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May 3-4. Members of the Property Management Committee, Powwow Committee and a few volunteers joined talents and spent a few warm sunny days at Indian Pines preparing the property for the upcoming Mother's Day powwow. This annual cleanup event includes sweeping, cleaning and straightening the Pavilion, mowing and clearing shrub from the picnic areas, powwow arena, vendor areas and back parking lot. And given continuing shifting of the terrain over the powwow arena, we spend a good part of the day filling in mole holes and sunken areas with sifted sand/soil mixtures. Kathleen Dorn, Myra/Glen Dunwoody, and T Carter concentrated on mowing and filling in the powwow arena. Using a 3 foot machete, Marcos Almanza made short work of clearing tall grass, shrub and overgrowth from the vendor areas and perimeter of the powwow arena. Mary Phillips and Jeanne Eagle Bull Oxendine and family with some help from Mitchell Bush and Verde Halley, concentrated on the back parking lot. Mary and Jeanne were joined by Brenda DesMoines, Rie Miller, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray to clean out the pavilion. Ray Couch and members of the Appalachian Cherokee stopped in briefly while working on clearing a path to their new medicine lodge. Brenda and Karen Collins stayed over until Sunday morning to complete cleaning of the pavilion. Ray Couch returned on Sunday with a bush hog to help clear tall grasses from the back parking lot. Thanks to all who helped. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. *Submitted by Kathleen Dorn, Property Committee Chair*

May 3-4 – The Virginia Indian Tribal Alliance for Life (VITAL) hosted a pow wow and gathering at the Chickahominy Tribal Center in Charles City County, VA. Head staff consisted of the emcee, Clark Stewart; arena director, Keith Smith; head men, Preston Adkins and Ben Adams; head lady, Karenne Wood; head youth dancers Jacob Fortune-Deuber and Morgan Faulkner; host drum, Red Oak Drum from Raleigh, NC; and guest drum, Falling Water, led by AIS member Wallace Lemons. The Indian Nations Warriors and Veterans Honor Color Guard (Glen Canaday/Eric Griffin/Ray Brock/Tom Counts/Elton Rainwater/Bob Milk/Bill Bevins/John Sevilla) took part in the grand entry and retired the flags both days. Commander Barry McClaskey lost his mother recently, and though he was present, did not take part in color guard activities. AIS members who served as vendors included Chuck/Danita Tsinnie and Dale McClaskey/ Rie Miller in the color guard booth. Old friends Nita/Pinky Smith worked at the dessert booth and Gene Adkins manned the VITAL booth. Although the turnout was not as good as in previous years, the races in nearby Richmond may have had an impact. Mitchell Bush covered the event on Sunday for the AIS Newsletter.

May 8-9 – Before the AIS meeting, Karen Collins, Fred Osborne, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in Alexandria. After the AIS meeting, Brenda DesMoines, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush traveled to Ruther Glen to get set up on Friday for the Mother's Day Pow Wow. They stopped off at Brandy Berger's home in Boswell Corners so Mitchell could pick up his medicine, then they drove through tornado spawned storms, arriving safely at Mitchell and Verde's home where they settled in. On Friday, Rob Brown, Karen Collins, Fred/Rocky Osborne, Sarah Sweeney, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Chuck/Judy Gray and Kathleen Dorn arrived at Indian Pines and began setting up tents and benches, and making sure the Pines was ready for the weekend. Our thanks to Ray Couch who bush hogged (cut) the brush at the rear parking lot. Mitchell/Manuel stopped by the Exxon to get permission to place a pow wow sign there. Later, Rob/Mitchell traveled to Fredericksburg to make copies of flyers for the AIS booth. When they returned, most of those at the Pines had already eaten at the Kountry Korner Restaurant so Rob/Mitchell were joined by Verde Halley and Herb Bush for supper at the Kountry Korner.

