Taos Archaeological Society Officers Meeting

July 27, 2020 9am

ID 545 842 9500

Zoom

Present: Phil Alldritt (VP), Anita Briscoe (At Large), Debbie Espie (Secretary), Nancy Colvert (Pres.), Chris Ellis (Treasurer), Judith Hetem (At Large), CJ Johnson (Member)

Meeting began at 9:02am

1. Approval of minutes, Nancy asked for motion to approve minutes. Judith motioned, CJ seconded. Minutes unanimously approved. Remove highlighting from CJ name.
2. ASNM New Contract. Phil discussed. Question about whether or not conference would happen in 2021. Phil discussed this, said he thinks things would have to be normal by March 2021.
3. Chaco Trip rescheduled October 8-10, 2020. Parks still closed. Trip rescheduled but will update in future.
4. Ceramic Analysis Committee Update Debbie/Phil

Expansion of Committee/insurance update Mark wants Debbie/Phil to continue with liaison, all sherders are TAS members and want to be in the committee. Mark wants insurance just for the sherders. SMU future uncertain; no students on campus in the Fall. Laid off staff. Phil continuing to work on insurance, has applied for a bid. Expecting it to be 300-350/yr. Sherders planning to individually analyze sherds at home via ZOOM. Mark has offered to personally fund the insurance. He feels if SMU does start up again, we then have the insurance to show them, which may help sherding get back on campus. Phil proposing that we expand the committee into a formalized group. Then when we get an insurance bid we can decide if we need a membership vote to approve the committee. Phil doesn’t think we need this vote according to bylaws. However, someone else, not TAS, takes financial responsibility for paying premium every year. Tabled for time being, until insurance quote is available. Judith mentioned she doesn’t think Mark should pay the premium. Phil suggested TAS could do matching. TAS has funds, but there are no trips, no meetings, no speakers so what are we doing with the money? Could be a possibility to offer to pay for this insurance. Phil mentioned that Mike Adler is anxious for the ceramic analysis to continue. Nancy agrees that TAS could/should pay for the insurance, but wonders why we need the insurance if people are doing analysis from home? She suggests we wait until we know if SMU will actually open, Phil agrees. Insurance would cover liability for people taking the sherds; the insurance adds import to the action, puts responsibility on sherders. Sherders will have to sign a waiver and be TAS members also.

5) Speakers for 2020-2021 on standby/Kit Carson status. Phil contacted KC, they told him to plan on TAS not being there until at least December. Gov. mandate on gatherings of 5 or less persons. Phil working on getting online speakers for Sept/Oct/Nov. CJ suggested someone from Board doing a presentation on the sherding as a precursor to fundraising. Debbie asked if Phil was open to suggestions for presentations since we are going to an online platform. We don’t have travel expenses associated with online presentations, so we may be able to pay them for the presentation. Judith agrees that we should pay them something. Phil says he’ll try to keep it on Tues at 5:30MT

6) Zoom Lectures updates on website? Judith asked for Matt’s presentation to upload, but Phil said there was trouble with recording so it won’t be available for site. CJ asked if there is any way to track the number of folks viewing the online presentations. Judith doesn’t think so, but CJ thinks there is a way to track it so she’ll look into that. Debbie suggested using the online presentations to request donations, Anita suggested a Paypal link so donations can happen immediately.

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7) Winter pot luck Dec 4 /Summer July 19 Cancelled

8) Scholarship candidates? Nancy asked if there were any suggestions for scholarship candidates. Catrina Whitley (sp?) she is doing labwork for someone? Ask her if she needs funding. Debbie suggested we ask Mark if he knows of any SMU students who might need funding. Judith asked about funding for pueblos. Picuris was sent funds but they have not cashed the check? Nancy asked how old the check was, if it’s older than 90 days, it may not be good anymore. Phil will check with Becky. Chris agreed about the age of the check. Nancy said if a new check needs t go out to let her know.

9) Mesa Prieta Donation Status/ Check Sent/Emails of thanks to donors sent. Nancy sent thank you notes to everyone who sent donations, except John M. Nancy wants to know if we should reveal to him how much we matched, Phil said he knows but he wanted to give the 1500.00 anyway. John knows how much we raised. Nancy will now send him a thank you note. Nancy/Chris asked about check to Judith Mangina that was misaddressed? Nancy’s question was she is not on donor list, so she hasn’t sent her a thank you. Chris looking into it. Discussion about Wild Apricot and updating member addresses. Further discussion about letter that a donor downloaded, Judith doesn’t know how they got the letter, location on website, not under forms. There is not a donation button on the website. Chris suggested we talk to Judith Mangina, Chris said he will call her. Phil mentioned that when funds are rec’d, a form on the website should be completed. Chris thinks he hasn’t rec’d Mangina donation (it was for Mesa Prieta), CJ checked Wild Apricot and is not seeing a record of a donation from her. Chris quickly ran through his list of MP donations and did not have one from Mangina.

Phil said John M. may want to do this again next year, Phil will contact him about this being ongoing. Phil will report about this at a future meeting.

Nancy sent the check to MP. She mentioned to Chris that she saw the donation go out, and she needs to fill out a form.

10) Budget Approval Update for 2020 Nancy. Nancy asked if Chris got her comments on the budget. He had email issues so she is going to re-send to Chris. Nancy asked if there were other comments on the budget. Budget discussion tabled until he looks at Nancy’s comment. Chris will put up a draft budget and email it to everyone. Chris found some info that needs addressing, he will forward it to all. Chris found the letter requesting matching funds for MP, with incorrect PO Box. Trying to discover how it was sent out, likely sent in an email.

11) Email all Officers (and CJ) with ongoing concerns and TAS communications. Phil suggested this because we don’t see each other and discuss these issues in person, so he thinks we should be copying all board members when action items are accomplished.

12) Next meeting: August 31, 2020 at 9am. Everyone on the call seemed to be OK with this date/time.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50, Anita motioned, Phil seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

**Action Items:**

Phil: KC status, speakers lined up, check with Becky Quintana about the outstanding Picuris Pueblo check and whether a new one should be issued by Nancy, get insurance quote for sherders, check with Mark Henderson as to whether he could do a Zoom lecture on the sherding program at SMU

Debbie: contact Mark Henderson to see if he is aware of any students who need funding, search for potential online speakers for monthly meetings

Nancy: review all checks she has written and make sure they are posted to the TAS form site,comment on budget to Chris, finish thank you notes for donors

Anita: helping with sherding committee

CJ: investigate how we can track how many people watch the TAS lecture videos online after the Zoom events

Chris: needs input on budget, will create a draft budget to distribute before next meeting.

All members: comments on budget for Chris before next meeting