

TAS Officers Meeting Minutes—March 22, 2019 12:00PM Guadalajara Grill South
Attendees: Phil Alldrit, Judith Hetem, Rebecca Quintana, Nancy Colvert, Jennifer Felsburg and
Christine Ponko

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved from previous board meeting.
2. ASNM Meeting in Taos May 2020: Matt Barbour currently has TAS scheduled to host event, but we can still change our mind. TAS would benefit from funds to continue community outreach. Previous conference brought in \$4,000-5,000 for TAS. TAS would 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.
3. TAS Insurance Discussion: TABLED. Phil will contact Wanda Lucero to ascertain what exactly the policy would cover. Will coverage include TAS members on field trips and excavation projects? What about guests? TAS might be able to take motion to the membership for a vote as early as May if all questions are answered.
4. Other Trip Ideas for Fall/Spring: 2nd Chaco trip planned May 3-5, 2019 with Paul Reed. Only 6 currently registered & campgrounds already full. Paul may decide to cancel trip. Phil's one-day, Ortiz Mining District trip June 1, 2019, sold out. Non-TAS trip, but Phil will donate all profit back to TAS. Similar day trips may help TAS cover future insurance premiums through the set-up of a budgetary insurance fund.
5. Trip Policy Modification/For-Profit Trip Definition: TABLED. Will only come into play if TAS has insurance. TAS will reinforce rules of Wrangler's compliance. Guides must be trained in first aid and not place people in negligent situations. Everyone who attends field trips will need to be a TAS member or purchase day membership.
6. March Election Results & Election of Positions: The proposed Officer slate was elected by hand vote of membership at March meeting. Positions are as follow: President - Phil Alldrit; Vice President - Nancy Colvert; Secretary - Jennifer Felsburg; Treasurer - Chris Ellis; Members at Large/Website Managers: Judith Hetem & Rebecca Quintana.
7. Financials/New Treasurer: The financials are available online. Phil will check to make sure they are up to date.
8. Baahku Presentation: Presentation will be July 31, 2019, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Kit Carson Coop—Board Room. TAS will advertise this. Notice to be posted on the website June 1, 2019.
9. Carson Project Update: Phil, Paul, Christine & Mark will meet with Price Heiner to look at the La Cueva work shelter and see if testing is possible. They will determine how many people can comfortably participate and the necessary equipment.
10. Historical Museum Search Project: TABLED. Phil and Mark will begin to compile information about how many small towns like Taos already have Historical museums and how they are funded.
11. Summer/Winter Pot Luck Dates: Diana R. offered to again host the summer Pot luck at her house. July 21, 2019. Phil has left-over supplies. Becky was able to reserve the St James church for the winter potluck December 6, 2019. Reservation confirmed and paid for.
12. 2019-20 Speakers: Jim Boone program date changed to May 7, 2019. Kit Carson room reserved through spring 2020. Sept. 10, 2019 Tim Maxwell will speak about the Turquoise Trade. All other dates available for speaker suggestions. Proposed ideas: Del DuBois (historic sites Valle Vidal), Sev Fowles, Phil Alldrit (costa maya trade), Sherill Spaar (marine archeology), Andrea Heckman, John Ubelaker (medicinal herbs), Dick Goddard, Price Heiner, Mickey Blake (1960's Sapawe field school), Brad Vierra.
13. Lifetime Memberships: Four paid so far. \$500 lifetime membership includes individual plus one.

14. Brown Bags for Summer: Catrina will give presentation about Baahku in July & cave field work will be underway. Gary Grief might be able to provide a presentation about pollen project. If in town, Valerie Bondura is another option.
15. Christine Ponko Update: 1986-2000 archives complete. Currently stored in Christine Ponko's garage, but will eventually want to find another storage option. Christine proposed a committee be started to compile, collect and maintain history from 2000-present. Phil will make announcement to membership requesting volunteers. A request for photos or info. about trips will also be made.
16. Website: With guidance from CJ, Judith & Becky are transitioning into the responsibility of maintaining the TAS website.
17. PayPal: Motion was made to cease use of PayPal. Fees excessive. All voted in favor. Will help eliminate membership payment confusion. All payments will now go directly to Chris E. Cash & money orders remain an option. Jennifer willing to oversee membership duties if & when CJ wishes to hand it over.
18. Possible Logo Change: Motion made to consider logo change. All voted in favor of giving Judith Hetem creative freedom. Elk rock art proposed as a possible option.
19. Donation Box: Motion made to have donation box at our meetings. All voted in favor.
20. Mesa Prieta Bus Trips: \$400 set aside for spring bus tours. Chris R. looking for someone to take over facilitation responsibilities.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2019 12:00pm Guadalajara Grill

Meeting Adjourned 2:02pm