May 10-11 – On Saturday morning it rained but cleared up by grand entry. The pow wow committee ladies and head staff arrived. Jay Hill took over setting up the tent over the drum arbor. Several 10 x 10 tents were set up around the arena and the public began to arrive. Vendors who set up during the weekend included Ray Couch, Scott Gallion, Pete/Tony Yazzie, Kairik Amanki Native Arts & Travel, Faye Lone, Evans Craig, the AIS booth manned by Mitchell Bush/Fred Osborne, and the Eve Hill taco booth operated by friends until Eve arrived. Brenda DesMoines, Pat Laughlin and Myra Dunwoody were the primary gatekeepers. Karen Collins prepared food for the community dinner which followed the pow wow. Head staff consisted of Lawrence Baker, emcee; Clayton Old Elk, head man; Mary Phillips, head lady; Blackbear, host southern drum, White Oak, host northern drum; and Dave Henderson, soundman. During grand entry the color guard was Doug Hall/Glen Dunwoody. Georgianna Old Elk gave the invocation. After an afternoon of intertribals, specials, and an honor dance for mothers, the pow wow adjourned for the day. Barbara Drifmeyer was chosen to represent all grandmothers in the honor dance. The results of the corn soup challenge were announced. There were six entries, two by Anna Homer and one each from Dave Homer, Mitchell Bush,

Eve Hill and Faye Lone. Anna won for her parched corn soup, Mitchell took second and Eve Hill third. Our



thanks to T. Carter who made the prize ribbons and matching aprons, Myra Dunwoody who handled the corn soup sales, and to Karen Rodriguez, Barbara Drifmeyer and Michael Nephew who judged the corn soup. Thanks also to T for handling raffle sales both days and drink sales on Sunday and to Barbara Drifmeyer/Dylan Nohilly for selling drinks on Saturday. Karen Collins, assisted by Pecita Lonewolf, Myra Dunwoody and Brenda DesMoines, served dinner to all present. Later, Robert Alexander and Dennis Zotigh led a hand game in the pavilion. Meanwhile, Verde Halley hosted a birthday cake/ice cream and coffee for Anna Homer, Herb Bush, Tori Cheeseman, Josh Dillon and Kathleen Dorn. Kathleen was not feeling well and Josh was out of town. Those present included Herb Bush, Brandy Berger, Tori Cheeseman, Fred / Rocky Osborne,

Photo by Kathleen Dorn

Karen Collins, Pecita Lonewolf, Brenda DesMoines, Dave/Anna Homer, Tresah Lazore, Dave Homer Jr., Jennifer Powless, Shania/Devon Buckshot and Rob Brown. Karen/Manuel arrived after the hand game. While many of the participants camped out at local motels, others stayed at Indian Pines and Manuel/Karen/Rob camped out at Mitchell/Verde's house. It rained Saturday night and showered Sunday morning. Participants reported back for another wet day. The color guard was Tim Moore/Glen Dunwoody. The head man/lady/pow wow committee held their giveaways. Georgianna Sparks spoke and Rebecca Adamson of the First Nations Development Corporation also spoke. An honor dance was held for Gerald Umbel celebrating his safe return from Iraq. During the afternoon, the corn soup entered in the challenge was sold and brought in \$36 to help with pow wow expenses. Among the AIS members who turned out to dance or for moral support, not already named, were Phil/Cathi/Lexis Hill, Tim Hill/Tammy Umbel, Rudy/Mary Hall, Dave Holland, Beverly Little Hawk, Marcos/Dorothy Almanza, Wanda Lee, Cyril/Marie Taylor, Theresa/Ciera/Leah/Petey Hill, Josh Hill, Katie Issenock (who made the beautiful AIS shawls for the giveaway), Noemi Perez, Suzan Harjo, Wayne Howard, Dan/Sherman Addi, Pete/Donita Neconie, Bill Reeves, Shelly Carter/Buster Elm, Balerma/Paige Burgess, Tia Gibbs and Steve Hill. The pow wow adjourned early because of the weather. Steve Hill sponsored a musical chairs competition for the youth after the pow wow. Dave/Anna/Tresah/Dave Jr./Jennifer/Shania/Devon, Manuel/Karen, Rob, Verde, Pecita, Karen Collins and Fred had a light supper prepared by Mitchell(!) before the Homer party returned to Onondaga Territory. Pecita, Rob, Manuel/Karen stayed over at Mitchell/Verde's house. On Monday morning they had breakfast at the Kountry Korner before Pecita headed back to Millsboro, DE, Manuel/Karen to Alexandria and Rob/Mitchell to Boswell Corners after they picked up the trash at Indian Pines and left the trash at the dump. Route 1 near Brandy's house was closed by swollen streams so Rob/Mitchell had to backtrack to her house. Then Rob helped Herb clear a tree that had fallen on Brandy's porch. So, how was your weekend?

May 13 – Governor Martin O'Malley of Maryland signed into law a bill designating the Friday after Thanksgiving as American Indian Heritage Day. Many members of Maryland tribes attended including AIS members Dave Holland and Mary Hope Billings from the Accohannock Tribe. Others included were Mervin Savoy, Chairwoman of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, and Keith Colston (NC Lumbee-Tuscarora), Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs.

May 14 – A meeting of the American Indian Inaugural Ball (AIIB) committee was held at the home of the committee chair, Pete Homer, in Alexandria, VA. In addition to Pete, others present included Steve Hill, Tia Gibbs, Michael Nephew, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Eloise Giordano, Faye Lone, Evans Craig, Christine Poafpybitty, Angel Washington, Glen Dunwoody, Joanna Stancil and Mitchell Bush. John Reed was a guest. After a light supper of pizza, Buffalo wings and cold drinks, the meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Under new business, several persons were nominated to be emcee. They were Apesanequat, Randy Edmonds and Reuben Little Head. Apesanequat, who was pictured on the 2005

Inaugural Ball program, was chosen as the primary emcee. For entertainment between sessions, Manuel suggested Shelley Morningstar and Michael Bucher who often perform together. No action taken at this time. Christine suggested the Oneida Nation Shenandoah Band. Pete reported that sound is included in the hotel costs. The JW Marriott, Gateway Marriott and the Hyatt Regency are all strong contenders to be the site of the 2009 American Indian Inaugural Ball. Pete mentioned the two "local" honor color guard units to possibly participate and help with security. Manuel/Glen are the primary security men. For a theme, there were several suggestions but "Bringing Our People Together" seemed to meet the committee members' favor. After discussion about the honorary chair, Mitchell nominated Billy Mills. The nomination was seconded and passed unanimously. Faye placed a call to Billy but talked to his answering machine. Angel Washington will serve as our travel consultant. Mitchell suggested that the AIIB committee set up an information booth at the NCAI Conference in Reno, NV, June 1-4. Pete suggested that Steve, Christine and Mitchell attend with the Inaugural Ball fund covering their expenses. Christine will contact the Shenandoah group. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 11.

May 17-18 – After talking with John Wigle (Tuscarora), Glen Lazore (Akwesasne Mohawk), Karen Rice Suagee (Caughnawaga Mohawk) and Olive Ward (Onondaga), Mitchell Bush felt Iroquois energized enough to cook the leeks (ramps) his sister Anna Homer brought down from Onondaga country. Using the AIS cookbook, he quickly boiled the leeks and added salt pork for flavoring. He heated up a bowl of Dave Homer's entry in the corn soup challenge and fixed himself an old time lunch – corn soup and leeks. On Sunday, Mitchell heated a bowl of Dave's corn soup for Rob Brown who visited for a few days. Later that evening, Steve/Rie Miller stopped by Mitchell's house trying to locate a Longest Walk II vinyl sign that disappeared from the pavilion after the Mother's Day Pow Wow. Steve/Rie, Ed Lozier and Ray Brock from VEVITA traveled to the Occaneechi Pow Wow held May 17-18 to promote awareness about the Longest Walk II. The next day, Verde Halley went over to Indian Pines to feed Mouse and Red during the daylight but failed to locate the sign.

May 20 – The Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) Recognition Committee met at the Holiday Inn Central in Richmond, VA, to consider the Nottoway petition for recognition. Committee members present included the chair, Assistant Chief Earl Bass, and members: Dr. Helen Rountree, Arlene Milner and Mitchell Bush. Pamela Shenian was present to take minutes. VCI requested that the committee continue review of criterion 3, 5 and 6. Criterion 1 was denied and criterion 2 and 4 were accepted. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Arlene Milner gave the invocation. The minutes of the April 15, 2008, meeting were read and approved. After much discussion, votes were taken on Criterion 3, 2 in favor, 2 opposed. On criterion 5 the vote was also 2 yes, 2 no. Criterion 6 also resulted in a tie vote. The chair advised that the results would be reported to VCI at its meeting that night. Nottoways in attendance included Chief Lynette Allston, Leroy Hardy Jr, William Wright, Sid Turner, Joyce Flythe, Archie Elliott, Teague Allston, and Greg Stephenson. Other guests included Allard Allston, Jack Milner and Paige/Roger Archer... Later, the VCI held its monthly meeting at the General Assembly Building in downtown Richmond. VCI members present included the chair, Chief Bill Miles, and VCI members Chief Steven Adkins, Assistant Chief Earl Bass, and Delegates at Large Sherry Mumford and Mitchell Bush. Sharon Bryant, the Monacan representative, Deanna Beacham, VCI staff, and Ismaela Moru from the Attorney General's office were also present. Guests in attendance included Paige/Roger Archer, Jack/Arlene Milner, Dante Desiderio, Gerald/Burlong/Kenny Epps, Ken Mumford, Helen Rountree, and Nottoway tribal members Chief Lynette Allston, Archie Elliott, William Wright, Leroy Hardy, Teague Allston, Sidney Turner and Joyce Flythe. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Chief Bill Miles gave the invocation; VCI members and guests introduced themselves; the April 15, 2008 minutes were approved; and the VCI April budget report has not yet been received and cannot be discussed. Under Public Comment, Allard Allston submitted a written statement regarding the Nottoway petition; Paige Archer submitted a rebuttal to Helen Rountree's submissions. Arriving late, Janet Moran and Mark Langsthal discussed the Longest Walk II and provided gifts to VCI members. The gift contained tobacco, a hawk feather and a CD called *Red Hawk Woman* by Felipe Rose. Under Old Business, Earl Bass gave the recognition committee report on Criterion 3, 5 and 6. Inasmuch as there is a tie vote, Chief Richardson will be provided the taped record of the recognition meeting and asked to submit her vote on Criterion 3, 5 and 6. The recognition committee will then submit a written recommendation on the Nottoway petition next month. The VCI Advisory Committee will be asked to plan a conference next year. Sidney Turner/Gerald Epps, committee members, declined the request to chair the committee. Changing the Tribal Recognition Criteria to consider petitions from tribes already recognized in another state and providing the Saponi Nation a course of action to follow to resolve their recognition situation were tabled. No New Business. Under Announcements, the next VCI meeting will be held June 17, 2008, 6:30 p.m., in the General Assembly Building... 21st annual Upper Mattaponi spring festival, May 23-25, Upper Mattaponi tribal grounds, King

William... Nansemond/Chesapeake festival, June 7-8 at the Chesapeake Festival Park... Mattaponi pow wow, June 14 at the Mattaponi Reservation. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

May 22 – The Native Youth Alliance hosted a pipe ceremony at the Grandfather Plaque in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). The ceremony was conducted by Nathan Phillips. At the conclusion of the pipe ceremony, Mary Phillips played “taps.” Those in attendance included Shoshana/Zakiah/Alethea Phillips, Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray, Manuel Rodriguez and Mary Phillips. Guests from ANC included Erik Dihle and Kelly Wilson who took photographs of the gathering. Mr. Dihle attended the dedication of the Grandfather Plaque. The Arlington National Cemetery website is: www.arlcem.org. Lather, Nathan, Shoshana, Zakiah, Alethea, Mary and Mitchell gathered at the Friends Committee on National Legislation Headquarters on Capitol. Mitchell updated the group on the progress of the planning for Inaugural activities. The group discussed vendors for the Inaugural Pow Wow, head staff, and the importance of preparing for the pow wow in advance.



