

**KAHNAWÀ:KE MEMBERSHIP LAW
FIRST HEARING – Meeting #14
Golden Age Club
14, Ohiaríha /June 2016
6:00 PM– 8:30 PM**

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

FACILITATORS:

Joe Delaronde
Ron Skye

RESOURCE PEOPLE:

Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Lead)
Chief Arlene Jacobs
Rose-Ann Morris
Alexis Shackleton
Shari Lahache
Jennifer McComber
Leslie Skye - KLCC

RECORDER:

Caroline McComber

CHIEFS' IN ATTENDANCE

Martin Leborgne
Bobby Patton

AGENDA

6:00 P.M. **OPENING** – Leslie Skye

6:05 P.M. **INTRODUCTION/MEETING GUIDELINES** – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

6:10 P.M. **KAHNAWÀ:KE MEMBERSHIP LAW AMENDMENTS:**

- **THE DEFINITION OF 'GREAT GRAND PARENT'(continued discussion)**
- **SEC.15 APPLICATION PROCESS/APPROVED KAHNAWÀ:KE RESIDENTS starting at 15.1(a)**
- **SEC.16 ENTITLEMENTS OF KANIEN'KEHÁ:KA OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**
- **SEC. 17 PRIVILEGES OF APPROVED KAHNAWÀ:KE RESIDENTS**
- **SEC. 18 RESPONSIBILITIES OF KANIEN'KEHÁ:KA OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**
- **ANY RELEVANT/RELATED DEFINITIONS** - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

8:25 P.M. **NEXT STEPS** – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

8:30 P.M. **CLOSING** – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

The meeting began with a recap of the June 7th, 2016 meeting with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer conveying that a preliminary consensus had been reached on the **definition of “Kanién’kehá:ka Great Grandparent”** to submit a draft definition with the term **Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen** translated to: an individual originating from two cultures in approximate equal measure. There were six (6) individuals who objected to the motion to define **Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen** with the preference to preserve the 50% Kanién’kehá:ka blood quantum requirement

DEFINITIONS – Amended (June 7, 2016)

”Definition of Kanién’kehá:ka Great Grandparent” (Mother or Father)

This ancestor must be of one the following:

- **Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**
- **On former Mohawk Registry and Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**
- **On the Kahnawà:ke Kanién’kehá:ka Registry and Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**

DISCUSSION:

Throughout the evening there was much debate on the half / fifty percent (50%) language versus the Kanién’kéha term ‘**Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**’ that essentially would be the defining measure and ultimately the definition of “Kanién’kehá:ka Great Grandparent”. Many were concerned that without the specific (half / 50%) language it may appear that the blood line threshold may be interpreted as less than half / 50% requirement.

It was reflected that because many do not speak the Kanién’kéha language, it may be difficult for many to comprehend the concept of the ‘**Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**’ terminology proposed. Our language is essential as it contains our culture, traditions and customs and given that the term “blood quantum” is non-existent in the Kanién’kéha language, this may create confusion between the English and Kanién’kéha references being lost in translation.

OUTCOME:

A motion was presented to the floor for the purposes of the Great Grandparent amended definition (above) reflect that the *Kanién’kéha* term ‘**Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen**’ further be defined as either male/female comprised of half **Onkwehónwe** lineage and half of a separate culture.

CONSENSUS REACHED:

Consensus was reached with one individual opposed because they preferred the (half / 50%) blood quantum language for the definition of the ‘Kanién’kehá:ka Great Grandparent.’ The definition was finalized to incorporate ‘Sha’teienekwenhsí:hen’ being translated as a: male / female comprised of half Onkwehónwe lineage and half of a another culture.

Approved by:

Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

Date

Rose-Ann Morris,
Membership Registrar

Date