Timucuan Longhouse Meeting

11 Jun 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Fruit Cove Baptist Church

**In attendance:** Steve “Red Bear” Sharpe, Joe “Big Red” Woodlief, Jason “Red Snapper” Bradshaw, Ron “Spirit Bear” Smith, Rick “Storm Cloud” Murphy, Stewart “Running Wombat” Morris, Scott “Chief Tomahawk” Lyncker, Jeff “Screaming Eagle” Smith, Holger “Blue Spark” Schmidt, Ray “Creaking Oak” Junk, Jason “Silver Squirrel” Heeter, and Pete “Peterbilt” Gunston

* Meeting began at 7:05 pm
* Open Meeting with Prayer: ***Red Bear***

**FED Council Reports**

* Review / accept / post last month’s meeting minutes: ***Screaming Eagle***

1. First motion **Stewart**
2. Seconded by **Murphy** and unanimously approved by Federation Council

* Financial Report: ***Tar Heel***

1. Tar Heel was not in attendance due to death in the family
2. Approximately $700 in our account. This is a dangerously low balance.
3. A forecast of any significant expenditures needs to be provided
4. Patches were purchased, but have not been paid for
5. Spirit Bear has asked the Patch Store not to charge the card yet

* Coup point report: ***Screaming Eagle***

1. 9 tribes earned OWB and attended Summer Waves event
2. Screaming Eagle will request best practices and share out in Federation emails
3. Bowling is a great way to earn coup points

* Recruitment update: ***Creaking Oak***

1. Closed the year with 375 members (up by 7 from previous year)
2. How many members were lost due to breaking arrow?
3. Creaking Oak wants to track this in a better way
4. Spirit Bear will look up how many broke arrow over the past few years
5. Creaking Oak placed the Summer Bowling events on several event web sites
6. A Share Point site has been created that allows everyone to share pictures and documents
7. More articles need to be submitted to local publications to help with awareness and recruitment (including Ortega area, new target for recruitment)
8. The Resident will print articles if residents in their publication area(s) submit something

* Website update: ***Iron Wolf***

1. Many updates continue to be made
2. Iron Wolf is not attendance

* Facebook Status: ***Lion Heart***

1. Lion Heart is not in attendance
2. 379 likes for the page currently

* Nation Chiefs

1. Scott Lyncker shared some updates for Pathfinders
2. Might have event at Itchituknee in July (13 and 14)
3. He wants to put events on the web site
4. Apache update – tribe going to Icitucknee next week

**Old Business**

* Girls’ Longhouse Recap: **Red Bear, Two-Toes, & Tomahawk**

1. 125 registrants (down a bit)
2. $349 positive revenue
3. $345 made on raffle, but expense was $340
4. Everyone had a great time. Water slide was terrific. Fire was terrific.
5. There was some concern about a need for rules as some of the girls were upset and felt left out of water balloon fights or were upset from items being taken

* Sioux Nation Chief Still Vacant: **Red Bear**

1. Dakota, Cayuga, Puma, Hopi, Seneca, and Oglala are part of that nation

* Algonquin assistant chief is also needed to help Peterbilt
* OWB Recap: **Big Red**

1. $4,000 was spent on OWB
2. Everyone who went had a great time and the shirts are terrific.
3. Additional work needs to be done on coup points and making sure everything is official. It is disenchanting to see tribes get OWB that didn’t earn it.

* National Conference Recap: **Red Bear**

1. Big Red - It is fun, and you can meet a lot of amazing guys who are like-minded. He feels that we are still the best federation. 9 people were there from Jacksonville and many more from Florida. A lot was learned and shared.
2. Red Bear – Some of the people from Jacksonville have gone to the national conference 4 or 5 times.
3. History - YMCA was affiliated with Indian Princesses/Guides since 1920 or so. There was pressure to drop the program in the early 2000’s and stop the camp outs and change the name to Adventure Guides. 2008/2009 – A group decided to leave the YMCA and started a new program called Native Sons and Daughters with the blessing of relatives of Joe Friday, original founder. Many states (21) have programs and have maintained their individual names and way of work with over 2,000 members(?).
4. Examples of interesting programs – Crooked River group hands out business cards with information, Great Sun Nation provides a special “spirit stick” to Tribe of the Year, some nations have found a lot of success in recruiting at Preschools, some tribes have videos that tell the story of the organization and are used for promoting NSD, etc.
5. Some nations have a registration field on their site that includes t-shirt size so that it is updated every year. It was decided at the meeting with almost unanimous approval to wipe the t-shirt size data each year and include this field with new and returning registrants for NSD.
6. There was also discussion about being more creative with patch designs as there is no additional cost for different shapes, etc.
7. Online store for national site allows tribes to purchase different items.
8. Ron asked if we have a Timucuan banner. We can get reimbursed for marketing and recruitment (Facebook ads, banner, etc.). NSD logo must be more prominent on our site and shirts.
9. Insurance – there is a new insurance rep and he wants each nation to have 3-4 people on a crisis response team in case an incident happens.
10. Volunteers - Big Red (Joe Woodlief), Red Bear (Steve), Scott Klueppel, Screaming Eagle (Jeff Smith), Running Wombat (Stewart Morris), Holger “Blue Spark” Schmidt, and Jason “Silver Squirrel” Heeter
11. National chief will be Jay Jay. Assistant chiefs will include Creaking Oak. Iron Wolf will remain as Web Spinner.
12. Fort Wilderness at Disney was suggested as a spot for statewide, but it is expensive.
13. Ron suggested using the Poker Room for a fundraiser with dads. One of our members, Jesse Hollander, runs one of the poker rooms.
14. There is a service patch project that provides a special patch through national and we could explore this.
15. Ron also suggested many ways that older students could be volunteers (face painting, selling snow cones, driving carts, etc.)

