

November 2023 CBC BOD Meeting

November 15, 2023

CBC Conference Room

Those Present: Aaron Bradley, Donnie Owle, Tagan Crowe, Tara Reed-Cooper, Benny Graves, Brad Letts

Those Absent: Doris Johnson (excused), Luke Climbingbear, Perry Shell (excused)

Also Present: Greg Owle, Jackie Bradley, Tonya Carroll, Rhonica Via

The meeting was called to order by President, Aaron Bradley.

Prayer by Greg Owle.

Roll call completed by Benny Graves.

Aaron asked the board members to read over the minutes from October 2023 before approval.

Tara made the motion to approve; Benny seconded; Motion carried.

Discussion – Bennes/Hornbuckle Scholarship Endowment:

Greg reviewed the changes that had been previously discussed with last term's Board members. There is currently over \$67,000 in the fund and it hasn't been used since 2008. Rhoni advised that only \$3,000 could be used for 2023 and most likely that same amount yearly, based on donations. A Scholarship Committee was named with the previous board members, that consists of: Tonya Carroll, Doris Johnson, Jackie Bradley, Dick Crowe, and Cassie Hill. This discussion was tabled until we can bring Ms. Jeanne Dairaghi back to explain more to the current board members and answer any questions they may have.

Resolution 2024-0009 – Email poll previously approved; Tagan read into record.

Resolution 2024-0010 – 2023 Frell Owl Award Nomination:

Tagan read resolution into record and the recommendation letter from Ms. Katrina Maney. We only received one nomination this year for Butch and Louise Goings. Tara made the motion to approve; Brad seconded; Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-0011 – RKLI new position "Grants and Fundraising Specialist":

After a discussion on the position being grant funded and the duties this position would carry, Benny made a motion to amend the resolution to state that the position could do work for CBC and RKLI, upon agreement with Cherokee Preservation Foundation. The Grade/Level was increased from a 7 to an 8. Brad seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-0012 – 2023 Christmas Bonus for CBC employees:

Tara made the motion to approve; Benny seconded; Motion carried.

Financial Report – Rhonica Via:

The goal is to have the single audit wrap up next week before Thanksgiving. Baker Tilley can't get to CBC until May. We don't have a letter of engagement yet. Rhoni told the board members there have been multiple meetings with the Chief and his staff on getting our audits caught up.

Discussion – Luke Climbingbear:

Luke hasn't attended board meetings since being sworn in as BOD Student Representative, except for 2-3. The CBC By-Laws state on page 5; #12; *"that any member of the Board of Directors who misses three (3) or more regular Board meetings in a calendar year without excuse or notification to the President or Secretary, shall automatically forfeit his or her seat on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, by a 2/3 vote, remove any member of the Board of Directors from their seat for cause, subject to the approval of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Tribal Council may also unilaterally remove any Board member for cause."*

Benny made the motion to remove Luke Climbingbear from the Board of Directors, Student Representative; Brad seconded; Motion carried.

At this time, Aaron requested a closed session meeting and adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

Minutes respectfully recorded by

Jackie Bradley

Executive Assistant to the General Manager