Photo by Manuel Rodriguez

May 24 – The Black Creek Gourd Society (BCGS) performed a wreath laying at 5:30 a.m. at the World War II Veterans Memorial then traveled across the Mall to lay another wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial accompanied by a contingent from the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally. At noon, the BCGS hosted a gourd dance at the National Museum of the American Indian. Local singers Pete Neconie/Dennis Zotigh joined the drum. The VEVITA Gourd Society (Richard Begay, Steve/Rie Miller, Ed Lozier, Ray Brock, Kim Sowinski, Tony Doom, Jenell Turner and Dot Leighan) joined the dancing. One of the VEVITA group, Ed Lozier, was presented a macaw fan by the host group. There were about 50 gourd dancers, mostly from the Navajo Nation. In addition to dancing the emcees, Leonard Anthony (White

Eagle Gourd Society) and Larry Anderson (founder of the Black Creek Gourd Society) introduced several distinguished guests, Major Mike Duffy, Harlan Bearhand, Codetalkers Frank Chee Walenti and David Patterson, and our own Rico Newman. Local folks in attendance spotted in the crowd in addition to those already named included Nicky/Tristan/Lilly Doom, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Kathleen Dorn, Tim Moore, Verde Halley, Donita Neconie, Catherine Fogden (who took photos), Leon Leuppe, Nancy/Martha Redhouse, Fred/Brenda Miller, Jackie Swift, Leonda Levchuck, Keevin Lewis, Balerma Burgess, Mary Lecias, Joyce Hart, Machel Monenerkit, Terry Snowball, Pete/Tony Yazzie, Suzanne Adkins, Nathan/Shoshana Phillips and Evans Craig.

May 24 – Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush traveled to Congressional Cemetery to decorate the graves of Natives buried there. After Manuel/Karen returned to the gourd dance. Earlier, Verde and Mitchell had traveled to Suitland, MD, to decorate Native graves at Cedar Hill Cemetery and Washington National Cemetery. On their way back to Brandy Berger's home, Verde and Mitchell stopped at the Quantico National Cemetery and decorated Native graves there. The weather was beautiful for this exhausting project.

May 25 – Karen Collins, Mitchell Bush, Chuck Gray, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Vivian/Halley Dawson, Shawndae Sharp, Art Woolsey and Jeannie Moyer decorated graves at the Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, PA. Afterwards, all but Jeannie traveled to the Dawson home in Linglestown, PA, for a cookout. They were joined there by Ivan Dawson and Greg Sharp.

May 26 – The Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association (VEVITA) Color Guard and the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) participated in the National Memorial Day Parade down Constitution Avenue from 7th Street to 17th Street, NW, on a beautiful sunny day, with thousands of spectators lining Constitution Avenue. The Honorary Parade Marshall was the movie actor Mickey Rooney, a World War II Veteran. The

NMAI/VEVITA contingent, under the guidance of Justin Giles (NMAI parade coordinator), consisted of a marching unit (VEVITA – Richard Begay, Steve Miller, Ed Lozier, Tony Doom, Kim Sowinski, Ron Rodriguez,



Photos by Manuel/Karen Rodriguez

Jenell Turner, Ray Brock) followed by the VEVITA float driven by Rie Miller and Nicky Doom and carrying Karen Collins, Chuck Gray, Verde Halley, Fred Nordham, Mitchell Bush, Nathan/Nicholas/Tristan Doom and Skylar Brock. Then came the NMAI float driven by Lyle Begay which carried Dennis/Jennifer/Alexis Zotigh, Michael Nephew, Renee Gokey and Mary Phillips, followed by walkers Jackie Swift, Jimmy/Chris Ortiz, Darlene Farmer, Sandy/Marcy Tiger, Dot Leighan, Shana/Jeff Barehand, Suzan Harjo, and Jeanne Eaglebull Oxendine/Jameson/Jake/Jada/Jase. Following the walkers was a truck driven by Manuel/Karen Rodriguez carrying Dylan/Notah McCabe and two other young people. The group assembled at 11 am and earlier at NMAI until 3:00 p.m. when the group returned to NMAI. The group was enthusiastically received by the spectators. That night, Manuel Rodriguez reported that Local News Channel 4 covered the parade and showed the NMAI/VEVITA floats/participants. Local newspapers concentrated on President Bush at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and the Rolling Thunder memorial cycle ride.

