

MCT Delegation Meeting
Zoom Only
November 20, 2023,
Mille Lacs Band Delegation Host
Final Meeting Minutes

Attendees: MLB – Birdie R., Lilah W., Julie H., Mic D., Danielle S., Al O., Nazhike., GP Sandra B., GP Michele B., GP Marcie M., FDL Carol J., FDL Wayne D., FDL Cheryl E

Start Time: 9:08 am

End Time: 11:04 am

9:08 - Welcome Julie H. Requested Brad to start Invocation.

9:17 – Roll Call

Present:

MLB, Grand Portage, FDL

Absent:

Leech Lake, White Earth, Boise Forte

Housekeeping Reminders – Be respectful, allow others to speak, have a 3-minute time limit, no bad-mouthing, and raise your hand not to interrupt while someone is speaking.

9:18 - Alliance Document Review – Carol J. Reviewed last meeting minutes; few things to cover from that. We stopped at Article 4. Recommendation to add to option one mewinzha. After the convention, Cheryl provided another alternative. (Long ago in the beginning) to replace the other word. No comments were made, so the Drafting committee will determine which option to include within the document.

Area of citizenship: the issue is where this language will go, in the alliance or in each constitution. We put in a bloodline statement that will support the citizenship statement; this is intended to cover people already enrolled. Input was requested.

GP – Sandra, is there a place in the document where you must be part of your band?

FDL Carol – This first section of the document includes what is already in the MCT Constitution. This statement is intended to take care of the people already enrolled.

Carol reviewed the other possible options within the Alliance Document.

Birdie recommended we leave the general statement about the bands determining enrollment and also leave all the other options in the document until after the special election is completed. Carol affirms.

Carol covered some other legal research completed. UNDRIP. The US has recognized three other international agreements. Reviewed the three agreements. They have all identified the rights of citizens. Many of the rights of UNDRIP are also in these categories. UNDRIP is organized and comprehensive. The International Covenant on Economic ...reviewed the articles. We are covered under these agreements. The US has already signed these documents.

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Drafting is still working on the governing documents, and the UNDRIP hasn't been reviewed closely yet. How to implement within our document. This is all to cover today. Issues have been addressed in Draft 10.

Julie – any questions for Carol? No additional comments.

9:30 - TEC meeting Update – Cheryl FDL was unable to attend that meeting. Sally was there but she is not present today. I only know what was reported to me. Wayne – Officials only, that was the legislative meeting. He did not attend the regular TEC meeting. What was reported, there was a discussion about the letter that was presented. TEC had questions wondering why we were asking for assurances, they are apparently not aware that the monies we were previously allocated were taken from us. FDL Kevin D. asked why were they changing policy, he wanted to keep it as it was. No determination was made. TEC said we allocated the money to you, that should be enough. If anyone else here knows anything, now is the best time to share it. Wayne said the money was not accounted for. If they allocate and we don't get it then it's still not accounted for.

Talked to Sec Treasurer FDL – Discussed the money that was previously allocated. He stated we should bring it up to the TEC members from your band and the TEC Finance Committee. We did allocate the money to the delegation, not understanding why this was not being honored. That's the stepping stone into the new allocation. The Finance Sub-Committee needs to meet and talk about it a little more.

Michele B. – Beth was moving toward setting up a separate band account. The TEC wanted to know why she would do that. They said no and just move forward.

FDL Cheryl – had trouble hearing; your interpretation is that we move forward with our policy and PO? GP Michele states that's what I got out of it. We have 2 years to spend the money otherwise it goes back to the general fund. The other money that was left over was a separate deal and no one seemed to know what happened to it. MCT to track where it went.

Cheryl – I will put together a spreadsheet to come up with a bottom dollar balance. Hopefully, they agree.

9:47 Secretarial Election – GP Michele, we have not heard anything official but she heard they going back and forth with the Secretary of the Interior, waiting on a response, ironing out any questions, maybe in the spring.

FDL Carol – Is this election in the spring on removal or the 32-15? 32-15.

9:50 - Education Update – FDL Cheryl. We met on the 14th. We discussed the Secretarial Election. The PowerPoint is ready for the videos. We don't need to rush the training, the election is about 32-15. We are working on the production of the videos. We will send out a draft by the 30th. We may have to shift because of elder videos. The financial support we've already covered. Once we get endorsement on the curriculum. March or April may be the projected dates to hold the meetings. We are trying to get your approval by December to send for TEC endorsement, training sessions, etc. Logistics needs to be in

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place, and everyone needs to know how to use the PowerPoint. Another discussion about creating flyers, flyers should look consistent across the bands.

MLB Julie – who will manage the flyers – Education Subcommittee – the bands should create their own info. Sandra, leave blank spots to fill in based on each band's information. We will try to get it on one piece of paper. Money is available for the curriculum.

MLB Birdie – inquired how the money has been broken down—20,000 for printing, etc. GP Michele shares the basic breakdown of the money. We have to devise a plan for what we want to print. Purchasing one set of equipment (to share) for the smaller venues that have none was suggested.

Birdie requested we begin to work out what we need to complete our sessions and how much needs to be allocated to each session. Finance will begin to break down the money. Education will begin to work out more details for the sessions.

Contingency plans for bad weather; that's why we are moving to the spring.

10:11 – Go on break for 15 minutes.

10:32 – Return from break.

Band constitution updates – MLB has no updates. FDL has no updates except we have a template we still have a lot to do. GP – Sandra we don't have any updates but it's quite old. LL is absent, BF is absent, and WE is absent.

10:34 Minutes – Cheryl – WE haven't seen LL minutes to date. BF has not provided minutes for a year and a half. Sandra B. there is an AI feature, Michele may know about it. Cheryl has not had an opportunity to review. Carol made a recommendation on how to do the minutes electronically, should we pull BF from the schedule since there is only one attendee?

Danielle recommended we assign someone to do the minutes all the time. No volunteers. Birdie recommended we assign two persons to research the AI option. MLB Michele P. and GP Michele B.

Carol made a recommendation.

GP Marcie – It's not in our culture to be confrontational. We will let Sandra (Michele) know they have a task.

FDL Cheryl stated not trying to be confrontational, but we need to determine how we can get the minutes promptly. This conversation to carry over to the next scheduled meeting.

The Facilitation Committee will discuss and forward the next meeting assignment.

11:04 meeting adjourned