**Settlement Report by Guy Lingley, Director – Open Board Meeting – September 10, 2022**

**Greetings everyone.**

My name is Guy Lingley. I am speaking with you today to clarify and share a brief summary regarding our recent Disassociation & Settlement agreement with the ADK.

This is a financial report. I will discuss the actual substantial financial costs we incurred. A special thanks to our Treasure Suzanne Rocheleau for her diligent record keeping.

**Members**

Back in 1931, the then New York Chapter Board of Directors actually saved our camp from a hostile takeover. In their wisdom, they Incorporated our chapter as a legal entity in July of 1931.

Without this Incorporation protection enacted 91 years ago, in addition without the generous donations from chapter members, most likely Camp Nawakwa would not be here today.

A little back round information,

Our situation with the ADK started about, Sept , 2020 . This is when Mark Fedow, our main club representative, informed us about major changes happening at ADK .

Quoting from that report regarding the main club, Mark reported:

* “There is a pending Amendment to the current ADK Bylaws that each member should review and vote on.
* “The current structure of the main club includes a board member who is elected from each club as a representative, one for each of 27 chapters.”
* “The new Bylaws are substantially changed. To be on the ADK board, there will be a financial obligation and each member will have to bring a skill set. For example – financial, hotel management, retail experiences. Each chapter will no longer have a voting Board member”
* “New main club Executive director Mr. Barrett – thinks his board of directors should not have a responsibility to the chapters but only to the main club. This is contrary to the way ADK has been operating since it began in 1922.
* “If the membership votes in favor of the amended Bylaws, the membership loses all future opportunity to have input on future amendments. The Chapters are essentially powerless. The new Bylaws disenfranchise the Chapters from having any voice or vote on ADK matters.”

In October of 2020, The Main Club ADK conducted a vote with all 27 Chapter’s and their members. The majority of Chapter members throughout the state Voted Yes. This yes vote has made all 27 Chapters essentially powerless within their own organization.

On July 6 ,2021 the Nawakwa Board of Directors sent an Email notice to all members . The following are excerpts from that Email.

This is when events turned bad for Nawakwa.

I am quoting from that Email to our members.

- “After a recent leadership change, the Main Club’s BOD at their meeting 6/26/22 ‘Voted to dissolve the New York Chapter as it is currently constituted and establish a new unincorporated chapter.’

This dissolution would have terminated your ability to apply for or use and enjoy access to Camp Nawakwa.

This would have prevented the New York Chapter , “US” from taking any action, even communicating such message to you.

The New York Chapter Board members received this notification in a letter dated June 29, 2021.

While the basis for this purported action is unstated, circumstances suggest that it is part of an attempt to seize the Chapter’s assets for the Main Club and control Camp Nawakwa.

-At this time the Board had basically 2 options

**Option 1** - Walk away from 99 years of our history and give in to this hostile takeover, ending Camp Nawakwa as we know it or….

**Option 2** - Fight back , to save the camp . We chose to fight.

Also quoting from the July 6th notice to members:

“-In response to ADK’s actions the Nawakwa BOD retained an attorney to represent the Chapter, sought , and was granted a Temporary Restraining Order by the Supreme Court State of New York on July 2, 2021. Thus New York Chapter continues to operate as usual pending a further determination by the Court.”

To repeat , I am speaking to you today to be transparent and clarify our total financial settlement costs to date.

Our Legal battle and our Legal cost’s had begun. On ……..

July 7, 2021, We wrote the first payment of $10,000. to our Lawyer, Judith Bachman.

The Legal back & forth continued and also our Legal costs continued.

Aug 26 ,21 - We wrote the second payment of $ 23,800.

Our Legal Battle continued; all Reconciliation attempts failed.

Sept 21,21 – We wrote the third payment of $ 11,827.

Our Legal Battle continued

Oct 26,21 – We wrote the fourth payment, of $ 36,213.

Our Legal Battle continued

Dec 19, 21 – We wrote the fifth payment of $ 7,775

Our Legal Battle continued. We wrote the following 4 payments, #6 , #7, #8 , #9

Jan 17, 2022 – for $ 8,852.

Feb 28, 2022- for $ 2,683.

March 31, 2022- for $ 4,436.

April 9, 2022 – for $ 1,195.

To date, we made 9 payments, including a final payment, to our Lawyer for a Total of $ 106, 821.

In Addition, as part of the settlement, Nawakwa “Donated” 50,000 to the main club

(ADK originally wanted 90,000.)

I will repeat that …………………. Our Settlement Total Cost was 156,821. Dollars

The financial costs to save Nawakwa was extreme.

We thank the Board’s wisdom to incorporate, in 1931, 91 years ago. There was no fight without that.

We thank our most generous financial donations from our departed chapter friends. There was no fight without that.

We thank all our current members for your continued support with all tasks needed to run our 100% volunteer organization . There would be no fight without that.

Thank you, this concludes our financial clarification of Settlement costs.

Guy Lingley