

MCT Constitution Reform Convention
November 19, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
HOSTED BY BOIS FORTE BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWE

9:00 am Facilitator - Bois Forte Delegation
Welcome - Bois Forte Delegation

9:10 am Invocation – 9:25 am Vern Adams, Bois Forte
Meeting called to order at 0923

Delegation Roll Call & Housekeeping Reminders
Grand Portage Bois Forte Fond du Lac
Mille Lacs White Earth Leech Lake

Reminder to put Rervation Delegate affiliation next to name.

Education – Government Structure – John R. FDL
Trying to find oversight for MCT in the event that we remove BIA from the Constitution.
Michael Smith LL starts the presentation for Government Structure.

Question: Powerpoint presentation will be uploaded to FDL webpage.
FDL has a new delegate page which all Delegates are invited to.

Question on the Ballot 2022 will post this to FDL website.
TEC wants us to come up with the question or two from what the people want.

Discussion on group communication: *See TEC Committee for clarification.

Birdie requests a recap from the TEC Committee: Sally FineDay gives a verbal report.

Cheryl Edwards enters and states: Redeveloping an email list-

Strategic Planning – Report by TEC Committee
Petition Discussion – Wayne D. & Cheryl E-entered meeting late

1:00 pm Committee Reports

TEC Committee

Cheryl FDL, Sally LL, Millie BF, Birdie ML, Michaa Aubid ML, Michele Beeksma GP, Veronica Joy WE these will be the contact people for the email.

Report goes before the full delegation and see if it's a good report and vote on it.

Michele Hakala-Difference between Report and Action Item?

Agree to meet before the TEC meeting to discuss any thing that needs to be discussed.

Finance Committee: Michele Palamaki, Sally FineDay, Cheryl Edwards, Millie Holmes,

Decided to go ahead with the ? Developed by

Reimbursement of 100 for attending meeting.

Joy How much do we have in budget for MCT delegation? 9500

trying to write up something to ask for money from TEC re: CoVid monies.

Sally: agrees with preliminary

John: FDL-Cheryl-received a grant for purchasing art from FDL member and gifting it back. Could be an idea/suggestion for other reservations as their grant is only for their area.

Joy: ask for 100,000-200,000 for Delegation to help with expenses incentives of the Delegation.

Cheryl: is in agreement with Joy's suggestion.

Joy has suggested that we ask all the reservations to contribute.

Millie: Bois Forte funds the Bois Forte delegatoin.

Cheryl: Bois Forte isn't the only one. But we're not funded to the level we need to be.

Cheryl: Print/Mail Post Cards

?GP

Podcast

YouTube

Survey Monkey

Youth Outreach

High School Presentations to educate the youth.

Indian Education Programs

Urban area activities

Education on the process we are going through for the Constitution Convention to change the Constitution.

Michael Smith, Jr would be willing to work with people on doing this process.

John Roterman FDL_gives info on YouTube. Monetizing their sites.

Millie Monetizing involves legalities.

John: income versus money Sustainability.

Education Committee: Birdie ML, John FDL, Michael Smith LLBO, Char Ellis WE BF-Sharon Day, GP-Birdie: members of the delegation; need to get back on track

Jean Skinaway-Dedicated website

John FDL: Dedicated website is a good idea. Should have a phone number/office.

Sarah Kennedy: Not a delegate, comments on Enrollment. Parent has to be enrolled and this is unfair for her and her sisters to enroll. Education is very important for young people to have resources.

Michaa: gives encouragement to Sarah. Enrollment is up to each band.

WE Shannon Heisler? Is the enrollment officer.

Adopted children have had their rights signed away. Enrollment process should include the adopted.

Michaa: All bands have their own way of doing their enrollments.

Raymond Bellcourt – suggests that she present to WE RBC. Request to get on the agenda. Show up and speak up.

Survey Committee Sandra Borden GP, Steve Thomas?, Cheryl informs that Steve is a descendant and there were complaints from FDL and he decided to resign. Community members. Wayne FDL

Should have one Elder and one Youth on.

Sandra: Steve did send his work out to the email list.

John FDL: Wayne is the one on the Survey Committee. Implementing the Councils on the Presentation?

Marcy: woman and Elder.

Joy: need to include these councils in the Constitution.

Drafting Committee

Marcy: haven't had a Zoom meeting since August. Talked with two women. Wayne, Michaa, Veronica, Al Olson. Cheryl gave them an assignment on Article II. Sent to others.

13:35 pm Break

2:00 pm Structure of Government –

Ongoing Reports from each Delegation

Birdie: Structure of Government their report is based on the MCT structure. Would like to have the next Zoom meeting as they have their report ready to share. Will bring this up during the facilitation meeting.

John FDL: Tribal structure presented was to provide one example of oversight for the MCT.

Birdie: Understands that. Mille Lacs changed theirs years ago.

John: Charged by TEC to present something to replace when the Secretary is removed from the Constitution.

Joy WE: is okay with Mille Lacs having the next meeting.

BF: No report from here

Sally: Report from Leech Lake. Going from community to community to touch base and get ideas.

Joy: agrees that it's good to get in small groups to get the info.

Sally: Questions asked at LL. Ordinance 1? All resolutions. Janis Fairbanks questions in chat? Just giving people the heads up about what we have currently.

Birdie:

Cheryl: Can non-delegates serve on committees?

Sally: makes no differentiation.

Maureen Jones WE: if people are getting paid, how do you explain?

John and Cheryl: All delegates are not getting paid.

Maureen Oh, I was given wrong info.

Cheryl: Back to the original committee,

Michaa: let everyone who wants to, can contribute.

Wally: Everybody has a voice. Actual vote meant only delegate. Anybody can contribute.

Discussion ends with Cheryl asking for a motion to allow non-delegates to serve on our Convention Committees?

Cheryl's Motion: Non-delegates can serve on our Constitutional Convention Committees. Non-delegates can be community members and/or descendants, enrolled members of other MCT reservations, not to include non-Natives. Committee work must be presented by a delegate. Marcy seconds the motion.

Can we bring this to a vote at the next meeting.

9:35 ML: If there is time would like to state their position on Enrollment Report submitted to the TEC. Birdie

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Next Zoom meeting date December 17, host Mille Lacs and meeting minutes will be sent on Sunday. Facilitation meeting: Nov. 22. Muriel Deegan is on the facilitation committee. WE reminder January 21 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Joy Second by Sally Approved adjourned at 1548