

TAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes; August 11, 2021

The teleconference Zoom meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, M. Smith, President, presiding. Board members present: E. Foley, Vice President; R. Reynolds, Secretary; and Members-at-Large, D. Smith, G. Gomez, J. Knoll.

Minutes: D. Smith moved to accept the minutes as presented of the July 14, 2021 TAAA Board meeting. Motion was seconded by M. Smith. Motion carried 4-0. Ed Foley abstained.

CAC Status: Ed provided pictures nearly fully enclosed classroom building. Expectation is that classroom building enclosure will be complete and capable of material storage in 9-10 working days.

CAC and TIMPA COVID Policies: COVID cases on rise in Maricopa County. State wide infection rate is approaching threshold of 1,000 per day where TAAA previously limited site access. However, still do not feel TIMPA/CAC needs capacity restrictions due to enforcement of standard mitigation measures and physical separation of observing activity. However, will limit sleeping in RMO at CAC. Use of masks will be personal choice.

Authorization of Paid Star Parties: Jim Knoll gave summary of proposed paid star party activity at both CAC and TIMPA. D. Smith gave report on condition of TIMPA and related facilities. Doug noted that there are rodent holes, tall grass, littered cinder block, a broken door on the telescope enclosure and a leaky roof on the telescope enclosure. He recommended that these repairs need to be made before we authorize any star parties at the site. R. Reynolds made a motion to initiate paid star parties at CAC. E. Foley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CAC Documentation Structure: There will be 5 documents going forward to control CAC activity. They will be: General CAC Usage Rules, CAC Usage Examples, Member Pad Lease/Rules, MOP Lease and MOP Usage Rules. No motion was deemed necessary.

Whistleblower Policy: D. Smith recommended changing “community member” to “general public”. R. Reynolds made motion to approve Whistleblower Policy as amended. D. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Document Retention Policy: D. Smith wanted Treasurer present for policy approval. D. Smith made motion to table approval until Treasurer present. There was no second. R. Reynolds made motion to approve policy as presented. E. Foley seconded motion. Motion passed 4-1.

Funding for Outside Legal Review: E. Foley made motion and D. Smith seconded to allow R. Reynolds to fund a legal opinion on the MOP subject to the following conditions. First, if the MOP is approved by the Board, the legal expense will be charged to the project and the expenses reimbursed to R. Reynolds. If the MOP is not approved by the Board, the MOP legal expenses paid by Bob will be considered a donation to TAAA by Bob. R. Reynolds recused himself from further discussion and the motion passed 4-0 with R. Reynolds abstaining.

The Board meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm.