

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2005**

Attendance:

Tribal Council	Jim Peters, Chairman Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary Patti Puhn, Treasurer Will Penn, 1st Council Member Pete Kruger, Sr., 2nd Council Member Charlene Krise, 3rd Council Member
Executive Director	Ray Peters
Recording Secretary	Joanna R. Fuller

The opening prayer was offered. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Andy Whitener moved to approve the May 26, 2005 minutes as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against. The June 9 minutes will be brought back to the next regular meeting with corrections and additions as directed by Council.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

NIGC Tribal Leaders Meeting is planned for July 11. *(Jim may be in Washington, D. C. with Department of Interior shellfish group and may be able to attend)*

On the **July 8-10th**, Andy, Charlene, Pete and Patti will travel to San Diego with Doug Boon to view Class 2 Machines.

Jim Peters and Andy Whitener plan to attend the **WIGA Conference, July 25-27** in Tacoma.

Squaxin Island Tribe's **First Salmon Ceremony** is set for noon **August 6** at Arcadia Boat Ramp.

August 20 is the date set for **Salmon Fest** fundraiser at LCCH. *(This has been cancelled until next year because of time constraints.)*

Pete Kruger and perhaps Patti Puhn may attend the **Washington Tribal Economic Summit** scheduled for **August 21-24** at Quinault Beach Resort

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS *(Continued)*

The Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas is scheduled for September 12, 2005. Andy plans to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Cell phones: The Chairman encouraged the council members to put their cell phones on silence when they come into Council Chambers because the noise is a distraction. A sign will be put on the door to Council Chambers "Cell phones on silence please".

Shellfish digs: Patti Puhn brought up the shellfish dig notice that went out to tribal members telling Tribal Members to make sure they have a buyer for their product. This was discussed. Andy explained the challenges of summer digs with regard to buyers, specifically, Taylor United. There presently is more product available to buyers. Council discussed the need for more markets to be created by Salish Seafood.

Island Enterprises Board: The Island Enterprises Board is a five-member board. Those members are Bob Whitener, Dave Johns, Tim Sheldon, Vince Henry and Andy Whitener. Jim is an ex-officio member. Kevin will report back to council with the Board's terms of office.

Bob Whitener has requested an Executive Session at the next Council Meeting. He will be asked how much time he needs. Council stressed that whenever possible, Salish Seafoods is to buy from Squaxin Tribal Members. Council also requests a business plan from Salish Seafoods and how it will work with tribal harvesting and Salish Seafoods' definition of "first come, first serve as it relates to buying from family members."

Meeting request: Shelton Schools has requested Council to meet with its board and the Skokomish council. Council would like to know what the agenda is for the meeting. Ray will follow up on this and will also check on the quarterly meeting with the County Commissioners.

Letter for consideration: Jim asked Council to review a letter from NWIFC and consider sending it out.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Fireworks: Ray presented a proposed change to the Fireworks General Use Permit. This was discussed. Robbin Rhoades was present. Jim said he would entertain a motion to approve the Fireworks General Use Permit (Amended). Pete made the motion to approve. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

Kevin then presented the changes to the ordinance. Kevin will bring a resolution to amend the code as proposed. Patti moved to approve the code revision. Pete seconded the motion. Jim asked for discussion. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(Continued)*

The motion carried, 6 in favor and 0 against. The amended Use Permit will be delivered to Education, the Fireworks stands and sent out in the bulk mail.

Ray informed Council that a Tribal fireworks stand holder had decided not to sell fireworks and would relinquish the space for a fireworks stand. Another tribal member is interested in having that space for a stand. Council approved by consensus.

Property acquisition update: Ray gave property acquisition update. A purchase sales agreement on the Knudsen property has been signed and sent but not received back.

There was a suggestion to suspend placing any more funds in the account for on-island property acquisition until the account has been spent down somewhat. Charlene asked for an update on all land and purchase and sales.

Talking Circle: Ray asked Council to consider a date to have a Talking Circle.

Salmon Fest: Ray reported on the plans for Salmon Fest. He stated that it will cost \$15 to get into Salmon Fest. The musical group, Diamond Rio, will be part of the entertainment. Patti moved to take money from Hotel Occupancy Tax for Salmon Fest. Pete seconded the motion. There was discussion. After discussion, the vote was 5 in favor 0 against with 1 abstention.

Squaxin Flag: Samples of designs for flags using the Squaxin Logo were passed around for Council to review and consider using as the Squaxin Island Tribe's flag. Council approved a design which contains a red Squaxin Logo on a white background.

Letter from Tribal Member: Council discussed the letter received from a Tribal Member regarding the possible golf course. Patti suggested a public meeting.

Resolution #05-57: Ray presented **Resolution #05-57** which authorizes the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute, and administer with the Department of Health and Human Services a grant proposal and agreement for the FY 2005 Family Violence Prevention Grant. (Renewal of Grant resolution) Charlene moved to approve the resolution. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6 in favor and 0 against.

Resolutions #05-58 and 05-59: Ray presented the following enrollment resolutions to Council for approval for enrollment with full benefits:

Resolution #05-58 Alonzo Johnny Grant

Resolution #05-59 Dylan Lee Hyder

Andy moved to approve **Resolutions #05-58 and #05-59**. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against.

LEGAL

Resolution # 05-60: Kevin Lyon asked for Council's approval of **Resolution # 05-60**, whereby Council agrees to participate as one of four study sites in the WIGA Study of Indian Gaming and participate in the WIGA study of economic impacts of gaming and non gaming commerce and of tribal government spending. Andy moved to approve **Resolution #05-60**. Charlene seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against.

Resolution #05-61: Kevin then presented **Resolution #05-61** which approves the adoption of the United States Food and Drug Administration 2001 Model food code by the Squaxin Island Gaming Enterprise for use in its Little Creek Casino/Hotel and approves SIGE's enrollment in the USDA's program standards and authorizes publication of the Tribe's name in the National Registry.

Charlene made a motion to approve **Resolution #05-61**. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried; 6 in favor and 0 against. Council indicated they would like an inspection of the Elders Center, Museum, NWITC, and the Child Development Center.

Limited benefit Rule: Kevin provided Council with the **Enrollment limited benefit rule**.

Current Squaxin Island Enrollment Limited benefit Rule

Assumes that all applicants are eligible for enrollment:

Applicant relinquished: 5 year wait

Applicant not previously enrolled: Parent not enrolled SIT by July 8, 2004: 5 year wait

Applicant not previously enrolled: Parent enrolled SIT by July 8, 2004: Full Benefits

Will Penn asked for an audit of enrollment practices. There was discussion. enrollment issues were discussed. Kevin stated that he will make himself available to Council and will schedule a meeting to help Council understand the process of enrollment.

Per capita: Per capita checks will be distributed on August 4, 2005. Andy moved to suspend enrollment from June 30 through September 30. Vince seconded the motion. There was discussion. Andy withdrew his motion.

Will moved to have distribution of per capita for the balance of 2005 limited to those full benefit members enrolled by June 30, 2005. Patti seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 in favor and 0 against.

In August, minors receive \$150 with the balance to a trust account.
In December, minors receive \$200 with the balance to a trust account.
Minors receive no cash distribution in April.

State Leases: There was concern about the State Department of Natural Resources leasing land to shellfish growers who want to enhance the ground. Charlene said that it is important for Andy and Jim to stay in this arena. A fish and wildlife meeting will be held at the Hotel at Little Creek.

Meeting adjourned 12:47 p.m.