* Smoker (Peterbuilt)

1. He has found a terrific smoker that he will bring to an upcoming event and is waiting on the arrival of some lights. Big Red will get a steamer from Silver Bear’s widow.

**New Business**

* Coup Point & OWB Requirements Revised: **Big Red**

1. There was a feeling that tribes took advantage of the system.
2. There need to be stricter rules and more attention to detail for coup points.
3. Big Red said that Ottawa really earned OWB and it was unfair with tribes reporting that they earned OWB
4. Tribes must turn in coup points on a regular basis and if they don’t turn them in on time then they can’t qualify for OWB.
5. Ron suggested that we make the OWB event available to everyone, BUT only OWB tribes get in for free
6. Scott Klueppel, Jeff Smith, Stewart, and Holger (Blue Spark) volunteered to revise coup point rules
7. Jeff will work with group to create a webinar

* Tribe of the Year Requirements Revised: **Red Bear**

1. There should be a nominating system and coup point review committee will work on this item as well
2. There is currently a nation and federation tribe of the year, but only one tribe will be honored in the future moving forward
3. What will the award be?
4. Logo for the tribe that wins could be put on the teepee

* Dues

1. Big Red proposed that dues be raised to $30 and there is no early registration discount. There will be a cut-off date for receiving a shirt.
2. Motions were made, and a **unanimous vote** supported the **change to $30**.
3. Old shirts could be used for “new” tribes who get the opportunity to tie dye them. September 1 might be deadline for t-shirts with sign-ups and payment due by then. There will be further discussion and recruitment chief will propose a date at the next meeting.
4. Each nation will have its own color for shirts??

* Membership drive:
  + Recruitment Chief asked for $200 per month recruitment budget. This would result in a $2,400 cost at most. **Ray Junk** started motion and **Ron Smith** seconded. **Motion approved unanimously**.
  + 4,000 flyers were printed last year. 500 would be needed to put them in brochure displays. We need a business partner who can provide this at no cost.
  + July & August

1. There needs to be more incentive for current members to spread news about the organization and recruit
2. Ray wants to saturate Ortega and other critical areas
3. PSAs and ads in The Resident
   * Recruitment incentives
4. Ray suggested having tiers with prizes for each level of recruitment
5. Ray will put together ideas and notes and share with everyone
   * Ray suggested a mom’s night out
6. Dad’s night out cost $550 for food
7. Ray suggested making this happen this summer
8. It was suggested that everyone reach out to their wives for ideas
   * How many people do we want?
   * Citywide details?
   * Shirts discussion

**Upcoming Events**

* Chiefs’ Roast – All Fed Council & Tribe Chiefs invited June 16th 7PM
  + Spirit Bear Gift
  + Registration needs to be completed
  + Bring a side dish, drink, and chair
  + Board members can bring $10-20 for Ron’s gift to the event
* Summer Bowling – Starting June 17th
  + Big Red will be there at the first summer bowling
  + Need Trophies made
* Registration opens July 1st
* Goals for coming year – **Big Red & Red Bear**
  + All events scheduled, booked, and posted
  + No skipped events (e.g. cracker race)
  + Fill all Fed Council positions by end of summer
  + Increase attendance at all events
  + Nation chief involvement in tribe activities (attend meetings, nation events, etc.)
  + Back to roots: AIMS, Fire, Fur, Feather Facepaint
  + Timucuan Service Project
  + Pete Gunston brought up “Touch a Truck” event and opportunity for marketing

**Meeting ended at 8:30 pm**