

TAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Jan 11, 2023

The teleconference Zoom Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, M. Smith, President, presiding. Board members present: D. Smith, Vice President; B. Whitehead, Treasurer; B. Reynolds, Secretary and Members-at-Large, J. Kalas, D. Rossetter and G. Gomez as well as TAAA Members: J. Knoll, J. Mead and Ross Carnes.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by D. Smith and seconded by B. Reynolds to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Board meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed 6-0 with one member abstaining.

President's Report:

- Arizona Illustrated story on TAAA will be aired on PBS at 6:30 on Jan 22. This is a result of a visit by the producers to CAC in October 2022. This is expected to be a very favorable story.
- Member meeting last Friday went very well with none of the recent AV issues.
- The Signage Committee has submitted orders for a large collection of signs and plaques for CAC. They are expected to be complete and ready for installation in January.
- There remains a need for a refreshment coordinator so if anyone knows someone who might be interested, please notify Mae.
- Planning for the Grand Canyon Star Party planning is progressing well. Registration is expected to start in March.
- Coming Board meetings will include reports from John Mead on the TIMPA 16" telescope project.

Treasurers Report:

- Reviewed balance sheet which should increase of ~\$24k in assets in Dec which included ~\$21 of YTD non-GTTG donations. Donations mostly associated with CAC tractor and EV projects.
- Accounts now set up for CAC tractor and EV projects.
- Budget is still very favorable due to high level of donations and the receipt of the MOP funds.
- Cash position needs transfer from Member Planet.
- Only MOP activity was ~\$1,600 of expense for county permits.
- John raised concern that SSVEC appears to show TAAA in arrears on our payments. Barbara noted that it is an SSVEC problem as TAAA is on an auto-pay status but could also be a result of the initial setup of new accounts/meters.
- A motion was made by J. Kalas to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by D. Smith. The motion passed 6-0.

Review of COVID Policy:

- Even though the state of Arizona is experiencing increased level of infections from new COVID strains, it was decided to retain existing policy that masks would be encouraged but not required for in person events. It was also suggested that TAAA continue to supply masks and hand sanitizers at.
- Motion was made by D. Smith that no change in current COVID be made which was seconded by J. Kalas. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Action Item List as of 12/14/22:

TAAA Board Action Item List as of 01/11/23

Date Entered	Item	Date Completed	Comments
11/9/22	Develop & Implement CAC and TIMPA Snake Bite Protocols		Orders for signs placed
11/9/22	Increase TAAA liability insurance		Addressed in Exec Session
11/9/22	Increase TAAA BOD liability insurance		Addressed in Exec Session
11/9/22	TAAA home page link to member application dead	1/11/23	David
11/9/22	TAAA member application on web needs prices updated	1/11/23	David
11/9/22	Implement waivers on member application form		Mae/Barbara/David
11/9/22	Implement waivers for non-members		Mae/Barbara/David
11/9/22	Research interest bearing options for cash balances		Need to research CDs for MOP cash
11/9/22	Lofquist recognition signage on Ramada		In production by Signage Committee
11/9/22	Submittal of 990		Scheduled for Feb Board approval
11/9/22	TAAA policies to be updated for forward billing		Ready for posting
11/9/22	Volunteer of the Month Award		David to kick off effort
12/12/22	Purchase & award TAAA Service Award		John Kalas working for February presentation
1/5/23	Insure all bank/brokerage acts assigned to current officers		Barbara working
1/11/23	Calculate Member Pad maintenance fee w/new data		Barbara to reference draft MOP annual fee calculation
1/11/23	Develop online donation capability for TIMPA-16(1:09)		

CAC Report:

- John Kalas provided a review of the MOP project status. Highlights included meeting at CAC with a new excavation contractor, Sun Cor. The scopes of work for the MOP, RV and easement road were reviewed and quotes obtained. Follow up action item includes a comparison of these quotes with the current project forecasts. Assuming that Sun Cor's bids are found to be acceptable, we expect to utilize their services for simultaneous MOP/RV work scopes and, hopefully, the additional work needed on the easement road. Sun Cor's schedule availability is unknown but it is likely that they can service our requirements on a timely basis.
- SPG planning now centered on a developing schedule critical path. At the moment, most projects need excavation work completed to continue making progress.
- Summarized GTTG financial status. Funding is up approximately \$4k to \$520k. Though we still need final cost estimates for change orders and several work scopes, it is possible that we could be underfunded by \$10-20k. However, at the moment, the situation with

the contract work force is good and we will wait until we have harder cost numbers to finalize any additional funding plans.

- Painting is now complete on the new buildings.
- Internet installation is nearing completion in the new buildings.
- Phase 1 of the EV charging stations is complete. Phase 2 is underway with active coordination occurring with both SSVEC and the electrician with a high priority on completing trench work in easement road right of way. Planning necessary to avoid water lines adjacent to easement road is also underway.
- Expect to start ordering of interior furnishings in February.

TIMPA 16” Project:

- John Mead gave a summary of the subject project. Shipping logistics are being worked with the donor club as are the storage arrangements at TIMPA during construction of the pad and enclosure.
- New facility design will be based on Gila Monster at TIMPA as well as the Stinger Pad enclosures at CAC.
- Project being managed by TIMPA planning group.
- Funding is in hand for ~\$900 shipping cost and further commitments are expected for the enclosure. Total project cost is expected to be in the range of \$10k.
- TIMPA landlord relations have been successfully managed but there is an open issue as to whether the City needs to approve the project.
- The TIMPA container will need to be cleared of Bob Gilroy historical paper work.
- There needs to be further confirmation of the western sight lines of the proposed site for the new telescope enclosure.

CPR/First Aid Training:

- TAAA has received an offer from a member to give reduced cost (\$40) CPR training. As a result, it has been proposed that training be offered to 24 TAAA leaders and officers, especially those who lead site activity. Initial proposal is to offer the training by invitation.
- Initial proposal is split the cost for the TAAA leadership and, potentially, then offer training to general membership.
- The Treasurer indicated that TAAA has contingency funds available to pay the TAAA share of the expenses.
- TIMPA does not have an AED but we need to keep attendance records to qualify for the donation of an AED to TIMPA. Ben Bailey will check with TIMPA Board to see if they are interested in participating in the training after TAAA has completed its effort.
- A motion was made D. Smith to move ahead with CPR/First Aid training with TAAA paying for half of the cost. B. Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was put forward by D. Smith to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by B. Reynolds. The motion was approved 7-0 and the Board meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

