

# MCT Constitution Reform

## ZOOM Meeting NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

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JANUARY 15, 2021 (FRIDAY)

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY LEECH LAKE VIA ZOOM

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### AGENDA

| Time Certain | Topic   | Lead / Presenter   | Of Note  |
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| 9:00 am      | Roll Call<br><br>Invocation                                   | Sally Fineday<br><br>Mike Smith, Lone Thunder Bird, Eagle Clan, Lodge member.<br><br>Sally Fineday gifted women's healing drum from Mike and blessed us with a song she learned Mishshomis/Nookoomis MiiGwetch | All Present<br>22 participants at 9:04am<br>36 participants at 10:14am<br><br>Rick DeFoe also provided a blessing for guidance and invocation.<br>Twice the blessings<br><br>Use all your gifts/all things = Gaamiidoozoowiikaan (?)   |
| 9:10 am      | Recap of Voting rules and Process for moving ahead            | Sally Fineday presented the adopted process for our work. See process and visual cycle documents   | Will send out to members   |
| 9:30 am      | Education Committee Monthly Education Exercise and Discussion | Bernie Roberts<br>Lyz Jaakola<br><br>Our homework: Provide a Historical Timeline by each Tribe   | Doug Lee     White Earth<br>Tabled with comment<br>Bernie Roberts     Mille Lacs<br>Sally Fineday     Leech Lake<br>Tabled with comment<br>Gave Leech Lake time to Sandy Lake<br>Michaa Aubid     Sandy Lake<br>Marcie     Grand Portage<br>Lyz Jaakola     FondDuLac<br><br>Lyz will share her PowerPoint |

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| 10:30<br>am   | BREAK                  |  |  |
| 10:45<br>am   | Structure              | <p>Ray Bellcourt</p> <p>Sally noted to get the meeting notice out asap, right after this meeting. Let's check email list, repopulate, edit, and grow</p> <p>We need to increase participation. Let's try some marketing and public relations ideas</p> <p>Link MCT Constitution Page to the Fond Du Lac Constitution page.</p> | <p>Necessary<br/>Different for each band<br/>Enrollment should be inclusive<br/>White Earth Nations DRAFT Constitution – Central Council Model<br/>Carrie to send copy to each band DONE</p> <p>To ponder: What is the value of our current governance structure?</p> <p>Ray will lead this discussion at our upcoming February Meeting, allow time for plenty of discussion and engagement.</p> |
| 12:00<br>Noon | LUNCH                  |  |  |
| 1:00 pm       | Old Business           |  |  |
|               | -Summary of TEC Report | Carrie / Cheryl  | <p>DRAFT shared on screen<br/>Opened floor to edits, comments, additions, format</p> <p>Sally would like to see a one page to provide to TEC members/Cheryl will draft/DONE</p> <p>Carrie will send to TEC committee the redraft from our comments today. Then out to full delegation for</p>  |

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|         |                                     |   | <p>return to <a href="mailto:Carriedaspinwall@gmail.com">Carriedaspinwall@gmail.com</a> no later than Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize report and send off via email to meet the TEC Agenda setting deadline</p>   |
|         | -1855 Treaty / Letter of Support    | Douglas Lee White Earth                           | <p>Review and discussion of the December Delegates meeting; 1855 Treaty Committee and the Pipeline</p> <p>Letter of support / position from this body would not be in line with our original charge of the work of Constitution review reform.</p>  |
|         | -Preamble and Sovereignty Statement | <p>Carrie Day Aspinwall</p> <p>Arielle Wagner</p> | <p>Proclamation of Sovereignty presented, discussed.</p> <p>Preamble review from Drafting Committee. Marcie will take a cut at gleaning into 2 options for us to consider.</p> <p>We should consider a formal Charter with the TEC. Model after Grand Portage and MLBO</p> <p>Request TEC financial support for our work.</p> <p>Carrie will send to TEC committee the redraft from our comments today. Then out to full delegation for return to <a href="mailto:Carriedaspinwall@gmail.com">Carriedaspinwall@gmail.com</a> no later than Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize report</p> |
| 2:00 pm | Committee Reports                   |   | <p>Finance:<br/>Verbal review of our project budget and balance shared. Funds should be available for 2020/2021.</p>  |

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|         |   |  | <p>Committee will work with Mike Northbird.<br/>TEC budget action will be requested on \$9,589.00. Will include a detailed budget. That includes Marketing, Travel and Office Expenses.</p> <p>Education:<br/>Meets right after our full delegates meeting each month.<br/>February discussion/homework will include MCT Organization and Structure.<br/>Will request at 90 minutes on February Agenda.</p> <p>Survey:<br/>Wayne D will reconvene this committee and meeting is being planned. Carrie will send off the original survey discussion and documents.</p> <p>Drafting:<br/>Marcie will take a cut at synthesizing all 6 preamble drafts into 2 that we can review at our next meeting.</p> |
| 2:30 pm | BREAK   |  |  |
| 2:45 pm | Committee Reports – continued                             |  |  |
| 3:30 pm | New Business  |  |  |
|         | Open Discussion – example (ideas for next meeting agenda) |  | <p>Consider the education topic:<br/>How to Include the Rights of Nature (Deb Topping, Speaker)</p> <p>Suggestion will be sent to facilitation and education committee</p>   |
|         | Next Zoom meeting date                                    |  | February 19 <sup>th</sup> FRIDAY<br>9-4<br>ZOOM  |
|         | Next meeting host, Invocation, and meeting minutes        |  | Fond Du Lac will host<br>Please coordinate Zoom with Carrie and John   |

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| 4:00 pm | Adjourn |  |  |
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Leech Lake will be hosting the January meeting. Note taking is the responsibility of hosting tribe.