council discussed the need for a Canoe Committee. The Canoe Family needs to have a committee to oversee the finances, spending, receipts and to assist the Family in recording their meetings as well as decisions. Council would then direct all funds donated to go through the Committee for approval. Under Council's direction, Ray will create guidelines for a Canoe Committee, and with Kevin's assistance By-Laws will be created. There was also discussion of possibly having a Canoe Family Circle meeting with Council.

Legal

Kelly Croman-Neelands and Mark Allen were present and provided a fuel tax update.

Diabetes Prevention

Janita Johnson along with guest Pat Odiorne RD presented the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Competitive Grant. This grant is used to demonstrate that Type 2 Diabetes can be prevented in the Native American population through intensive diabetes prevention activities.

Planning

John Taylor was present and handed out a NIMS Compliance Status Report as well as a report outlining the Emergency Operations Required Training. John briefly discussed the training process.

Brian Thompson presented **Resolution 06-26A**, which approves the updated Housing Code. Andy Whitener motioned and Pete Kruger seconded the motion to approve the Housing Code resolution. The motion carried 6 for and 0 against.

Little Creek Casino Resort Update

Doug Boon and Cameron Goodwin were present to provide an update on financials, additions, the new restaurant and events center.

Enrollment

In Tammy Fords absence, Ray Peters presented the following new enrollees; **Resolution 06-19**, which enrolls Trinity Byrd, **Resolution 06-27**, which enrolls William, Austin and Bryce Penn, all with full benefits. Charlene Krise motioned the approve these enrollments, and Patti Puhn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 for and 0 against. Kelly Croman-Neelands presented **Resolution 06-29**, which is an enrollment correction to Resolution #'s 04-95 and 04-85. Patti Puhn motioned and Charlene Krise seconded to approve this resolution. The motion carried 6 for and 0 against. Kelly also presented a resolution regarding the enrollment five year suspension, which was tabled until the next meeting.

Yakama Juice Products/CBA Basketball Team

Harris Teo from Yakama Tribe presented their Yakama Juice products. He showed a PowerPoint presentation to solicit business. Yakama Juice produces the product, and then will create a label with Squaxin Island Tribe's name on it, to sell at Squaxin events as well as a beverage provider at the events center.

Ralph Sampson also from Yakama Tribe was present to discuss the benefits of owning a CBA (Continental Basketball Association) Basketball Team. Yakama Tribe is looking for another team in the league. He handed out different schedules, fliers and discussed the process and benefits of owning and operating a team.

Northwest Indian Treatment Center Outpatient

June O'Brien provided an update on the Outpatient Center. She explained that annually she has a consultant come in to analyze their program and make recommendations for improvement. June discussed her program and went over the changes that she will be making with their treatment in order to be more efficient.

ICW

Whitney Jones and case worker Jennifer Howell presented three ICW cases and were seeking Council recommendation. Council went in to Executive Session.

Council objected the petition of adoption for case number SQUI-CI06-03-065. Council supports the guardianship requests for case numbers SQICI05-04-129, and SQICI01-01-015.

Executive Director Update *(Continued)*

Executive Session

Kelly Croman-Neelands presented **Resolution 06-28** which approves a contract with Zenon Environmental for engineering services. Charlene Krise motioned to approve this resolution, and Vince Henry seconded the motion, the motion carried 5 for with 0 against (Andy Whitener was out of the room).

Council discussed a tribal member concern, which Dave Whitener Sr. presented. Vince Henry stated that he will check in to the matter, and let Dave know what he determines.

Council requested Ray to provide a report on the status of a tribal members housing situation.

Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.