

TAS Officers Meeting Minutes—April 26, 2019 12:00PM Guadalajara Grill South
Attendees: Phil Alldrit, Judith Hetem, Rebecca Quintana, Nancy Colvert, Jennifer Felsburg,
Chris Ellis and Mark Henderson

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved from previous board meeting.
2. SMU Sherding: Mark Henderson, Judith & Phil will meet with Valerie 12:00pm Friday, May 3, 2019, at Guadalajara South. SMU sherding directly linked on website. Need to confirm that SMU is our sponsor and TAS does not hold any liability.
3. Grants Available/One Applied: Phil completed paperwork for \$2,500 Los Alamos grant for the education fund. No word of reply yet.
4. TAS Insurance Discussion: Phil has meeting scheduled for next Monday with the other local State Farm agent to obtain 2nd bid. Wanda Lucero's office was unable to guarantee liability coverage for field trips.
5. Other Trip Ideas for Fall/Spring: John Pitts still thinking about other trips. Phil planning rafting trip to Chiapas Feb. 18—March 1, 2020. Phil will send info. to Judith for placement on website.
6. Trip Policy Modification/For Profit Trips Definition: No need to discuss till insurance is obtained.
7. Website Update & Logo with Judith & Becky: 4 new logo options presented to Officers. Photo of displayed pot is from sherding lab so not copyrighted. Two new logo options and the original will be presented to the membership for a vote. Will be put to electronic membership vote May 1-31. Logo with most votes will be selected. Website updated with improved usability. New purpose page proposed. "Getting Dirty" line suggested for a field work volunteer page. Phraseology needs to make clear that TAS members are only volunteering with projects sponsored by other groups—not TAS. Sponsor organization will prepare the write-up and Judith will simply post. Membership page will include benefits and indicate Lifetime membership includes "member plus one."
8. Financials: Chris provided 2019 budget proposal with suggested increases in income and expenses. Approval of amendments suggested for next Officer's meeting. Judith confirmed PDF format works for posting on website. Currently using PayPal for online payments. CJ receives notice of payment and transfers funds to bank account. CJ emails copies of payment to Chris E. and Chris E. emails copy of checks to CJ. As of Feb. 1, 2020, Wild Apricot will implement 20% surcharge if we do not use their payment service. Wild Apricot deemed worthwhile program with great capabilities. Payment link will go directly into membership database. Seems easier to coordinate paperwork than through PayPal. Decision made to end PayPal and transfer payment services to Wild Apricot.
9. Baahku Presentation: Presentation will be July 31, 2019, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Kit Carson Coop—Board Room. TAS will advertise this, but limit notice to members only.
10. Carson Project Update: Phil will look at Cave May 6th. Phil & Price Heiner will determine how many people can comfortably participate and the necessary equipment. No work to occur till July.
11. Summer/Winter Pot Luck Dates: Diana R. offered to again host the summer Pot luck at her house. July 21, 2019. Becky was able to reserve the St James church for the winter potluck December 7, 2019. Reservation confirmed and paid for.
12. 2019-20 Speakers: Kit Carson room reserved through spring 2020. Sept. 10, 2019 Tim Maxwell (turquoise trade). Nov, 12, 2019 Paul Reed (topic to be determined). Jan 14, 2020 Del Dubois (historic sites Valle Vidal). March 10, 2020 Price Heiner (cave or bison research). April 14, 2020 Kieth Pruffer (cave excavation in Belize). All other dates available for speaker suggestions. Hosting ASNM conference so no speaker necessary for May 2020. Still waiting to hear back from a few invitees. Sherill Spaar (marine archeology) is thinking about it. Other proposed ideas: Valerie (brown bag about SMU ceramic sorting), Andrea Heckman, John Ubelaker (medicinal herbs), Dick Goddard, Mickey Blake (1960's Sapawe field school), & Brad Vierra.

13. ASNM Meeting May 8-10, 2020: Phil will contact Matt Barbour to confirm TAS is scheduled to host event. TAS would benefit from funds to continue community outreach. Previous conference brought in \$4,000-5,000 for TAS. TAS will soon need to start planning speakers/programs, vendor tables, food & housing, field trips & facility. SMU facilities available so money not required up front. SMU accepts payment after event. Chris E. will provide data from previous hosting of ASNM conference. Past event brought in 200-250 people. Can get volunteers to help from TAS. Silver City/Grant County 2019 ASNM conference website worth reviewing for ideas. Theme thoughts: "trade" or "crossroads." Taos is center of so much trade and could bring in historic element with demonstrations: flint knapping, turkey blankets, llama and mule packing. Topics could include slave trade, Taos Trade Fair, etc. Steve Lekson confirmed as keynote speaker.
14. Mileage Request and Meal/Lodging Payment: May speaker, David Greenwald, requested mileage reimbursement from Tularosa, NM. At .20 per mile, total would equal \$55. All voted in favor of reimbursement. Becky also provided Phil with checks for dinner meal and room & board. Diana wrote \$69.70 check (#771) for Jan. speaker room & board. Phil voided check since Diana's name is no longer on the account. Becky will reimburse Phil for his out-of-pocket expense.
15. Projector Bulb Replacement: Projector bulb had burned out. Chris E. purchased new bulb for our program presentation. Becky reimbursed him for expense.
16. New Payment Square: Nancy provided information about the payment processor used by the MRM: Elavon. MRM goes through US bank, but also available at Costco. We do not have a US Bank account so would need to work through Centinel Bank. Centinel uses TIB. TIB does accounting for us, but also has high fees and monthly surcharge. Centinel bank has the square alone for 2.75% surcharge. Seems the less expensive and better option for us. Should be able to link to Centinel account. TAS could always rent stand alone reader for one time option if needed.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2019 12:00pm Guadalajara Grill South

Meeting Adjourned 1:44pm