

**TAS Officers Meeting Minutes—June 7, 2019 12:00PM Guadalajara Grill South**  
Attendees: Phil Alldrit, Judith Hetem, Rebecca Quintana, Nancy Colvert, Jennifer Felsburg,

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved from previous board meeting.
2. ASNM Conference Update: May 8-10, 2020. Theme: “Archeology at the Crossroads; Trade and Traces Left Behind.” Sagebrush will be the venue. Some of the meal prices may change as we try to negotiate bar set-up fee, but current estimate totals \$7,506.42. Includes meals and conference room set-up. Anticipating 200 people for dinner. Cost to us is \$26 per meal; will charge \$33. Waiting on 3-4 speakers to finalize list of presenters. Phil could serve as backup if necessary. Volunteers still needed. Judith Mangina sole volunteer to date. Decided volunteers can attend conference for free & a bag lunch will be provided. Judith Hetem willing to monitor auction table. Group will work to collect items, house them & provide certificates of value to donors. Becky will be at the registration table. Phil will oversee field trip registration. Registration will be confirmed by name tag. Jennifer willing to help at merchandise table with Judith Mangina. Organization of burro-loading being arranged.
3. TAS Insurance: TABLED. Cannot justify the estimated \$400 premium provided to us until certain it covers field trips.
4. Cerrillos Outcome/Other Trip Ideas: All funds collected from the Ortiz mining trip went directly to TAS. Similar field trips could help cover the expense of insurance. John Pitts willing to lead a non-TAS trip to Malpais end of Sept. \$50 per person. Participants individually responsible for transportation, room & board. Maximum of 10 people. Optional trip to Acoma on the final day. Payment will be made directly to John Pitts; not TAS. Mesa Prieta running a trip for the ASNM Conference. \$200 deposit needed in advance from TAS. Trip with Dave Greenwald to Creekside Site in Tularosa, NM considered for next spring. Officers voted in favor of all above trips. These trips considered not-for-profit since fees are merely covering expenses.
5. Trip Policy Modification/For Profit Trips Definition: TABLED until we have insurance.
6. Website Changes & Logo Vote: Members voted in favor of logo #1. New website receiving positive feedback. Judith suggested building a dropdown photo gallery of field trips and society events. Event leaders encouraged to capture group photos when possible. Phil will provide Becky & Judith with an updated speaker list for the calendar.
7. Square Information Update/Paypal Status: Becky set-up Wild Apricot to receive payments. Everything will now go directly into our account. PayPal option removed from our website. Online membership payments will be encouraged. Centinel Bank offers the square with a monthly fee. PayPal & Square both offer terminals that are considered more reliable. PayPal terminal requires bluetooth; Square does not require bluetooth. Officers voted in favor of the PayPal chip & swipe terminal reader. Becky & Judith will encourage CJ to add Chris E. to the PayPal email notification list.
8. Baahku Presentation: Presentation will be July 31, 2019, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Kit Carson Electric Coop—Board Room. Phil will double check KCEC to confirm room is reserved. TAS will post in on-line calendar, but limit email notice to members only.
9. Carson Project Update: Phil went out to look at Cave. Determined 7-8 can comfortably participate. Group will camp at site Aug. 4-9 to survey and dig out 2 shelters. Already at max. capacity, but anyone welcome to drive out and observe work during the day. Site 1.5 hour drive from Taos.
10. Summer Bulletin Posted: Separate email notices will be sent out to members about the Summer Potluck & Baahku presentation. An additional request for a bus project volunteer and ASNM Conference volunteers will be made.

11. 2019-20 Speakers: Tim Maxwell, Paul Reed, Del Dubois, Price Heiner and Kieth Pruffer all confirmed. Oct. 8 & Feb. 11, remain open. Phil could jump in for one of the presentations if needed. Phil will reach out to NMSU professors and see if any of them might have an interest. TAS would be willing to cover their mileage.
12. Scholarship Candidate: Jennifer Sawyer sole application. She is on the Dean's list (4.23 GPA) at UNM Taos. Jennifer is working with the BLM for the summer and has volunteered with several TAS members. A mature & dedicated woman. Officers voted in favor of giving her \$250 scholarship. Becky will write the check. Notice will be sent out to membership.
13. Budget Approval for 2019: TABLED till next meeting. Proposed budget looks good.
14. Ice Replica Talk: Phil will arrange with individual from Alaska. Could be a possible brown bag talk.
15. Ethics Language: Concern was expressed by a new sherder about the wording of our ethics policy. The individual feels uncomfortable signing our TAS Ethics Code. Does not feel comfortable being required to report neighbor who has pot sherds in home. Officers agreed with concern. Proposed changing the last sentence to read: "To be alert for signs of pot-hunting, vandalism, and destruction of antiquities; and when witnessing to report such activities promptly." Officers voted in favor of change. An email will be sent out to members notifying them of the change.
16. SMU Sherding: Mark Henderson concerned about being the sole individual responsible for the lab. Proposed the development of a committee to help share the responsibility.
17. SiteWatch: Mark Henderson proposed the development of a SiteWatch committee to work with Kit Owen. SiteWatch is independent of TAS. Jessica Badner oversees training and screens people before they are selected. Volunteer applications should go to Jessica Badner through online interface. Judith has placed a direct link to SiteWatch on TAS website.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2019 12:00pm Guadalajara Grill South

Meeting Adjourned 1:33pm