

TAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Feb 8, 2023

The teleconference Zoom Board meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM, M. Smith, President, presiding. Board members present: D. Smith, Vice President; B. Whitehead, Treasurer; and Members-at-Large, J. Kalas, D. Rossetter and G. Gomez as well as TAAA Members: J. Knoll and J. Mead.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by D. Rossetter and seconded by D. Smith to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 Board meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed 6-0 with one member absent.
- A motion was made by J. Kalas and seconded by D. Rossetter to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting on January 17, 2023. There was no discussion and the motion passed 6-0 with one member absent.

Treasurers Report:

- Reviewed bank reconciliation showing \$187,073 of cash plus \$220,177 for the MOP and \$5,507 in the Endowment.
- Reviewed balance sheet showing \$88,370 in account 10255 for the Learning Center as well as recent Learning Center payments. Total assets of \$1.3 million.
- Doug and Barbara will get together on monthly reporting of Astronomy League memberships out of Member Planet.
- Reviewed YTD activity statement showing \$10,380 of net revenue.
- Reviewed budget status showing highly favorable variances totaling >\$312k due, primarily, to higher levels of donations, the MOP revenues and improved star party revenue.
- Barbara will send out cost center budget status detail to section leaders.
- Mae talked with our accountant who promised to complete the TAAA 990 within the next 2 weeks. The Board also committed to provide the necessary financial information earlier than in previous years.
- A motion was made by D. Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by D. Rossetter. The motion passed 7-0.

Review of COVID Policy:

- It was agreed that no changes would be made to current COVID policies.

Action Item List:

TAAA Board Action Item List as of 02/8/23

Date Entered	Item	Date Completed	Comments
11/9/22	Increase TAAA liability insurance		Barbara completing bid applications
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 info on MOP cash flow before buying CDs
11/9/22	Lofquist recognition signage on Ramada		Sign is complete with hanging options under evaluation
11/9/22	Submittal of 990		Pending
11/9/22	Volunteer of the Month Award		Award committee is almost complete
1/5/23	Insure all bank/brokerage acts assigned to current officers		Barbara working
1/11/23	Develop online donation capability for TIMPA-16		Need to elevate awareness of donation tools
2/8/23	Distribute PayPal and Member Planet fee structure		Barbara to distribute
2/8/23	List of past presidents		Barbara to distribute

Waiver Policy for Members:

- The proposed draft waiver language for members to agree to upon applying for TAAA membership was read aloud. With this protocol, it was noted that it will take up to a year for all members to agree to the waiver terms. However, it was noted that a waiver agreement protocol may be implemented at CAC which will expedite member waiver approvals.
- A discussion followed in which it was noted that the risks listed in the draft waiver should be described as “to include but not limited to”.
- It was noted that the waivers for non-members has not been drafted and will follow a different sign up protocol.
- A discussion then followed as to whether member sign off on the waiver is mandatory for membership. It was agreed that both the minor policy and the liability waiver were mandatory for TAAA membership.
- A motion was made by D. Smith to accept the proposed member waiver language as amended above (“to include but not limited to”) and seconded by J. Kalas. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CAC Report:

- EV Phase 2 should be complete by end of February.
- Bid for road work came in too high and meetings are being planned to develop work around plan.
- Building interiors are nearing completion.
- HVAC installation is next major activity.
- The excavation for the MOP/RV Expansion projects will move ahead independently from the any remaining excavation for the Learning Center. This is due to uncertainty about

what work is remaining at the LC and whether a contractor will be used. A zoom meeting is scheduled for Feb 12 work possible related LC funding issues.

- John is also having some difficulty reaching the excavation contractor so breaking ground in February is now at risk.

TIMPA 16” Project:

- John Mead gave a summary of the subject project. The 16” scope has been received and scope is in storage at TIMPA.
- Storage has been arranged to support D. Smith’s training sessions.
- Pre-bid contractor activity has begun as well as raising funding of \$7,500.
- A custom, angled pier is preferred over the use of a traditional wedge.

Definition of Members:

- The first question is whether a “family membership” automatically provides 2 votes whether or not 2 family members are identified.
- The TAAA constitution defines membership as all family members but only 2 votes allowed per family.
- Following much discussion, D. Smith made a motion that all Family Memberships are counted as 2 members for head count purposes which was seconded by M. Smith. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.
- There was a discussion regarding how long free memberships last for the spouses of past presidents. It was suggested that a change to the CBL may be needed but a decision on that will be taken at a later date.

Other Items:

- A proposal was made to pre-invest in T-shirts for the Grand Canyon Star Party. A motion was made by M. Smith to spend up to \$2,000 on Grand Canyon Star Party T-shirts. Motion was seconded by D. Smith. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was put forward by D. Smith to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by J. Kalas. The motion was approved 6-0 and the Board meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.