

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
August 19, 2015
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- Approved
Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called August 19, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:12pm.

Vice Chair Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter and Secretary Roger Stewart. Member Joe Brooks. Absent were Members Verna Crawford and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks declared a quorum.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Gilbert Watters and Allan Barnes.

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Treasurer John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. **John Sumpter** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Chet Brooks mentions that Scott Thompson with Arvest had to miss the meeting because he was called to St. Louis.

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$4,205,868.82; The July 31, 2015 balance was \$4,216,181.68. That is an increase of \$10,312.86.

Discussion: Gain for year is around \$50k, **Chairman Chet Brooks** stated a draw down was made to make payments of \$20k last month so stocks and bonds did make \$30k. **Treasurer John Sumpter** said the word is financial troubles are coming. He watches FOX NEWS, gold is going down. **Secretary Roger Stewart** mentioned Rand Paul said the sky was falling. **Treasurer John Sumpter** agreed that Rand Paul declared hard times for the upcoming year to

two years. **Chairman Chet Brooks** mentioned the national debt sunk 17 Trillion Dollars and the backdoor news was the Department of Defense lost 8 Trillion in the last 10 years. Whether or not that is true no one knows, but it breaks down to about 55k per man, woman and child in the US. So it looks imperative to have Scott Thompson join the next meeting, but if there is a bad monetary collapse can a banker be trusted to tell you? **Joe Brooks** said they tell you leave it alone it'll come back. Maybe we need to speak to someone else? CFO Jean Lewis said that things should be OK, however Treasurer John Sumpter believes that a backdoor is still needed. **Chairman Chet Brooks** thinks maybe scouting around for a capable financial advisor in addition to Arvest, not to move away, just talk about the future in general might be a way to safeguard the Tribe's money. The Trust Board owes it to the Tribe to do that. **Treasurer John Sumpter** agrees that now the balance is back up to 4 million it needs to stay there. **Joe Brooks** states the budget next year is going to be \$30-\$40k slimmer than this year. If it stays like that some of the committees are going to have to take some drastic measures. **Chairman Chet Brooks** asks for a motion to approve the financials pending audit. **Joe Brooks** moved to approve the financials pending audit. **Roger Stewart** seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Joe Brooks in Verna Crawford's absence

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, August 10, 2015. Three dental applications were approved totaling \$604, one Elder RX for \$900, one emergency assistance for \$196.58, one medical for \$200, one rental assistance for \$200, two student optical totaling \$372.12. Also approved up to \$40 per month for fish food. The next meeting report will be for September 14, 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chet Brooks in Homer Scott's absence

The Cultural Preservation Committee met August 3, 2015. Delaware Days are the 25th and 26th of September. The committee will be letting the Veterans Committee recommend one Veteran for a Veteran Honoree and the Elders Committee will recommend one Elder Honoree and Joe Brooks said that the Cultural Committee will then approve or reaffirm whoever they recommend. Also passed resolutions on how much to spend on meat for Saturday Night Joe Brooks said if he's not mistaken it was \$500 and \$250 for supplies Chet Brooks said also a stipend for Elaine to cover electricity Joe Brooks said due to inflation he motioned to increase the amount from \$150 to \$200. Chet Brooks asks if a report on the Wisconsin trip was given at the last meeting that he missed due to being in Durant and Joe Brooks answered yes. Discussion: Delaware Days is a straight pot luck on Friday night and the Culture Committee furnishes meat for Saturday night. Which will be the same as last year being eight pork loins and four briskets. Vice Chair Mary Watters confirms the honoree process. John Sumpter said that it was voiced the Cultural

Committee has always picked in the past but there wasn't always a Veteran's committee, Joe Brooks confirms the Cultural committee will still approve but just wants the recommendations to come from each committee and it will also pay for both blankets. Next meeting will be September 14, 2015.

Education: Co-Chair Joe Brooks

The Education Committee met July 13, 2015. Three were approved for Academic Achievement for a total of \$300. One application for athletic assistance was denied because it wasn't school sponsored. One Education was approved for \$50. Six School Supply Vouchers were approved totaling \$193.87. Thirty-two full time Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarships were approved for a total of \$9,600. One part-time Higher Education Scholarships for a total of \$150. There were two denials because the GPA wasn't met. **Chairman Chet Brooks** asked Sasheen Reynolds if she has anything to add. She stated that all the applications have been updated on the website now.

The next meeting report will be for September 14, 2015.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee met on August 3rd. Officers present were Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Jan Brown. Honored Elders that were there was Bonnie Thaxton and Jack Tatum. Discussed was their ideas that were provided to the Tribal Council to improve the Elders lunch program. Part of the ideas were not accepted but she understands that the adult lunch price did go up to \$5. Also tribal members had traveled to Wisconsin and Bonnie Jo Griffith had a report to give complete with pictures and Joe Brooks added to that. Both reports were informative, however they invite any others to speak at their next meeting because this has been the only information that they have heard. The next meeting report will be for September 14th, 2015 because the 7th is Labor Day.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. **Chair John Sumpter** stated no meeting so no report.

Tribal Operations: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets quarterly. **Chair Chet Brooks** there is no report besides getting the trust money at the beginning of each year.

Veterans Committee: Co-Chair Roger Stewart

The Veterans Committee met on. **John Sumpter** stated that the Color Guard represented the Tribe at IICOT on Saturday night. They had their newest member to the Color Guard Deborah Moody who he thinks come out as a seven, but she agreed with the committee's approval to add her. The Honored Veteran was discussed which was himself and that will go to the Cultural Committee for approval. The Veterans represented the Tribe well, did well and looked good at Wisconsin in their fatigues, the others were just in slacks and white shirts and black vests. The Veterans up there were welcoming and it was a good visit and get together altogether. Chairman Chet Brooks said in his opinion the Color Guard looked and did the best out of all of them. **Discussion:** John Sumpter has video and Joe Brooks has pictures of them that should be archived. John Sumpter also spoke of videoing the visit he had with the Seneca at Green Corn of the Stick Dance that we call the Skin Dance. He said that he listened to their story about the songs that were kept for the Delaware people until being asked for and from at least '69 John has been the only Delaware to ask for those songs. He told of the reason they called it the Stick dance and they performed it for him, he felt privileged. He just wanted to mention it even though it doesn't apply to the Veterans Committee and Mary Watters asked if he would join their next Elders meeting to share. Chet Brooks said that someone from Wisconsin will be sharing video as well for the Elders to see. Joe Brooks added that they owe a big thank you to Kay Anderson for the meal on Saturday night in Wisconsin. John Sumpter suggested a letter of appreciation to Kay Anderson and Martina Thomas for their contribution and hard work for the preparation of the meal. Joe Brooks made a motion that a letter of appreciation and thanks be send to both ladies. Chet Brooks seconded it. **Motion** carried with all in favor. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

A. Joe Brooks Announcement

His daughter got the job as RN at the Cherokee Clinic and he is proud of her.

Chairman Chet Brooks asks if no other Old Business is there any New Business, and if none asks for a motion to set the time and date of next meeting.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on September 16, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. **Vice Chair Mary Watters** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks adds with Scott Thompson present.

Chairman Chet Brooks agrees and said that if it's written in the minutes then Scott Thompson would most likely make it a point to **not** have anything else to do except attend. **Joe Brooks** suggested a copy of the minutes should be shared with him.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. **Joe Brooks** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks announced the Monterey discount is still in place for the Tribe and declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01p.m.