

**Grand Council
April 13th, 2017
Onondaga, NY
Sid Hill opened**

- 1.HDC report**
 - 2.HERC report**
 - 3. Onondaga report from meeting (titles)**
 - 4.Reader seen what will help all 6 nations**
- *sent to well to decide which to start with
Mohawks/Senecas-start with HDC report
All sides agreed**

HDC Report

May 12th was given last council as go live date for cards. There were issues with hardware and software because they were sitting for so long since they were first sent to the territories. Batteries need to be changed. So the deadline has changed, some bugs were found in the system and right now we're not sure when that will be taken care of and who's end it is on. Also a transfer between registration and the main server at Six Nations has to be fixed.

Next course of action, been 10 years now and this delay could be 2-3 weeks or up to 60 calendar days which would move the go live date to July 12 tentatively.

-are we going to stay with Siemens/unify or explore 3 things? Cut ties with Siemens, litigation, or hold back the final payment of the master contract?

-The HDC meeting felt they should keep going with Siemens because they are so close.

-I.T. personnel is needed.

Questions

-Sid asked what lawyer for litigation?

-Using Alex Page and Joe Heath

-What does litigation get us?

-3rd payment and completion issues so it's not clear and would have to be explored and possibly a lawyer in the area brought in

End of report.

MO/SEN accepted report and suggest to wait before exploring litigation.

ONE/CAY accepted report and suggested some people that could possibly assist technically.

Maracle from Wahta (tech)

Matter was closed.

Next issue: H.E.R.C report. Accepted by all sides to hear report:

Bob Antone & Kenneth Deer

***see attached HERC report**

They have been pushing the USA to meet. Date set for May 25th and that is with 3 departments. Home land security, Customs, Border. The USA has Jay Treaty situation. USA is going to offer a paper in this meeting but Bob is trying to get it before the meeting and will forward to everyone if he does. Agenda for May 25th meeting, 1st present our communities and all the border entry locations we use. Discuss our new cards, the MOA is off the table and we told the USA we are issuing them this year. What practical steps are in place to recognize our cards. Possible for a

letter of agreement instead of MOA. This is a first in series of discussions.

Canada issue, Border crossing and they want to meet on broader issues. Back in the fall they met with INAC, Immigration and AFN. CAN is trying to find a way to have ID. CAN was impressed by our card, Bob sent a letter to Public Safety, P.S. is dealing with the border issue, especially in Akwesasne. There are 150 families that are married across the border. There is a meeting set up on May 23rd, conference call, but pushing for face to face meeting. Have been talking to CAN about turning back to traditional council, back in the 1980s they had a plan that was called a stage withdraw. They also met with CAN ambassador to the UN and he is pushing to get the PM of CAN to meet with Haudenosaunee.

Other issues around these two: Need country code for passports, girls field Lax is travelling on special Visas from CAN. CAN implemented Electronic Authorization Travel System E.A.T.S back in November 2016 so passports may or may not still work.

Kenneth stated that External relations sees the USA as republican and CAN as progressive right now so might get a lot further with CAN. Plus, CAN has the 150 birthday this year and they wanted HAU to be part but he told the INAC that is their birthday not ours. If they invite us as guests then maybe but not as CAN citizens. Also, reconciliation and we need to be there not the Band Councils.

*this led into a discussion between Karl Hill and the External relations on this 3 letter country code and how the cards already have it and the passports would too. Also discussion on passports and who is manufacturing them now (Data Resolutions)

Doctrine of Discovery 1493: the HERC tried to get a meeting with the Vatican. They said the doctrine of Discovery was repeated 3 popes ago. The Vatican has a lot going on internally, they are merging their 5 councils into one. They are agreeing to meet so we might need a delegation to go or they might come here. Will update, possible summer/fall for this meeting.

UN issues: Forum is coming up and is 2 weeks long in NYC. They will be drafting a resolution. Sid is doing the opening for the forum. April 29th Climate March.

2:10 p.m. Lunch Break 3:30 p.m. Resumed Council

HERC still on the floor: Questions and requests, one is support and delegation Oren Lyons to be nominated to speak at U.N. , and Kenneth Deer if Oren isn't able .

All sides accepted.

-wait for HERC to report on Vatican

All sides accepted

Matter was closed

Move on to 3rd issue, Onondaga meeting about titles:

Cleve Thomas Reported from meeting

*see attached report

Sid Hill added in on report, stressed need for language learning and direction on seat warmers having authority to make decisions in councils.

Bob Antone told of Great Law Committee's leadership task force. Also handed out a terms of reference for this task force.

*See attached

Wendy Gonyea asked to speak on this issue, all sides accepted to hear her. She said there was

a discussion about pine tree chiefs and wanted to know more and if that could help with our situation.

Onon bench announced it is something they'll have to think over, and come back to. All agreed to move on to next issue.

4th Issue-Reader

Tracey Shenandoah told, there was a reading done by a person from Six Nations, the chiefs need to have a dead feast, all 6 nations, build a fire outside and burn tobacco.

Bring all the wampums. All the people and All the chiefs bring food to give out. Bring old kinds of foods and newer ones as well. All the chiefs, sub-chiefs, seatwarmers, all their helpers everyone. Tobacco Burner needs to mention all the title names in Tobacco Burning ask that all the chiefs that have passed on to help us keep the Great Law and everything going in the future. To stand up titles and keep what we have strong. Tracey told to take back to their councils but shouldn't wait too long to have this.

-All agreed to take back.

Mohawk/Senecas said we should be ready to have someone burn tobacco for this, it is alot to name all 50 titles.

-All accepted to take back and see who is able, may have to be 2-3 guys to work together. That was all the matters on either side of the fire:

Onondagas brought up an issue of visitors from Oklahoma, and if council would like to have them brought in, they brought corn. all sides accepted, brought them in:

*Howard Thompson welcomed them and dusted them off in our tradition. Roger Cook spoke on their behalf. They are from the Cherokee and Osage Nations. These 3 men have the duty to take care of the corn where they are from. They have worked with Onondaga Nation and they have a gift for us all. They have brought 300 different types of heirloom corn seeds. In the Osage Nation there are approx 20,000 members and only about 10 families that plant and grow corn. In 1990 one of these men (Al) met a Cherokee man that had so many different corn seeds. He worked with this man since then, so when the man passed away his son called and asked him to take his dads corn seed collection. At first Al didn't know what to do with them but felt it should stay with the nation's people. So he gave them to "Braiding the Corn" who is the ones working with Onondaga nation and they gifted some to Haudenosaunee.

*Angie from Onondaga Nation gave Al a gift in appreciation (Ribbon Shirt), Also the Osage Nation gifted him with a blanket.

-Council thanked them and asked we all go around and shake their hands. Issue was closed.

Mohawk/Seneca asked to set date for next Grand Council Meeting-May 13th 2017- All agreed.

6:30 p.m. Closing-Cleve Thomas