Taos Archaeological Society Officers Meeting

April 8, 2020 10am via Zoom

In Attendance: Nancy Colvert (Pres) Phil Aldritt (VP), Judith Hetem (), Anita Briscoe (At Large), Debbie Espie (Secretary)

Meeting began at 9am

1. Approval of minutes Item #2 needs to be changed Judith not doing bus trips. Motion to approve Judith, Debbie 2nd, Minutes Approved unanimously.
2. New officers confirmed/positions
3. ASNM update Rescheduled May 7-9, 2021. Sagebrush cancelled with no penalty, has kept deposit and has moved the dates. Dates in program need to be changed, but doesn’t have to be done right now. Project for the fall. Only a few people have requested refunds so far. TAS responding to requests for refunds. Vendors have all been notified.
4. Ask Silent Auction Donors if they want items returned? Yes, Phil will draft and email, and Judith/Nancy will review before it sends.
5. New check writers confirmed. Last meeting minutes detail this, Judith will remain as an emergency writer.
6. Chaco Trip on Stand By. Phil talked with Paul. His group is 15 people, but he is handling the trip privately so he will handle refunds if necessary. Brief discussion about Chaco being closed right now.
7. Ceramic Analysis Committee Update Debbie/Phil. We did have a video conference. Going to take artifacts off site TBD, and volunteers/sherders can take them home to continue working. To support TAS members who are sherding, suggestion that TAS pays their membership as a way to support volunteers, increase membership. Mark is still concerned about insurance at SMU. Phil checked into academic (not field trip) insurance that would be about $350.00, Mark offered to pay it for the first year as an indication of his conviction. Judith asked how much volunteering would be required for TAS membership. Phil mentioned the volunteering agreement. Debbie mentioned the idea of expanding it to libraries for more help in the future.

8) Speakers for 2020-2021 Bob Blair, Paul Reed, Matt Barbour, Kellam Throgmorton, Gilbert Suazo confirmed Kit Carson cancelled April and May. So far they have not cancelled June, so basketry/sandal thing is on for now. Phil has payments and if folks need refunds Phil will handle that. So far Fall events are on, however it will entirely be up to Kit Carson regarding changes. KC will not allow scheduling for 2021 until Dec. 2020. Phil and Mark will attempt a ZOOM lecture in the Fall to see if it would work and if there was any interest in anyone attending.

1. Blue Lake speaker Gilbert Suazo September 8, 2020

10) Raise scholarship amount from 250.00 to? It was decreased from $500 to $250 a couple of years ago. Phil suggested we just leave the scholarship amt the same for now. All is dependent on meeting format, if it changes funds may be reduced.

11) Winter pot luck December 4 /Summer July 19 On hold pending changes with CV19.

12) Archival of Bulletins and Videos update. Judith archived the bulletins from last year, and put in a link to them. Mark working on getting videos on site.

13) Basketry/ Sandals weaving Update. Mary has not commented yet on whether she is still interested in conducting this. A decision can be made at the end of May on this workshop.

14) April 14 TAS Regular Meeting to Zoom. Phil said probably July bc the April meeting is cancelled. Tabled for now, Phil will stay in touch with Mark about when this can happen.

15) La Cueva project on hold, was scheduled for beginning of August. It could still get back on track. Forest Service will make the decision on that.

16) Other. Judith has info on a flashdrive for the conference. It is green labelled TAS. She said it is in the study. We will have to find it in the event of her demise. Anita commented on field trips; they are cancelled/were not scheduled. Phil contacted someone in ABQ about a tour of museum archives. He is still working on it for when we are released. Could be combined with a stop in SF. Nancy asked about SAR? in SF? Could combine the two activities in SF. Nancy mentioned MIAC, but Phil thinks it may have been moved. These are indoor activities, and would promote more membership participating.

Next meeting: First week of June June 10 9am.

Motion to adjourn, Judith. 2nd Anita. Meeting adjourned about 9:51am.