

Minutes of Meeting
80th Annual Tribal Assembly
Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
April 15-17, 2015
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

"Our Way of Life is Our Future"

Day 3: Friday, April 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Johnson-Pata, 6th Vice President, at 8:02 a.m. and assumed the Chair without objection.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett Sr. offered the invocation.

The Chair announced (\$441) collected for the Edward Thomas Family yesterday.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015

M/S Gerry Hope/Cindy Williams Pederson moved to adopt the minutes of April 16, 2015. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

BIA REPORT

W. Bruce Loudermilk, Alaska Regional Director, provided the BIA Report covering data-gathering system, providers conference starting earlier and shorter in duration, increase participation in the budget process, budget cuts, new staff, and land into trust efforts.

ADOPT REVISED AGENDA

M/S Edward Hotch/Holly Churchill moved to adopt the revised agenda. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL

Julie Chapman, Recording Secretary, completed roll call which showed 116 delegates present. A quorum is present.

Excused: Susetna King, James Jack, Sr., Edward Thomas, Jr., and Florence Sheakley.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE REPORT

William Micklin, 1st Vice President, provided the report to the delegates. A hand-out was distributed as well. Following the report, Will recommended the delegates take action to reduce costs.

M/S Janice Hotch/Harold Houston, Sr. moved the Tribal Assembly move into the committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing constitutional and/or rule changes. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

The delegates requested time to caucus. The Chair declared a 15-minute break and when time was up recessed for lunch from 11:53 a.m. to 1:13 p.m. No objection.

CALL TO ORDER

Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, resumed the session chair without objection.

REPORT FROM EACH COMMUNITY

M/S Janice Hotch moved for each caucus to provide a report. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Each of the caucus representatives provided a report.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Chair clarified TA Resolution No. 15-26 would change the Rules of Election which would require majority to pass. A constitution change requires 2/3 vote.

TA 15-26, “Amendments to the Constitution”. M/S Lance Twitchell moved to approve TA 15-26, “*Amendments to the Constitution*”.

Amendment #1-M/S Marvin Adams moved to amend the NTBIR section revising the delegate allocation from 200 to 250. A voice vote resulted in a division. Electronic voting results showed 51-Aye, 62-Nay. MOTION TO AMENDMENT FAILED.

Amendment #2- M/S Lance Twitchell/Gerry Hope moved to amend the last FBIR clause to read “directs the President and Executive Council in consultation with community councils to recommend future measures to affect savings and increase efficiencies of Tribal Assembly. Friendly Amendment: Gerry Hope/Mike Corpuz moved to change the word develop to recommend. Voice vote on Amendment #2: AMENDMENT TO MOTION CARRIED.

Vote on Main Motion. Electronic voting results showed 100-yes, 16-No. MOTION CARRIED. TA 15-26 Passes as Amended.

A suggestion was made for management to examine ways to receive reports prior to Assembly so delegates can be better prepared to address decisions at the convention.

Tribal Government Rules Committee: Will Micklin

The report was given by Will Micklin, Chair.

M/S Will Micklin/moved to not pass TA Resolution, 15-09, “*Bad Address*”. Motion dies for lack of second.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was given by Ella Bennett, Chair, Enrollment Committee.

M/S moved to accept the Enrollment Committee Report. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

The budget report was given by Helene Simpson. The committee recommended to adopt 2015 amended budget and 2016 budget.

M/S Mike Corpuz moved to adopt the 2015 amended and 2016 budget. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

M/S Richard George moved and requested suspension of rules to direct the Executive Council to provide certificates of appreciation to qualified delegates in appreciation of their service. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Small Community Council of the Year is Hydaburg.

Large Community Council of the Year, 1st Runner-Up is Seattle.

Large Community Council of the Year is Juneau

Aurora Lehr was sworn in as Tribal Court Judge. Aurora addressed the delegation.

Cecilia Tovoliero raised the issue of same-sex marriage law and expressed how this went against her belief. Jerry Bennett, Bertha Karras, Gloria Sarabia, and Ella Bennett spoke to and expressed their feelings on the same issue also. The Chair recommended taking the issue to the Executive Council for further discussion.

Harriet Beleal introduced her niece Sharon Moreno, and announced she would be resigning her position as delegate to Sitka because she is now living in Anchorage. Harriet also wanted the delegation to know she paid her own way to Assembly and was now experiencing hardship traveling home because of other obligations she has before returning home. President Peterson

reminded Harriet of the regulations that have to be followed, but let Harriet know the Tribe would accommodate her travel needs, which Harriet was appreciative of.