May 28 – Verde Halley, Manuel Rodriguez and Mitchell Bush rode with Karen Collins to Arlington National Cemetery to complete this year's grave visitations. They decorated 31 graves on a sunny warm day before returning to their respective homes after stopping for lunch at a restaurant in Arlington.

May 29 – Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush traveled to Indian Pines to decorate gravesites after having lunch at the Kountry Korner Restaurant in Carmel Church. Mouse and Red accompanied the group on a sunny cloudless day as they visited the gravesites of Frank Crosby, Mercedes Osborne, Helen Peacock, David Lord, Roger Johnson, Sasha Phillips, Quackenbush, and *Frances W. Mitchell and *W. H. Walker. *The Mitchell and Walker graves were the original burials there when we

purchased the property in 1976. Our thanks to Verde Halley who donated 320 flowers for our visitation/decoration project.

May 31 – Karenne Wood and Powhatan Red Cloud-Owen hosted a Spring Day Party at Karenne’s home in Kents Store, Virginia. AIS members/friends among the many guests included Chief Ken Adams, Deanna Beacham, Jack/Arlene Milner, Tommy Tuppen, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Rob Brown, and Mitchell Bush. Powhatan shared a DVD of the Hampton Powwow taken last July. The head staff included Lawrence Baker and Powhatan as emcees and Jay Hill/Michael Nephew as arena directors. Between munchies, a round of horseshoes was played by Powhatan, Manuel, Tom and Bill.

