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## Voting Membership Meeting Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Our Constitution requires that we have a minimum of 15 members attending to conduct any business.

### Tribal Council Member Elections

The election went well this time. No one made any complaints. Thanks to everyone who responded! Our new officers are Curt LaClaire, Vice Chairman, and Renée Johnson, Treasurer. Diane Simonet declined the Secretary position.

**Secretary Wanted!** Experience is helpful, but not required. This position is responsible for working with the Tribal Council to create an agenda for the weekly Tribal Council meetings and the monthly Voting Membership meetings. Also responsible for taking and typing the minutes for those same meetings, presenting them to the Tribal Council weekly, and to the newsletter editor monthly (for inclusion in the newsletter). Time commitment is about 2 hours a week. **Interested parties please submit a letter of intent to the Election Committee at the office as quickly as possible.** We hope to hold the election by our September Voting Membership meeting.

### HAU MITAKUYEPI from the Chairman:

I want to thank everyone involved with this year's Pow-Wow: the Pow-Wow committee, all who were involved in planning it, and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this another successful Pow-Wow.

Pidamiya!

*Kangi Cistana (Michael Scott)*

DAKOTA OHINNI UN (ALWAYS BE DAKOTA)

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## Voting Membership Meeting



**JUNE 26, 2005 MINUTES** – NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

**JULY 26, 2005 MINUTES** – [CLICK TO VIEW](#)

### Agenda

Call to Order

Announcement of quorum

Officer Reports

- Secretary
- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Historian

Committee Reports

- Culture
- Scholarship
- Constitution/Membership

Old Business

- Election for Secretary
- Grants

New Business

- To be announced

Open Forum

Adjourn

## Electronic Newsletter

### Help us save on postage!

We spend an average of \$80 each month on postage for the newsletter. You can help us save money – send an email to [rjohnson2929@comcast.net](mailto:rjohnson2929@comcast.net) indicating that you would like to get your newsletter electronically. Many thanks to those of you who have already responded!

Our newsletters contain our monthly meeting minutes. Please remember that this information is restricted and for our Community only. We are addressing this on our website by setting up a user logon and password to access the newsletter online. If you requested an email version of our newsletter, you'll get the logon information as soon as we get it setup. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

## Dakota Culture Classes

### Learn About the Dakota Culture

*by Jim Anderson*

Mark your calendars for the last Wednesday each month. Jim Anderson, our Historian, will share his knowledge about our Dakota heritage and ceremonies. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about this beautiful life way.

*Pidamiya ye do*

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**Friends of the  
Friendlies**

**Mendota Dakota O'spaye**

*by Linda Rost and Diane Elliot*

We have established a Society in conjunction with the Tribe to assist in their efforts to preserve the culture. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Society and helping us build our community, please contact us via email at [hecetu1@yahoo.com](mailto:hecetu1@yahoo.com) or call Linda Rost 612-825-1079 (leave a message) or Diane Elliott at 651-457-0312.

**Positions  
Available  
Now!**

**Positions Available!**

**Cashier:** No experience necessary! We will train you to run our store cash register. Hours are flexible. Salary: that warm fuzzy feeling you get by knowing that you are helping out our Community. Call Michael Scott at 651-452-4141.

**Inventory Clerk:** No experience necessary! We will train you keep track of our store inventory (consignments etc.). Hours are flexible. Salary: that warm fuzzy feeling you get by knowing that you are helping out our Community. Call Michael Scott at 651-452-4141.

**Crafters Needed:** Many in our Community would like to learn how to do beadwork. Share your crafting skills with those who want to learn! We meet on the third Tuesday each month. Contact Michael Scott at 651-452-4141 to schedule.

**Writers:** You can submit an article for the newsletter by

- emailing it to: [rjohnson2929@comcast.net](mailto:rjohnson2929@comcast.net)
- faxing it to: attention Newsletter Editor at: 651-452-4232
- mailing it to the MMDC office



**Gaming Corner**

**Charitable Gaming Minutes, July 2005 Meeting**

Called to order by Michael Scott, Tribal Chairman. Kiki Marsh presented the June 2005 report. It was approved. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Allowable Expenses (actual & estimated) were presented and approved. Lawful Purpose Expenditures were discussed and approved.

**Agenda for next Gaming Meeting**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Call to order          | Lawful purpose expenditures |
| Present monthly report | Open Forum                  |
| Allowable expenditures | Adjourn                     |

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## Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community Voting Membership Meeting Minutes

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Date: July 26, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: MMDC Office

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Michael Scott called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Sage, tobacco and prayers were offered.

Beverly Scott announced that a quorum was present.

### **Officer Reports:**

Secretary – Beverly Scott

The June meeting minutes were not available to present. Michael Scott will get them from Joan Minske before the next meeting.

Chairman – Michael Scott

Reviewed our mission statement and reminded the membership that the Tribal Council will follow that mission. Mendota Days went well - our picture was in the local paper.

Treasurer – Renée Johnson for Jim Albrecht

Renée reported the balance of all checking accounts. She is working with the Tribal Council regarding our bookkeeping and will report more next month.

Historian – Jim Anderson – Absent no report

### **Committee Reports:**

Constitution/Membership – Renée Johnson

There are many more volunteers helping out with the membership process now. We are making great progress towards completing review of all applicant files and getting our filing completed. The Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. See our calendar for exact dates.

Election – Gloria Thomas

The election went well. The results are:

Vice Chairman – Curt LaClaire

Treasurer – Renée Johnson

Secretary – Diane Simonet

Diane respectfully declined the position of Secretary. The membership agreed that we needed to follow the Constitution and begin the election process over for that position. The Election Committee will oversee the election for the Secretary position, with the vote to be held in September.



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Pow-Wow – Michael Scott

The picture on this year's button is Wally Riplinger, our men's head dancer. Volunteers for the Pow-Wow can call Mary Lou Foster, who is coordinating our volunteers again this year. We still need items to raffle. Janine and Victoria will run the raffle.

### **Old Business:**

Tobacco License – The process is very slow for obtaining a tobacco license. It also will cost a lot more money than we have at this time.

Grants – Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and SEVA turned down our requests for grants. We are continuing to work on obtaining grants. A recommendation was made that we contact the University of Minnesota's Marketing department. They may have students who can help us write grants in exchange for "real-life" experience.

### **New Business:**

Facilitator – Victoria Scott was offered tobacco by a Tribal Council member and asked to use her skills and experience as a facilitator at our meetings to make them more productive and less time-consuming. Victoria reviewed our meeting ground rules and helped keep us on track throughout the meeting.

### **Open Forum:**

Newsletter – Renée Johnson is asking all members who can, to receive their newsletter electronically to help us save on postage.

OMD mailed out a letter to all their members updating them on their progress.

Renée Johnson was recognized for her work with Peachtree, our financial software.

Beverly Scott spoke about the Grandmothers' Council and a traditional Tribal Chief. Renée Johnson agreed that this is something the Constitution/Membership Committee will need to work after the membership issues are completed. The Committee will need to determine exactly what the roles and responsibilities would be for these traditional positions. Once that is determined, they would follow the process in place for revising the Constitution or Bylaws.

Patty LaClaire moved to adjourn, Jim Albrecht seconded the motion. Motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly M Scott  
Secretary