



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; **and**

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, The Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self government;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Explorer Program is to provide young adults who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experience, **and**

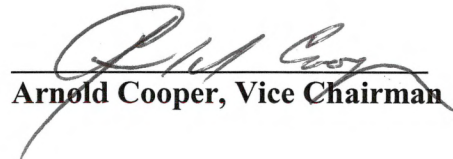
WHEREAS, it has been determined to establish an Explorers Program Committee, consistent with the Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance, and to appoint its members;

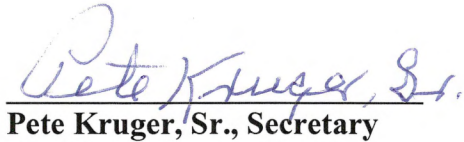
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee is created and the attached Explorers Program Committee Bylaws are hereby approved and incorporated in this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 27 day of March, 2015 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman


Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman


Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary

**Squaxin Island Tribal Public Safety & Justice
Explorers Program Committee By-Laws**

The Purpose of the Explorers Advisory Program Committee:

To ensure the Explorer program is adhering the programs goals. The purpose of the Explorer Program is to provide young adults who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences. Character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism are integral components of the overall program. Through their involvement in the program, Explorers develop an awareness of the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies. The support of the Chief of Police for the Squaxin Island Tribe, along with a dedicated cadre of law enforcement professionals and adult volunteers who provide adult leadership, is required for the success of any explorer Post. The program depends on volunteer leadership; "Learning for Life" staff will provide program protocols, insurance, assistance and support.

Program Objectives:

- To provide a program of training that educates young adults on the purpose, mission and objectives of public safety agencies.
- To provide an opportunity for service, practical experiences, competition and recreation.
- To help prepare Explorers become better citizens and community members through character development, physical fitness, good citizenship, patriotism, life-skill training.
- Explorers will receive career development in first responder, law enforcement, security, and treaty rights.

Authority of Committee: The Committee is authorized to:

1. Provide updates to the Tribal Council.
2. Collaborate with Public Safety Department, Tribal Gaming Authority, Little Creek Casino Resort Security, Island Enterprises Inc. Security, and the Department of Natural Resources.
3. Establish training relations with Mason County Fire District #4, Mason County Sheriff's Office and/or Squaxin Island Emergency Operations Center.
4. Evaluate performance and program results.

The Committee is not authorized the give direction to any staff member or independently establish policy. The Committee will abide by the provisions of the Squaxin Island Tribe Committee and Commission Policy Code 2.24.

Membership: The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. Tribal Council will appoint the two Tribal Member positions and a Tribal Council member to the Committee membership. All Committee members, except the Tribal Council representative, will be voting members.

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Tribal Gaming Agency Director
2. Public Safety and Justice Department Director
3. Natural Resources Director
4. Little Creek Casino Security Director
5. Island Enterprises Security Director
6. Two member of the Community, Tribal Member
7. Tribal Council Representative (non-voting)

Persons appointed shall remain in office until they resign or are replaced. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

There will be no stipend.

Officers: At its first regularly scheduled meeting after appointment of the Committee membership, the Committee will elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for a one year term. Election of officers will be conducted each April thereafter.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and shall receive and coordinate all matters to be reviewed by the Committee by establishing an agenda for each meeting and coordinating research on action items.

The Chairperson shall report Committee activities to the Tribal Council on a semiannual basis or more frequently as the need arises. The Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence. The Secretary shall keep records of the meetings.

Decision making authority: Decisions on issues will be voted on by voice vote by simple majority. The Public Safety and Justice Employee shall prepare and present a recommendation for the Tribal Council.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings will be held quarterly, unless otherwise decided by a vote it will be reflected in the meeting minutes.

Meetings shall be open to the Community, unless it is of confidential nature. Emergency meetings may be held when necessary. It will be the responsibility of the Public Safety Officer for the Squaxin Island Tribe to announce the meeting place and time each quarter to Committee members and the Community.

Minutes and Reporting Requirements: Minutes will be recorded at each meeting. Minutes shall be approved by the Committee and the next scheduled meeting. Official minutes recorded will be submitted to the Tribal Council Secretary.

Termination: The Committee shall be terminated once the Explorer Program has been inactive for one year.