WHAT'S NEW

Thanks to Mother’s Day Pow Wow Donors: **Precision Collision, Springfield Toyota, and Hamilton Insurance;** and to **The National Indian Education Association, The National Congress of the American Indian, The National Museum of the American Indian, The Washington Internships for Native Students Program of American University, The Friends Committee on National Legislation, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, Barbara Drifmeyer, Wanda Johnson and Jeanne Eagle Bull-Oxendine & family for donation of giveaway/raffle items;** T Carter for donation of aprons/matching prize ribbons for the corn soup challenge winners; Eve/Steve Hill (food vendor), Mitchell Bush and Ray Couch for flag donations (colors); and the following for donating watermelons and/or coffee and/or water: Eloise Giordano, Marcy/Sandie Tiger, R. Vaughan, Mitchell Bush, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Steve/Eve Hill, Verde Halley, Brenda DesMoines, Fred Osborne, Pete Homer and Noemi Perez.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>AIS Meetings 1st Wed. of every month: Jul 2/Aug 6/Sep 3/Oct 1/Nov 5/Dec 3 The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA</p>
<p>DC2N - D.C. NATIVE NETWORK – 2nd Wednesday of every month, noon-2:00 pm. What: Gathering to Share Information on Important Native Issues When: 2nd Wed. of month, noon-2 PM – brown bag lunch Where: Room 300, Third Floor, The United Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Wash, DC</p>
<p>June 28 –American University WINS Pow Wow at American University, Washington, DC. AIS is coordinating the dinner for the WINS Students and pow wow participants. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Faye Lone at personal@fayelone.com</p>
<p>Jul 1-3 – Longest Walk II walkers camping at Indian Pines</p>
<p>Jul 9 - 7 PM, American Indian Inaugural Ball Committee Meeting at the Pete and Elizabeth Homer residence, 4004 David Lane, Alexandria, VA, (703) 998-8177. Please RSVP to senecapaint@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.</p>
<p>Jul 12-13 – Howard County Pow Wow, Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794. Contact 202-532-0821 or powwow@vance.net. Website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life.</p>
<p>AIS Scholarships due third Monday of July - July 21st, 2008 - www.aisdc.org</p>
<p>August 22-24 - Baltimore American Indian Center 34th Annual Pow Wow, Patterson Park 400 South Linwood Ave/corner of Eastern Ave Baltimore, Maryland 21224. Contest Powwow. Total Prizes: \$23,000. Contact: 410-675-3535 baic@starpower.net www.baic.org</p>
<p>Aug 30-Sep 1 – 12th Annual Native American Festival, City Island, Harrisburg, PA. Contact Michelle 717.589.7744, Straywolf 570.995.5177 or sunrisesigns@nmax.net. www.harrisburgspecialevents.com</p>
<p>Sep 6-7 - Nanticoke Indian Association's Annual Powwow sponsored by: Nanticoke Indian Association, Inc. and will be held at: The Nanticoke Indian Powwow Grounds. PLEASE COME OUT AND VOLUNTEER AT THE AIS FUNDRAISING TACO BOOTH. MC: Mel Whitebird. HM: Keith Anderson. HL: Adrienne Harmon. AD: Jay Hill. Directions: The Nanticoke Indian Powwow site is located approximately 8 miles east of Millsboro, Delaware, on DE Rt 24 (John J. Williams Hwy) east of DE Rt 113. From DE Rt 1, take DE Rt 24 West, (John J. Williams Hwy) approximately 12 miles to Powwow site. Signs will be posted along route 24, both east and west. Contact: Marilyn Jackson 302-945-3400 nanticok@verizon.net</p>
<p>Sep 13–14 – 16th Annual Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians Native American Festival, Ball Field in Vienna , MD. Rt. 50 East or West to Vienna MD & follow signs to ball field. Contact NWBOI Office: 410-376-3889</p>
<p>Sep 20-21 – Nottoway Indian Tribe of VA Inc., People of the Longhouse, Pow Wow, Surry Parks & Recreation Center, Highway 10 at Highway 31, 205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry, VA 23883. Contact 757.654.9301 or 757.686.8602. Email: NottowayofVA@aol.com</p>
<p>Sep 27-28 – Chickahominy Pow Wow, Chickahominy Tribal Grounds, Providence Forge, VA Contact: Keith Wynn 804-966-2448 or 804-829-2027 website www.chickahominytribe.org</p>
<p>Oct 4-5 – Boonsburo Pow Wow (close to Martinsburg/Hagerstown) Boonsburo Agricultural Center , Contact Barry Richardson at 252-257-5383 or powwow@vance.net (Pow Wows Inc)</p>
<p>Oct 18-19 - 15th Annual Healing of All Nations Fall Festival & Pau Wau sponsored by: Accohannock Indian Tribe and will be held at Bending Water Park, Marion Station, MD. Contact: Tribal Office 410-623-2660 accohannock@dmv</p>
<p>Nov 15-16 – The Great American Indian Exposition and Pow Wow, The Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23223. Contact 202-532-0821 or powwow@vance.net. Website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life.</p>

Nov 27 – AIS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

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Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm – in the dark – with the electricity off the meeting was held by flashlights. The following members were present: Mitchell Bush; T. Carter; Karen Collins; Phyllis/Tom David; Kathleen Dorn; Barbara Drifmeyer; Verde Halley; Steve Miller; Jeanne EagleBull Oxendine; Nicole PastorKovich; Noemi Perez; Mary Phillips; Machel Monenerkit; Manuel/Karen Rodriguez; Ray Thornberry; and Marcy/Sandra Tiger. One guest, Megan Carter (Running Strong for Native American Indian Youth) was present and introduced herself. Michael opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the Thursday, May 8, 2008 meeting were read by Karen Rodriguez and approved as read. Barbara Drifmeyer gave the treasurer's report of AIS accounts. Pow Wow report available. Pow wow account has just over \$1,800 with more expenses to come out. Received a donation from Hamilton Insurance, bringing powwow donations raised by Barbara to \$800. No reason others cannot do the same by contacting independent companies who can get tax write-offs, large corporations with stockholders give to 501c3's. Large expenditures this month were personal property tax and insurance. Main account at just over \$3,500 and it was strongly suggested that we take \$7,000 in the investment account designated for the ball and transfer it to the main account, use the CD for the Ball and limit spending on the Ball until money comes in; and leave the \$12,000 designated for scholarships and \$395 designated for arena. If anyone is interested in the Treasurer position, please contact Barbara to work with her for a smoother transition...

Old Business: Jeanne/Mary presented their After Action (pow wow) report which included the final budget, and detailed report on the staff/volunteers/supporters/donors (see What's New Section for donors), and their reflections and recommendations. They thanked those that helped or donated items and presented their recommendations and critique of the level or lack of communication/leadership/support by the board and others, among other concerns. They also recommended fundraising year round and considering other locations where weather would not be a factor. Much discussion followed, opinions and recommendations were stated. Motion by Noemi that we accept the After Action Report, seconded by Mitchell and carried.... Michael and others thanked Jeanne/Mary for their hard work in bringing together a good pow wow. Jeanne will be donating a baby star quilt to help raise pow wow funds. Karen Collins reported on supplies left over from the dinner which could be used for the American University WINS dinner... Kathleen gave the Property Committee report. The property committee is not responsible for setup or bringing supplies. A lawnmower and chainsaw were removed from the property and we could not mow right before the pow wow without a mower. Picnic tables falling apart, 2 collapses, and it will cost \$90 per table for replacements. Michael is donating two and Steve Miller will look into repairing others and remove broken ones before the walkers camp there. Meeting on the Longest Walk at the Hanson's Sunday. Kathleen will not be at next two meetings and gave an end of year report. Guidelines approved last meeting, Steve/Kathleen working on second layer of protection and Steve will make temporary signs for Longest Walk and permanent signs later. Kathleen distributed photos of the property two years ago. It has taken two years, 20 people, 500 work hours to bring property to current state. Steve has pretty much completed roof repairs and will rework sidewalls of pavilion. Researching cost of new building. It will take \$20-40,000 to repair/renovate old building or put up a new one. No money for that or for the arena. We need to raise money, come up with ways to make money on the property and activities that attract people. Suggested we create a budget to allocate a percentage of funds to different areas/programs. Mitchell suggested doors be replaced in trailers to prevent property from being taken and suggested it be done before campers arrive, Habitat for Humanity suggested as possible source for doors or using plywood/hardware to make doors, motion by Phyllis/Tom that Steve Miller study the situation and replace doors in green and white trailers, seconded by Vern Halley and carried. Steve Miller had receipts from work he did at the property that he is donating rather than being reimbursed.... Phyllis David gave the scholarship report with an update on the summer scholarship request. The other two scholarship recipients were contacted and one is not going to school in the summer and the other did not respond. Cost of books for Antonio Segovia's summer scholarship request is \$177.85 plus tax. Motion by Phyllis that we ask for receipts and reimburse the cost of the books, seconded by Karen Collins and carried. Antonio Segovia's further request and a second motion that we reimburse his book costs for the second summer session was tabled until we find out the cost... Phyllis asked that written nominations for Distinguished Service and Outstanding Club Member Awards be emailed to her at phylldavid@yahoo.com or given to her at the AIS meeting.

New Business – With lack of funds suggestion and motion by Mitchell that we have an Anniversary Potluck Dinner at the Burgundy Center the first or second weekend in August, seconded by Tom and carried. Barbara will check on availability and reserve. Silent auction/bingo suggested... Michael reported that he received approval from board members to create a health awareness page on the AIS Website. He is also working with several organizations to organize health activity events by July, probably starting with a bike riding activity. Contact Michael with suggestions... Noemi is on the Executive Council of United Way and commented that is a type of activity they look for in awarding grant money. ... It was suggested we might want to meet more than once a month to put our minds together for fundraising, etc. and that we could use a fundraising chair..

Announcements – Art Woolsey is looking for volunteers to learn inmate contact process to take over inmate visitations in the Lewiston, PA area.... Mitchell is taking AIS Booth to Perry Point this weekend... Silver Phoenix June 20-21 and WINS pow wow/dinner June 28. Contact personal@fayelone.com to volunteer to help with dinner.

Having no further business, Manuel Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Barbara Drifmeyer, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

The next meeting will be July 2, 2008, at the Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez – Secretary



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