

**MCT CONSTITUTION REFORM CONVENTION**

**FORTUNE BAY CASINO, BOIS FORTE**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

LEECH LAKE DELEGATION:

Sally Fineday  
David Jackson  
Barb Dubois  
Dennika Mays  
Don Finn Jr.  
Mikele Finn  
Frank Reese  
Debra Storbakken  
Terry Smith  
Donita Odden  
Rose Robinson  
Jan Bongo  
Rich Aspinwall  
Carrie Aspinwall

Review of first draft Preamble/Introduction; many like; need more time to bring to communities.

Updates:

LL –

- Two opportunities to bring to greater population at Leech Lake 1) turkey distribution and 2) Christmas bonus distribution.
- Official changes to the draft Preamble are to include “Natural law, spiritual law, and rights of nature.”
- Define the problem – infrastructure
- Define Alliance and Separation of Powers
- Council of Elders
- Council of Women
- Council of Headmen
- Council of Warriors
- How many will sit?

Carrie Day Aspinwall presented a document that she had prepared and provided for the TEC; notice from Sally Fineday that the sixty Delegates did not authorize the written document before it went forward. Carrie Day Aspinwall apologized and will make sure that all Delegates receive a copy of the document that went to the TEC.

WE –

- Sample by website for use of some language.

- TEC Presentation could have been better expressed to gain more approvals of items.
- Lots of dollars are going out at each meeting to tribal leaders.

GP –

- Oversight committee reviews policies of each Reservation.
- Invite TEC to the Reform Convention to tell about the history of MCT and review the financials.
- TEC meeting - frustrating, felt like they were criticized and attacked.

FDL –

- Action items that were heard and decided upon by the TEC; MCT as fiscal agent was approved; and standard hotel rates was unofficially approved.

BF –

- Stan read a paper he had written of the ongoing convention work.
- Update on TEC – they were last on the agenda

LL – Sally Fineday asked for consensus on how to present written documentation to the TEC – The Delegation shall approve written documents going to the TEC the month before the quarterly TEC meeting.

GP – yes

BF – yes

LL – yes

ML – yes

FDL – yes

WE – yes

GP –

- Will host 2 day January Convention (most likely in Duluth).
- Their Reservation survey is nearly complete and will be only one two-sided page.
- They will distribute the Introduction/Preamble at their party held each year in Duluth.

LL –

- The LL Delegation will have a monthly radio program beginning on December 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
- LL Urban Office will host the Urban LIC meeting each month where information will be distributed.
- Carrie Day Aspinwall is on the Delegation Survey Committee representing LL
- LL Government Relations office will have a survey that will go out to citizens at the Xmas distribution
- The Introduction/Preamble will be distributed at the Xmas distribution

FDL –

- Experiencing controversial topics and has seen an increase in attendance since the controversy
- Will develop a flyer to be posted on the FDL website
- Will develop a PSA for the three radio stations
- Work on Preamble should include bio-energy; currently working with State, Federal and Native governments to secure carbon credits in their ceded territory.

- Citizens are concerned – feel alienated; enrollment or a lineage requirement; wants all people to have a voice; separate business from government; want projection of timelines; if enrollment is changed how will per cap be affected, housing; what are the limits; Change name from Chippewa.

Next meeting –

WE hosting December 13<sup>th</sup>

GP hosting 2 day January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>