

UTAH STATEWIDE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes for the Fall Quarterly President's Meeting

Museum of Peoples and Cultures, BYU, Provo, Utah

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 9 am

Attendees

Ryan Moreau-USAS Vice President, Utah County Chapter

Lawrence Guymon-TAAS

Roland Heath-Uintah Basin

Mark Stuart-Promontory

Chanel Atwood-USAS Treasurer, CVAS

Margene Hackney-USAS Parliamentarian, CVAS Treasurer

Jim Allison-UPAC Liaison

Sara Stauffer-USAS Recording Secretary, CVAS Vice President

Welcome

Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Heidi is not here so he will be conducting the meeting.

Minutes

Sara reviewed the last meeting minutes. Chanel made a motion to accept the minutes as they are, Margene seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Newsletter Report

Heidi needs someone else to take over the newsletter.

This was discussed along with making sure that when emails are being sent to Chapter Presidents that the information is being passed on to chapter members. Also Chapter Presidents need to make sure that they contact the USAS webmaster and provide updated information for the website.

Treasurers Report

Chanel-Read through the treasurers report. She has received the CVAS membership. Provo and Salt Lake are still behind on dues.

Additionally the leftover Pecos Conference money is still sitting in a USAS account and we need to figure out how to deal with it, perhaps by making a separate account for the grant program or to switch the signatories for the account into USAS members names.

Additionally, the books have not been audited in a while so that might be something that needs to happen soon.

New Business

Avocational Archaeologist Program

Don Montoya contacted Heidi about the avocational archaeologist program. As of right now there is none in place. There was a long discussion on what the previous avocational program looked like and if we should start a new avocational program and what that would look like. If it would be formal classes or part of a traveling roadshow to the different USAS meetings where they are taught different elements of archaeology.

As a group USAS needs to decide if an avocational archaeologist training is offered what it would look like and what needs it would fill.

Nine Mile PA

Since 2010 there has been ongoing work on the Nine Mile site stewardship PA which USAS and CVAS are interested parties. Next month there will be a meeting to establish a MOU with the BLM.

Nine Mile Stewardship Day

Ryan represented USAS, set up table and handed out flyers. There was a large increase in participation this year from both visitors and representatives from different groups.

Eastern Lake Mountain Shooting Plan Amendment

BLM will not lift the shooting ban on Eastern Lake Mountain but may donate land for the county to build a shooting range.

Archives Report

Members of the USAS executive committee took a quick tour of where the archives are housed within the Museum of Peoples and Cultures. Paul Stavest, director of the Museum, can be contacted at any time if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the archives. Progress is being made and several students are involved.

Grant Report-Museum of the San Rafael, Castle Dale UT

Tiffani Baker, from the Museum of the San Rafael in Castle Dale Utah provided an update on the grant that was given to them for the curating of the Pioneer Museum located in Castle Dale.

Dr. Allison suggested that there needs to be a more formal way of tracking the grant program so that in the future we can show what has been done, perhaps in the form of a database.

Chapter Reports

Promontory-Mark Stuart: They continue to work on a long term project to record sites on the northern Wasatch front before they get developed. They have recorded sites from Rocky Point to Parrot Canyon. They have found and recorded over 50 rock art sites, a rockshelter, and lithic scatters in the foothills. They have been doing work above Willard Bay, helped Summit County with history of Echo Canyon (where some rock art sites were found), and meetings to work on the convention.

Convention Update Fri-Sat June 3-4: Uintah town park will be the headquarters and the meeting hall for the convention. There will be site visits (some of which are difficult to access) and workshops. At the Winter meeting there will come back with a schedule and prices for registration.

CVAS-Sara Stauffer: In September Sue Ann Martell talked to the group about Dr. Dorman, a local doctor who spent several years as a coal camp doctor. A representative from the Enervest Company (who bought out a large oil and gas company with interest in Nine Mile Canyon) spoke in October. Additionally Margene Hackney is stepping down as treasurer so we will be getting a new one in January.

Trails of the Ancients-Lawrence Guymon: Not much happened in the summer but will start to go on more hikes in the fall as there are an endless variety of places to visit. Additionally, the Edge of the Cedars Museum has had monthly lectures that they have attended. They made a contribution to the Edge of the Cedars Museum, Friends of Cedar Mesa and to the Grand Canyon Trust to aid in the funding of a trail in Bluff along the San Juan River which will go right by a number of archaeology sites and rock art sites.

Uintah Basin-Roland Heath: Attendance is good and Charmaine Thompson spoke in October. In September they went on a field trip see rock art in the valley. It was all on private property so they obtained permission to go and visit the sites. Additionally Uintah Basin is hosting the 2017 Convention.

Utah Chapter-Ryan Moreau: Things have been quiet for the Chapter. Lane Richens and Dr. Allison presented on ceramics recently and there was a good turnout. A lot of networking afterwards. Some work has progressed on the archives, but not much. They do need to do a better job at advertising and lining up speakers in advance.

Motion to adjourn: Sara made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Allison seconded

Next Meeting Saturday March 26, 2016 at the Museum of Peoples and Cultures, Provo, Utah