Chief Chet Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Joe Brooks to offer a prayer, and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Annette Ketchum called the roll and in addition to Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Ms. Michelle Holly, Dr. Nicky Michael and Mr. Nate Young were present. Chief Brooks welcomed the guests and introduced Ms. Shana Walker, Parliamentarian, who assisted during the meeting. The guest list included: Curtis Zunigha, Joe Brooks, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Allan Barnes, Ron Scott, Nathan “Buck” Young, Roger Stewart, Ricky Stevens, Anna Pechonick, Johnny Barker, Homer Scott, John W Sumpter, Nancy Sumpter, Jean Lewis, Leslie Jerden, Susan Cade, Jason Jones, Cece Runnels, Dana Murrell.

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the agenda; however Mr. Young asked for point of order: Item II Unfinished Business cannot include Reports, per Robert’s Rules of Order. Ms. Griffith withdrew the motion and made a motion to approve the agenda with Item III Reports, Item IV New Business and Item V Adjourn, Ms. Shea seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brooks asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Young made a point of order: The minutes must be read aloud, per Robert’s Rules. Secretary Ketchum read minutes of the January 12 meeting. Corrections included: Page 2, “Seminole Nation” was changed to “Seminole Tribe”; “only” was changed to “mainly”; Page 3, under Grants, “violation of” was changed to “violence against”; to Editorial Committee an additional sentence was added, “The decision will be left to Tribal Council”; and on Page 4, “copy write” was changed to “copyright”. Motion was then made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the minutes with corrections and it passed 4 Yes, 3 Abstentions (Young, Holley, Michael).

Chief Brooks asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Young made a point of order: The Financial Report must be moved to Item III Reports, per Robert’s Rules. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and unanimously passed.

**Unfinished Business**

The Action Log was tabled by motion from Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Dr. Michael after a point of order was made that those items on the Action Log were reports and were to be moved to Item III Reports. Motion passed with 5 Yes, 2 No (Griffith, Young).
Other Unfinished Business

Dr. Michael quoted Robert’s Rules, saying that she was appealing Resolution 2016-03 as unconstitutional. According to Robert’s Rules of Order the Chair may or may not accept the appeal and he chose to not acknowledge the appeal.

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Holly to excuse Dr. Michael’s absence January 12. Mr. Young asked for a point of order, stating she did not notify the Council and ask to be released from attendance. However, when the question was called for, Chief Brooks called for a ten minute recess at 6:48 pm. Joe Brooks received news of his grandson’s death and announced it, asked for prayers and left the audience. Upon returning to session at 6:58 p.m. Chief Brooks asked to be excused due to his nephew’s death and motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Dr. Michael to adjourn, which passed with 1 abstention (Chief).