

**MCT Delegate Meeting**  
**December 2, 2022, 9 am to 4 pm**  
**Hosted by Mille Lacs Band Delegation**  
**In-person and zoom, Grand Casino Mille Lacs Casino, Onamia, MN**

Attendees: 30+ in-person and via zoom.

9:10 Welcome conducted.

Invocation – Joe Nayquonabe Sr.

Delegation Roll Call – WE, FDL, MLB, LL, BF, GP present.

Housekeeping reminders – Julie H-C completed the housekeeping reminders by reviewing the seven teachings.

Julie requested any changes to the agenda. FDL Cheryl requested that we move the FDL listed at the end of the agenda to the 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item. All agreed.

FDL led an open discussion on the letter. Cheryl stated that this letter was something their delegation agreed to forward to various groups. They wanted to do this on their own, and no response was being requested by the entire delegation. No other steps were considered other than to gain replies to their requests within the letter.

Michaa – speaks on moving in the right direction.

32-15 is important to address. FDL continues to comment on their letter and enrollment. A comment was made about two elections; when will this be fixed?

9:55 am – LL Wally S. comments that the TEC set the precedent by piecemealing the constitution. It's about monetary and human capital. How many secretarial elections do we need to have? 30% expectation – people come to vote – afraid our human capital will dwindle. Change the whole constitution or as much as we can. History, how long have we been working on these issues?

MLB recommends we have a conversation with the TEC to align ourselves better, and to be together on the messages we end to the people.

LL speaks on this request. Sally makes a motion to request a special meeting with the TEC. 2<sup>nd</sup> by FDL, Cheryl. A vote occurs. MLB, BF, LL, FDL, yes, WE, no. WE states they want to pose the question to their community for their decision before agreeing. 32-15 is already in motion, and it's a moot point; there are not enough voices coming forward and too many single opinions today. It was agreed that each delegation will have separate conversations if needed to align themselves with the TEC and their intended direction. FDL Cheryl commented that the TEC has not moved on 32-15, and that was the original intent of their letter; to gain an understanding of what are the next steps for the TEC.

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MCT Presentation review – Not discussed.

10:55 am – PR Subcommittee Update – FDL Cheryl led the discussion on the PR update. Notes from a prior meeting were reviewed, which included the responsibilities and processes the committee agreed to. No questions from reporters, but instead, contact the subcommittee to manage.

FDL Cheryl made a motion to approve the responsibilities and processes. LL Sally 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. LL Wally S. inquired about radio time. WE Patty Straub asked whom should we deal with any questions. GP Michelle requested to include in these processes the delegations have the flexibility to speak on behalf of their own band but agree not to speak when it involves the entire delegation.

Another motion to accept the PR responsibilities and processes was made by LL Sally and 2<sup>nd</sup> by BF Tracy. Motion passes.

11:16 pm - Alliance Draft & Definitions. It was agreed that we would table the definitions and continue to review the Alliance draft. Cheryl steps in to complete the review. Michaa states he is part of the drafting committee and will complete the review of the document.

LL Wally S. comments on Article XII – Civil Rights. He questions what the document is referring to. We need to be clear on the language we use in the document. He recommends that we make sure our terminology is accurate.

Section 2 - Wants to make edits to have improvements for the next meeting. FDL Cheryl will take all notes for the Alliance document.

WE – Appellate Court – Sovereignty immunity be waived for the Appellate Court.

Michaa continues to review sections 4 through 6.

GP Jason – Section XIV needs to be the final statement about oversight and, in some manner, input recommendations only or truly have authority. Provide oversight with traditional ways; we need to delve in a little deeper. Trying to understand what they did and why. Councils will have testimonies that will be heard. Councils not higher than the Appellate Court. This should be a described process; too vague.

Article XV – Clans – LL Sally states they are missing a clan. LL Wally comments on clans and more clarity on the clan system.

LL Sally explains her clan. We need to consider future alliances with other tribes who may not be Ojibwe. Michaa recommends that we generalize the clan statement. BF comments on other clan recognitions.

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GP Jason – Will government have the authority to make any changes? FDL Cheryl explains the oversight – Section 1.

GP – We should be flexible about accepting other members.

Break for an early lunch to correct technical difficulties.

Project Charter/Plan – MLB Birdie recommends that we not review the document since we have not received input from all the delegations. Instead, a general review was conducted on the purpose of the charter and what was the primary information the delegation needed to compile in order to complete revising the grant application. Time frames recommended to complete each individual project, anticipated budget amounts for each project, and any other revisions to the current wording of the charter.

#### Committee Reports

TEC – Recommending pushing 32-15 forward.

Drafting – Committee meets every Tuesday at 6 pm on zoom. LL Wally requested clarification on how to contact the committee to either attend or cancel attendance to the meeting.

Education – Nothing to report.

Survey – Committee on hold

Finance – Had to reschedule a few times, but they continue to focus on revising the application.

2 pm – drawing conducted.

Boise Forte to host the next meeting. The scheduled date is December 19, 2022. Information is to be provided at a later date.

2:30 pm – Meeting adjourned.