

## **TAAA Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2024**

The teleconference Zoom Board open meeting was called to order at 6:35PM, M. Smith, President, presiding. Board members present: B. Whitehead, Treasurer; B. Reynolds, Secretary and Members-at-Large D. Rossetter, Suzanne Bailey, John Kalas. Members attending included: John Mead, Stephen Ferris, Pete Hermes, Ben Bailey.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- A motion was made by E. Foley to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Reynolds and subsequently approved by a vote of 6-0.

### **Presidents Report:**

- The Grand Canyon Star Party was a big success with record attendance. Dean Kettlesen's memorial was noted as was his family's attendance.

### **Treasurers Report**

- The Treasurer position is open as there were no candidates for the Treasurer position in the just completed annual election. However, it was noted that the TAAA constitution provides for the Board to appoint a person as an acting officer to fill such open positions. As a result, Bob Reynolds made a motion to appoint Barbara Whitehead as Acting Treasurer until a permanent Treasurer can be found. Ed Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0 with Barbara abstaining.
- Barbara noted that the TAAA balance sheet showed \$15k in its checking account and approximately \$217k in money market accounts. In addition, fixed assets totaled approximately \$1.2 million with net assets sitting at \$1.3 million.
- The net revenue for the month of May was just under \$2k while year to date stood at approximately \$202k.
- Due to much higher levels of donations and very robust star party revenues than originally budgeted, the net income variances remain very positive(375%).
- As part of brief review of the final 2024-25 budget, Ed will provide a 2024-25 budget for expenses and donations associated with future astronomy camps.
- A motion was made by E. Foley to approve the Treasurers Reports for the financial month of May. The motion was seconded by S. Bailey and passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **TAAA Website Review:**

- In order to increase Board awareness of the TAAA website, Ed Foley spent 20 minutes walking through the various data available. Areas reviewed included: the Home/Landing page, the Astronomy Channel which summarizes web page functions, the search function, the top level tiles on the home page, the blog listings, the About TAAA pull down tab including such items as TAAA history, policies, metrics, etc., and the Community Involvement pull down tab.

## Review of Old Business

### TAAA Board Action Item List as of 6/12/24

Date Entered	Item	Date Completed	Comments
3/9/23	Develop TAAA vendor & affiliate listings	Long Term	
6/21/23	Resolution TAAA/TIMPA relationship		TIMPA has approved TAAA draft agreement subject to receipt of proof of insurance
11/8/23	Insurance for 32" telescope & Tractor		Deferred to July Exec Committee
1/10/24	Status of Member Planet replacement study		Deferred to July meeting
3/13/24	Status of Treasury function/staffing		Pete and Barbara working to find/interview potential assistant treasurers. Mae to confirm with Terri Lappin regarding her willingness to pick up all mail in the interim.
3/13/24	Creation of business cards for officers		Mae to provide input to Suzanne
3/13/24	Creation of generic TAAA cards for general use		S. Bailey will generate generic TAAA cards based on historical template
3/13/24	Provide copy of power of attorney to Jim Knoll		Mae to check w/Barbara for template of POA inclusive of restriction involving directors who are parties to the well agreement.
3/13/24	Update membership renewal letter to include references to agreement with minor policy and liability waivers	6/12/24	David Rossetter
5/2/24	Report of survey results and strategic plan to members	6/12/24	Suzanne wrote article for Bulletin inclusive of links to survey data
6/10/24	TIMPA Site & TIMPA 16 Budget input	6/12/24	Submitted on June 3.
6/10/24	Endowment Cash Investment Plan		Deferred to July Board mtg
6/10/24	Review/Preview of TAAA Web Page		Two 20 minute presentations by Ed
6/10/24	Grand Opening of TIMPA 16		Need for planning/announcements etc
6/12/24	Mitigation of CAC/TIMPA trip hazards		Budget input for TIMPA safety improvements

- As a result of a discussion highlighting the potential need for nighttime safety markers at both CAC and TIMPA, B. Reynolds made a motion that CAC and TIMPA be authorized to spend up to \$500 per site to obtain safety lighting for trip hazards. The motion was seconded by S. Bailey. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.
- It was noted that S. Ferris is working on estimate of TIMPA development, safety and access improvements. The Board offered special meetings if needed to expedite installation of any safety mitigation measures.

#### CAC Reports:

- The 32" project is still working to finalize engineering drawings for both the building and the steel structure. It is possible that we will have documents suitable for contractor bidding by end of the week.
- John Kalas is still working on developing the design for the Kettlesen C14 observatory.
- John also noted that a new roof is being installed on the Wally Rogers observatory.

- John will be supervising the installation of septic line clean outs for the dorm and classroom facilities in the coming week. This \$4,000 project will take the place of the far more expensive facility rebuild previously proposed.

#### **TAAA Strategic Planning Initiative:**

- Suzanne has received feedback on the strategic planning effort. She will advise on the way forward.

#### **TIMPA**

- Excellent progress is being experienced on the 16" project. The potential application of ADA requirements to the 16" project is being designed/estimated/quoted. A separate side discussion will occur to see if the TIMPA team can provide a recommendation for a level of ADA compliance.
- The 14" is now operational but some funding may be required for the shed.

A motion was put forward by S. Bailey to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by B. Reynolds. The motion was approved 6-0 and the Board meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.