

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 26, 2025**

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, at 1:27 pm.

The meeting was held in the FCS Meeting Room and on Zoom.

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Jana Roth, Vice Chair - present

Angelia Franke, Secretary - present

Mollie Martin, Treasurer - present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at-Arms, - present

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – present via Zoom

Prayer: Given by Mollie Martin.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections to the minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting were changing a link to the Tribal Council Workshop in the Elder Liaison Report and a grammar error (were to was) in the motion to ratify poll votes. Motion by Steve Donnell to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Annette Ketchum. Corrected minutes were unanimously approved. Annette Ketchum made the suggestion to use Delaware woman's blouse instead of day blouse for the class title. Jana reported the Lenape Center Youth Activity has been cancelled per Chief KillsCrow.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin: The financial report for December, 2024 and February, 2025 was presented by Mollie Martin. A

question was raised as to why the \$650 in unrestricted donations was not included. Jana Roth will send the financials to Beverly Hicks and Mollie Martin each month after she receives them from Michelle Holley. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to the pending audit was made by Billie Jean Sheshey and seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Elder Liaison Report: Annette Ketchum presented the notes she took during the Delaware Tribal Council Workshop on March 21, 2025. Items discussed were the hiring of Shaun Scott as the Delaware Ranch Manager, Housing Department changes, John Chitwood's ideas of possible land uses in Kansas, MMIWP 5K Run on May 3, and grant writings by Keith Weber and Nicky Michael. Jana Roth made the motion to accept the Elder Liaison Report. Seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests:

David Inda, Jonni Donnell, John Thomas and Carolyn Thaxton. Levi Randoll joined the meeting later.

Old Business:

A. Ratify Poll Vote March 1, 2025

A motion to ratify the poll vote of March 1, 2025 was made by Mollie Martin and seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss By-Laws

The word, Constitution, was removed. The Trust Board might approve the document at the next meeting. We all agreed of the importance to clarify the Elder Committee's purpose, how officers were elected, and how business is conducted. Excused absences were discussed. A member may join via Zoom if unable to attend in person.

C: Set dates for activities

- *Foraging Class-May 10th from 11am-3pm in the FCS Building and on Zoom.
- *Annette Ketchum's Education Talk-July 19th from 1pm-2:30pm in Forsythe Hall and on Zoom.
- *Billie Jean Sheyshey's Jewelry Class-August 16th from 1pm-4pm.

Steve Donnell made a motion to accept the dates for the classes. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion passed unanimously.

D: Rescind Motion dated February 26, 2025

Mollie Martin donated paper after the last meeting. A motion was made by Annette Ketchum to rescind the motion to purchase paper. Seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

E: Delaware Woman's Blouse Class

The discussion was to open the class to five, unless a participant could bring a sewing machine. Jana Roth and Angelia Franke will meet with Annette Ketchum, Paula Pechonik, Bess Marler, and Laura Maynor to write instructions and work on a pattern.

F: Class taught by Jacque McDonald

No action.

G: Reimbursement

A motion was made by Billie Jean Sheshey to reimburse Beverly Hicks in the amount of \$24 for red hair pipe beads for the March jewelry class. Seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried with Beverly Hicks abstaining.

H: Honorarium

Jana Roth made a motion to give Jonni Donnell a \$100 honorarium for teaching peyote beading classes. Seconded

by Angelia Franke. Motion carried with Steve Donnell abstaining.

New Business:

A: Lessons for Delaware Indian News

The Committee invites elders to write a short lesson for the Elder Committee article and submit to Beverly Hicks or Jana Roth. Steve Donnell volunteered to write about cradleboards for the next issue. John Thomas will write an article about AIM for the October issue.

B: Elder Games at Pow Wow

The Elders should speak with Elaine to get on the list. Each camp could have its own game. The Elders will not have games this year.

C: Recipe Book Update

Jana Roth shared that Jim Rementer gave permission to use Nora Dean's recipes from his list. Recipes should be submitted, either by email or a hard copy, to Beverly Hicks by August 4.

D: Pow Wow Donation

The Trust Board asked the Elder Committee to donate to the Pow Wow Committee. Donations are also made by camps and by those wishing to make a memorial to someone who has passed. A motion to donate \$200 to the Pow Wow Committee was made by Annette Ketchum. Seconded by Billie Jean Sheshey. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for April 22, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Jana Roth. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 3:12 pm.

Submitted by Angelia Franke on March 27, 2025