Paulette Moreno provided uplifting and encouraging words to the delegates about working together as one.

Karen Elliott invited the delegates to Southeast Alaska Native Culture Fair.

William Martin acknowledged and requested suspension of the rules to allow Anthony Mallott, CEO of Sealaska, an opportunity to address the delegation. No objection.

Leona Santiago shared how she used the goal of helping people as motivation to overcoming her health.

Winona Wallace, Tribal Administrator for Saxman, Lee Wallace, Tribal Transportation, were introduced.

Pauline Jim thanked the delegation for the donations that were picked up for the Marie Demmert family, who is her sister-in-law. Her husband, Frank Jim (non-delegate) expressed his appreciation for the donations also. Contribution: \$259

Ben Coronell recognized family who were in attendance and expressed his appreciation to everyone.

Tasha Hotch spoke about how she got involved with the Anchorage Community Council and challenged the delegation to get more young people involved.

Delbert Kadake expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of serving on the council.

Ed Hotch congratulated his daughter Tasha Hotch who was the President of the Anchorage Council and also shared a joke.

Ralph Wolfe expressed his appreciation and honor of serving as a delegate.

Janet Peele acknowledged her grandson, Brandon Mayer, the out-going Youth Representative who was in attendance and asked the delegation to join her in expressing their appreciation for his accomplishment.

Shirley Kendall, Tribal Hostess and delegate, thanked the delegation for being “Queen for the day”; also, doing a Tlingit Word for the Day.

Cindy Pederson thanked the staff and delegates for a wonderful assembly. She acknowledged all the staff that helped put together the convention, including the Executive Council’s work.

Lance Twitchell addressed the delegation in Tlingit and spoke in support of unity, accomplishment done at Tribal Assembly, and speaking with care. To up-lift Jolene Edenshaw (and those who needed healing), Lance sang a spiritual song of healing.

Norman Sarabia addressed the delegates in Tlingit and spoke to how proud he is to represent the people and his support for wearing pink to those who are fighting cancer.

Cher Ketah expressed her deep appreciation for the healing song as she feels words and songs have a power of healing.

Marvin Adams spoke in appreciation of a pleasure of serving the tribal members and delegates and their recognition of reducing the budget.

Grace Villareal thanked the delegation for the contributions for the Jewell family.

Jack Strong shared he moved back home to Klukwan a month ago and thanked the Seattle council for working with him.

Jack Price introduced Senator Albert Kookesh who was in the building.

Helene Simpson expressed her appreciation for the tribute that was done for Jolene Edenshaw.

Robert Sanderson, Jr., 2nd Vice President, thanked the delegation for buying tickets for their food basket and wished everyone a safe travel home.

Cecilia Tovoliere apologized to anyone who was hurt for what she said earlier and asked for forgiveness from the delegation. She thanked Juneau T&H Community Council for the awesome dinner they put on last night.

Maxine Thompson acknowledged Will Micklin, delegates, staff, and Richard Peterson for putting together a good assembly.

Kathy Paddock invited everyone to their 75 degree weather to their Annual Picnic, August 1st, at the Oakland Zoo.

Millie Schoonover thanked everyone for buying tickets for their fundraising which will happen later; she also asked to keep the Cook/Wolfe family in their prayers. She also paid tribute to President Peterson for paving the way on issues.

Gerry Hope announced the next Clan Conference will be held October 28 to November 1, 2015 in Juneau, Centennial Building. He also thanked the delegates and Executive Council for a productive assembly.

Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, 6th Vice President, thanked the delegation for their support during assembly in addition to thanking them for their prayers for her daughter who has cancer.

Robert Sanderson, Jr., 2nd Vice President, asked the delegation to keep his aunt in prayer.

Selena Everson thanked President Peterson for a beautiful year and being approachable. She also wished everyone safe travel home. She also recognized Senator Albert Kookesh.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richard Peterson assumed the chair and called the Executive Council forward to be recognized for all their work. The staff were also called forward to be recognized for their help in putting together the convention.

President Peterson offered closing remarks acknowledging special guests and his desire to work together with other organizations.

CLOSING PRAYER

Ella Bennett offered the closing prayer followed by Lance Twitchell who sang a healing song to the delegation.

RETIRE THE COLORS

The Southeast Alaska Native Veterans retired the colors.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned without objection at 4:56 p.m.