Timucuan Longhouse Meeting

09 Jul 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, Stewart “Running Wombat” Morris, Scott “Chief Tomahawk” Lyncker, Jeff “Screaming Eagle” Smith, Ray “Creaking Oak” Junk, Jason “Red Snapper” Bradshaw, Darrin “Two Toes” Schmidt, Cam “Eagle Eye” McIver, and Pete “Peterbilt” Gunston

* Open Meeting with Prayer: ***Red Bear***

**Fed Council Reports**

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

1st **Ron Smith** Motion unanimously accepted

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

1. Skipped to discuss later

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

1. No coup points have been submitted yet
2. We will push out a request for coup points after a discussion of changes to coup point system

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

1. 1st conference call is scheduled for this Sunday for recruitment committee
2. Ray has been in touch with the Resident News and confirmed a color ad for most recent publication with a copy passed around to everyone
3. Article on Statewide event was in Mandarin Newsline
4. Discussion about roles for different NSD leaders (Ray and Cam) who deal with marketing and news and connecting with Brian Quirk
5. Brian Quirk wants to hand off his work to someone else and has strong connections with local news outlets
6. Eagle Eye spoke about his connections with news agencies and getting someone on the air
7. Ray is focusing on marketing to certain parts of Jacksonville to expand recruitment efforts and is kicking off marketing efforts. Ray shared plan to pay for 6 months at $240 per month for ads in The Resident and other marketing plans along with free “advertorials” that the publication will allow us to write.
8. Steve brought up the need to create a write up for mom’s groups and online publications
9. The Recruitment Committee will speak further this Sunday night
10. Steve asked about the deadline for registration to receive an NSD t-shirt
11. September 22nd was presented as a reasonable deadline for registration to be paid by current members to ensure that we could receive t-shirts from the t-shirt company before Fall Longhouses
12. Big Red (Joe Woodlief) made a motion to make September 22nd the deadline for registration to receive t-shirts
13. Ray presented the idea of hosting the Jax Cracker Race at City-Wide (held at Camp Immokalee)
14. A motion was presented and passed to host the Jax Cracker Race at this year’s City Wide
15. Motion was offered by Darrin “Two Toes”

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

1. Web site was redesigned two months ago and is much easier to navigate

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

1. Lion Heart was not present, but it was shared that he wants to create an Instagram account as well
2. More pictures are needed that are high quality and not “National Geographic” style photos of kids at camp outs

* Nation Chiefs – ***What’s going on in your tribes?***

1. Everything is great
2. Scott shared ideas to increase engagement with Pathfinders

**Old Business**

* Coup Point & OWB Requirements Revised: ***Committee***

1. Iron Wolf shared a presentation that began with the history of coup points and the meaning of the word “coup”
2. List of coup point activities and history are listed on our web site
3. 1/3 of our tribes don’t submit coup points. Every year we bend the rules for OWB. Tribe of the year criteria is nearly impossible.
4. We had 800 members at one point and the organization was very active with many tribes meeting twice per month.
5. Base qualification on patch events
6. Eliminate cheating
7. Pay for OWB with event profits
8. Qualify per-child instead of per-tribe
9. Anyone can qualify, even in small, larger, or lame tribes
10. Only reward those who earn it
11. Require two service projects per child (require proof?) and recognize ALL community service
12. Require 1 recruitment per child (bring in a friend or attend recruiting event)
13. 8 Patch Events + 2 Service Projects + 1 Recruitment = OWB
14. The system of scoring has not been decided.
15. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the new system and it was unanimously approved

* Tribe of the Year Requirements Revised: ***Committee***

1. Further discussion will happen about changes to Tribe of the Year and be shared at a future meeting

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

1. Steve is trying to convince the current Hopi Chief to take on this role

* Smoker: ***Peterbuilt***

1. Peterbuilt has tested the new smoker and it works well
2. Ron Smith shared special patches for Peterbilt and Two Toes for all of their work in cooking at longhouses throughout the past year
3. A tarp is needed and the smoker needs to be tagged
4. The lights also need to be updated ($50 is cost for tarp and tail lights)

* Registration is open: ***Fed Council please register***

1. Steve thanked those who have already registered

* Membership drive: ***Creaking Oak***
  + How many people do we want?
  + Citywide details?
  + Shirts discussion – Cutoff date for registering?
  + Business Cards
  + FB – Post Template for Moms’ groups

**New Business**

* Boys at Girls’ Longhouse and Girls at Boys’ Longhouse: ***Big Red***

1. Big Read discussed the need to decide on some rules
2. Whoever (girls or boys) is hosting longhouse needs to get priority for events and activities at the longhouse (ex. Slip ‘n’ slide at Spring Longhouse)
3. Nation and federation chiefs sometimes bring members of opposite gender to longhouses and everyone needs to make sure they are courteous and kept out of the “limelight”

* Last Year’s Financial Review**: *Tar Heel***

1. Tar Heel shared an update on finances and referred to copy of P and L statement
2. There was some discussion about being more disciplined and increase in local fees as well as other opportunities to bring in additional money (United Way donations, etc.)
3. Owners for events were asked to send income and expenses by month for various events

* Service Project: ***Red Bear***

1. Red Bear asked everyone to bring their ideas to the next Fed meeting in August
2. The board will vote on ideas to determine a local opportunity that fits our mission

* Trailer Inventory: ***Storm Cloud***

1. Storm Cloud has not had the opportunity to review the trailer inventory yet

* Vests, Regalia ideas & Tribe Meeting ideas***: Red Bear***

1. Steve shared how much attention the vests draw at public events and the need to proudly wear our vests in public

* Fall Longhouse Dates & Locations: ***Nation Chiefs***

1. Suwanee Music Park in fall and Hanna Park for girls
2. Boys will likely have fall longhouse at Suwanee and possibly host at Camp Blanding in the spring

* New tribe will be named Mohegan as confirmed by Ray
* Iron Wolf shared concern about higher cost and reduced time to rent ice skating rink

**Upcoming Events**

* Summer Bowling July 15th & 22nd.
* Canoe Trip July 28th– Big Red

1. Sold out quickly
2. Big Red will work with Red Bear to decide on cabin assignments

**Goals for coming year** – ***Evergreen***

* + 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

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm**