



Many events have taken place since our last newsletter...

We met with Zach Churchill in January. We wrote to the Premier and the Opposition asking why we were not represented in the Judiciary of Nova Scotia.

On April 27th, we were in Cape Breton and with the help of our Shaman, Emile Gautreau and his Protégée; we inducted eight (8) elders into our Nation. Four (4) from the Grand Council and three (3) from Cape Breton.

We have filed complaints with both the Provincial and Federal Governments on basis of discrimination. This complaint is filed against Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

We met with Julie Towers, CEO of Aboriginal Affairs and her Assistant Deputy Justin Huston at the board room in the Grand Hotel in Yarmouth on May 23rd. We discussed our bid for recognition among many other things. We also gave proof that the Metis movement started here in the Maritime Provinces before moving westward. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on our site. Ms. Towers stated that there is a possibility that the Government will have only one card for all Metis.

We are planning to have a Summit meeting here in Yarmouth in 2015 for all the Grand Chiefs, Chiefs and Co-Chiefs of the different Metis organizations and make sure we are on the same level. This will also include all groups that are not recognized by the Government.

We are in negotiations with ALL levels of Government.

We have applied for a Leadership grant in order to assist any and all who want to further their education.

In early June we were contracted by Grand Chief Zane Bell of the Quebec and Ontario Nation Tribes of Metis, who are not, as of yet, recognized, (Zane's Tribe is called Anishinabek Solutream Metis) regarding the signing of a Treaty with the United Nations with Walter Presley (uncle of Elvis Presley). We checked this out and verified that all was in order and with the permission of your Grand Council. I signed for the betterment of All Metis in the Atlantic Provinces. This Treaty is for all Nations around the globe who are not recognized by their Governments. There is a lot of good that will come from this for us. Monetary and otherwise. We are a founding Nation.

Grand Chief Zane is from Nova Scotia and wants the official signing of the Treaty to be held in Yarmouth in the Fall, if at all possible. This will be great for us and the Town of Yarmouth. The official name of the Treaty is "Native Nations Intergovernmental Alliance Treaty" (NNIAT). We have already discussed the possibility of this with our Mayor Pam Mood of Yarmouth and she is very pleased about this.

I have been honoured by the Women of Distinction Magazine. They are doing a feature on me and my commitment to our Nation. This is another good thing for publicity of our Nation.

Recently, we gave bursaries to schools, supported the Children's Wish Foundation, and the Hospital Activity Book for Children who are in hospital.

Please bear with us, we have come a long way and soon our struggle for recognition will come to an end. There have been a great many Mountains that we have climbed and on behalf of the Grand Council, I thank you for your trust, your support and your belief in us all for all these years.

There is an individual who wrote us a very bad letter about his or her dissatisfaction. This person feels that we are not doing enough for them. We are not even sure that this individual is a member.

We have worked 24-7 for our Peoples; we will continue to do so. We have climbed too many steps to step back now. Our membership is nearing 17,000 and we have been unofficially named to the core group (umbrella group) for the Atlantic Provinces. We were very pleased to hear that news.

Always remember that the road to success is always under construction.

May the Creator bless you all,

***Chi Miiguich***  
***(Grand Chief) Mary Lou Parker***

*Mary Lou Parker*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Please note that membership fees have recently increased. Annual membership fees are \$30.00 for existing members of EWMNNS. The cost of a replacement Membership card has increased to \$35.00

Also, please note that Membership cards are only active for five (5) years from date of issue.

If you have any questions call the office at 1-902-742-3304.



## **Minutes of Meeting - April 27th, 2014**

### **Location: EWMNNS West Arichat (Cape Breton Division)**

[Before the meeting was opened there was a special ceremony to install eight new Elders into our Nation. Smudging and initiation was held by Spiritual Leader Emile Gautreau with the help of Grand Chief and Elder Mary Lou Parker, who was assisted by Chief and Elder Anna Samson. Those being initiated were: Chief Captain of the Hunt, Blair McCauley, Sharlene Doucette (Nation's Secretary), Charles Crosby (Nation's Negotiator), Anna Samson (Chief EWMNNS Cape Breton Division), Joseph Samson (Associate Chief EWMNNS Cape Breton Division), Jason Samson, Kathy Smith, John Gervais.]

The prayer to open the meeting was read by Elder Adrienne Speck.

Meeting was opened with a few words from our Spiritual Leader, Emile Gautreau. In attendance with Emile was Louis Goodwyn who is a student of Emile. They spoke on our Metis Culture and way of life.

All members were welcomed to the meeting by Chief Anna Samson.

A few words were then read by Associate Chief Joseph Samson on the meaning of the smudge and cleansing of one's Spirit in preparation for this smudging.

We are all brothers and sisters with a common goal and must treat all with complete respect.

Our new Chief and Associate Chief of our Central Nova Scotia Division were introduced. They are Chief Robert LeBlanc and Associate Chief O'Retha Grant.

There has been some confusion with regards to the Unamaki Warriors and EWMNNS. We would like to let you know that we are not associated with them in any way.

They are a separate group with a very different way of doing things.

It was also noted at this meeting that dual membership is not allowed.

Cape Breton will be setting up their own website in the near future.

June 21st is Aboriginal Day. A gathering will be scheduled for 2015 as it takes a great deal of time and effort to set it up (all hands are needed).

Grand Council is planning to host a summit meeting in late Fall for all Chiefs of Atlantic Canada. This meeting will take place in Yarmouth. As of now, no date has been set.

Cape Breton Division is looking to start a Women's Circle. This will consist of a president and assistants. The Ladies will be responsible for funding rising and bingos, and whatever else is needed. The monies that are raised stay in your division for your own use.

Our website is never completed as we add new news every week or so and sometimes more often.

We are now in negotiations with all levels of Government as the Government has now said that we are distinct Peoples.

At this meeting we were asked why there are small groups and we have no answer for that except to say that they are causing unrest in all Metis People. There have been 4 different groups in Southwest Nova Scotia come under our umbrella which makes it better for all.

Meeting was closed with a Prayer by Spiritual Leader Emile Gautreau.

Minutes submitted by Grand Chief Mary Lou Parker.

