

TAAA Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2024

The teleconference Zoom Board open meeting was called to order at 6:33PM, 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: Jim Knoll, John Mead, Stephen Ferris, Ross Carnes, Pete Hermes.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by J. Kalas to approve the minutes as amended for corrections from the March 13, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Whitehead and subsequently approved by a vote of 6-0.

Presidents Report:

- We all need to be aware of membership stress associated with recent meeting schedules and reassure members that we intend to revert to historical meeting norms after the eclipse.
- It was noted that some members want more member presentations..esp with astro images.

Treasurers Report

- It was noted that Barbara is planning her move in mid to late June. However, she will still be available until a new Treasurer is found.
- Barbara noted that the TAAA balance sheet had \$19k in its checking account and approximately \$216k in money market accounts. In addition, fixed assets totaled approximately \$1.2 million.
- It was noted that CAC will have its own reserve account in the future.
- TIMPA cash balance is currently sitting at approximately \$18k.
- It was noted that the TIMPA rental payment has been made.
- The net revenue for the month of April was just under \$17k while year to date stood at approximately \$200k.
- Due to much higher levels of donations and very robust star party revenues than originally budgeted, the net income variances are very positive(370+%).
- There was a quick review of the hosting charges to confirm where they are located in the budget and accounts. Barbara clarified specific details about computer software licenses and domain costs.
- Barbara then presented the 2024-25 budget detail.
- A detailed review of the Grand Canyon Star Party expenses occurred which culminated in a motion by Barbara to spend \$2,270 for the GCSP tshirts. It was seconded by S. Bailey and passed by a vote of 6-0. A motion was also made by S. Bailey and seconded by B. Reynolds to budget \$2,270 for GCSP tshirts in next year's budget. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.
- After a detailed Q and A session to review selected parts of the draft budget, a motion was made to approve the 2024-25 budget as discussed except the TIMPA 16 project by B. Reynolds with a second by S. Bailey. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

- A motion was made by S. Bailey to approve the Treasurers Reports for the financial month of March. The motion was seconded by B. Reynolds and passed by a vote of 6-0.

TAAA Board Action Item List as of 5/2/24

Date Entered	Item	Date Completed	Comments
3/9/23	Develop TAAA vendor & affiliate listings	Long Term	
6/21/23	Resolution TAAA/TIMPA relationship		The President of TIMPA presented the TAAA draft agreement to their Board and expects approval by June.
11/8/23	Insurance for 32" telescope		Deferred to June meeting
1/10/24	Status of Member Planet replacement study		Deferred to June meeting
2/14/24	Status on sewer issues at CAC	5/8/24	Cleanout solutions are included in maintenance budget. Recourse to refunds from the Registrar of Contracts may be possible.
3/13/24	Status of Treasury function/staffing		Need someone to pickup mail by end of June
3/13/24	Creation of business cards for officers		S. Bailey will generate officer cards based on historical template
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		Barbara to provide POA inclusive of restriction involving directors who are parties to the well agreement.
3/13/24	Remove requirement for FBI check from Level 5 Section E	5/8/24	Jim Knoll to send final version to Minors Policy Committee
3/13/24	Update membership renewal letter to include references to agreement with minor policy and liability waivers		David Rossetter
5/2/24	Report of survey results and stategic plan to members		To be included in Members Only section of TAAA webpage

Review of Old Business

CAC Reports:

- Evening under the Stars had record attendance of 86. Next EUS is scheduled for September 21st.
- Pre-emergent spraying was delayed to May 17th in order to insure that only the work team was present.
- Planning activity included update on 32" design package, the completion of the prep work on the C14 for the Ketelsen Observatory and a desire to perform a CAC reserve study.

TIMPA Reports:

- Stephen Ferris introduced himself as the new TIMPA site director
- John Mead provided update on 16" project which included completion of pad and pier as well as design on new pier and roll off shed. Completion of facility is expected in this budget year (grand opening celebration in November?).
- A key inventory is being conducted and the plan is to deactivate any lost keys

TAAA Strategic Planning Initiative:

- Data from planning session and survey uploaded to Google drive for retention.
- Planning packages were distributed for future review and implementation.
- Suzanne will be trying to arrange for individual or group planning sessions in July.
- Suzanne made a motion to put edited/approved survey results, strategic plan and summary write up on the Members Only section of TAAA website. B. Reynolds seconded the motion. It was noted that section leaders should be given the opportunity to edit any text pertaining to their planning area. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Election Update

- Election has been completed with successful election of 5 uncontested candidates (Bob Reynolds for Secretary, David Rossetter and John Kalas for Members at Large, as well as Dave Pass and John Christianson for NVRC)
- Of 617 delivered emails soliciting votes, 191 cast votes.
- Still looking for 1-3 people to service the TAAA financial functions. With the exception of the Treasurer who should be a volunteer member, contractor applicants are also welcome. Further solicitation of people to staff these functions will be generated and posted.
- The bottom line is that a Tucson resident member is needed to spend an hour a week to pick up TAAA mail.

Grand Canyon Star Party (June 1-8):

- Jim thinks there will be at least 100 volunteers and record attendance.
- The plans for a Dean Kettleson memorial, including 17 of his family members, was noted.
- Budget for event includes money for extra Tshirts(including a Ketelsen tribute Tshirt).

A motion was put forward by S. Bailey to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by B. Reynolds. The motion was approved 7-0 and the Board meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.