**Taos Archaeological Society Officers Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2022 9am**

In attendance: Phil Aldritt, Cassie Keyes, Debbie Espie, Gretchen Munroe, Paul McGuff

1)Phil summarized the Nov. 2021 minutes for Gretchen and Paul. Approve minutes motion. Cassie moved, Debbie seconded, approved unanimously.

2)Zoom Account ( Kurt Weidler)Vote to have a vote. Kurt asked for a vote for the Ceramic committee to have a ZOOM account that they have access to. Paul explained how much it would be if TAS got it bc we are a 5013c. It would be an ongoing expense, Phil things a paragraph to the membership explaining why it’s necessary, it would be approved. If ASNM is virtual, we can use the account for that. Phil said he has seen other orgs using VIMEO, but there are no guarantees for it being smooth, there will be issues. Paul-the account he researched allows for 9 separate admins, each admin can own their own group, record their own meetings, each of the 9 licenses could hold meetings up to 100 people. Paul suggested the ASNM meeting could be hybrid, and people who didn’t want to attend in person could ZOOM. Phil said the Maya meeting only had 60-70 people. Cassie mentioned the NMAC which was hybrid. Sherry Shick? Cassie offered to contact her, held it in-person for people who wanted to come in person and then Facebook live.

Action item, Cassie motioned to put ZOOM acct to a vote of the membership, Debbie seconded, approved. Phil said it will be sent out Feb 1 for 28 days, then we’ll get started creating that ZOOM account in March.

3)ASNM agenda, Phil will be at their Board meeting on Feb 5. They will have the conversation about having an in-person vs virtual conference. Right now, the limit for mass gatherings is 100 from State of NM. Last time TAS hosted, there were almost 200 persons in attendance. Phil asked to table all other discussion about ASNM until he has the meeting with ASNM board on Feb 5. He is confident we could do a virtual conference. Phil summarized his thoughts on a virtual conf based on what he saw the Maya people do. 2.5 hrs/day for 4 days. Panel of 4 people to field questions, be responding to online chats/questions, and to add comments. 2-4:30 Fri/Sat same thing Opening remarks, 2 speakers, auction is going on from April 7-May 7 Auction would end Sat. May 7 when conference ends. Announce auction winners at conference close, have closing remarks, show a short video. Sunday is Mother’s Day, do a virtual burro-loading demo, Mark mentioned he might be able to do a virtual visit to Pot Creek and narrate while he is there. Maya group made it free to register, then have different levels of donations: Contributor, Patron, Donor, higher levels of donations gain attendees access to recordings, higher levels gets a free t-shirt.. Gretchen suggested the Well Site, another option beside Pot Creek. Phil said it would be easy to add other recordings, if it's recorded that makes it easier

a) Speakers recontacted, Phil will start re-contacting speakers for Fall, Phil will reserve the KC boardroom and we can just cancel if we don’t need it. This in the event that we can have face to face meetings. Thatcher in March, Hannah in April, no speaker for May.

b) Auction manager tabled

c) Registration volunteers tabled

d) Vendors tabled

e) Program revised/ Virtual option tabled

f) payment options check and money order. tabled

4) New speakers for 2022-2023, See 3A

5) New speakers for 2021-2022/Online 2022? Kit Carson status 3A

6) Insurance for Ceramic activities/SMU status/Response/Renewal denied Phil talked to Mike Adler this week, they did run a 10-day class for SMU in January. Now there is no one there. Mike said if we had insurance it’s more likely that we could have access. Still waiting on bid for general liability from Gallagher insurance. Cassie asked if everyone on the ceramic committee was comfortable being in-person. There would only be a few people at a time. Paul said he doesn’t think it was cancelled, but it was a coding error. Once that is corrected, the coverage will be intact? He said insurance said it covered all TAS activities, but it doesn’t extend to cover board member and officer liability. There is no mechanism to raise the budget in the field work committee if we want to. Phil wants to sort this out during the amendment convention. Phil thinks we should approve the insurance if we can get on campus. We have the funds from CJ.

7) Bears Ears 2022 Details need 5 more people for trip to go, May 1 is deadline for deposits. 3 people have paid deposits. If another 5 do not sign up, those 3 will get refunds.

8) Scholarships 250.00 x 2/ Cassie. Cassie isn’t sure where they got sent, Phil said if they were submitted they went to Chris Ellis. How do we evaluate them, bc Cassie said we’d announce the recipients at the meeting.

9) Lifetime membership for Ex-Presidents/Honorary Membership This will be discussed during the Amendment Convention. It needs to be put in the by-laws. Carmen Johnson, and other members who were honorary lifetime members. But it was not formalized that former Presidents of TAS become lifetime members.

10) By-Law Review Volunteers 2022-2023. Need volunteers. Nothing in bylaws currently allows for earmarking funds.

11) Website Account Two Year payment Website fee went from 540.00 to 600+. Phil said if we make a 2yr payment we save 150.00 which will negate the increase. 35 years as TAS, Phil says we will be an org at least 2 more years.

Voted on approved, unanimously.

12) Other Phil asked if there were any other points for discussion. Reminded that he will send a vote to membership on Feb 1 to approve Zoom membership. Not that many people vote. It will just be a majority of Nay/Yay. Phil said Feb 1, there will be a confirmation of slate of new officers, this also needs to be addressed in bylaws. Used to be 3 or more people ran for each board position, and people were elected to position. But recently, with lack of volunteers, there are no alternate candidates. Currently, people are being voted on to just be on the board, and then internally those people determine their positions. Amended bylaws may need to consider term limits. Also codify a bylaw review every 5-10 years.

Next Meeting: Sunday Feb. 13 at 9am. Phil will have info from the ASNM board meeting to share.

Debbie motioned to adjourn, Cassie seconded, unanimous