

Grand Canyon Historical Society - Annual Board Meeting
July 13, 2019 – 8:00 to 11:00 Community Building, GCNP

The Grand Canyon Historical Society celebrates and promotes the study and preservation of the Grand Canyon region's cultural and natural history for the education and enjoyment of its members and the public.

<u>Agenda Items for Discussion and/or Action</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Leader</u>
1. Call to order/Introductions Present – Slim Woodruff, David Schaller, Kristen Luetkemeier, Jill Hough, Dick Brown, Brian Blue, Jack Pennington, Rich Turner Guest – Tom Martin, and another guest Apologies received from: Doug Rickard, Jill Staurowsky, Dave Mortensen, Frank Romaglia		Brian Blue
2. Accept minutes from the previous meeting Pennington None present – Jack P asked Haley for them via email. Will seek Board approval at next the Board meeting.	Action	Jack
3. Karen Greig - Getting info to her. Jack suggested Karen lead the requests for info. Rest of Board deferred...they think she should be sent everything and leave it to her to pick through. Brian will let her know.		Brian Blue
4. Report from the Treasurer/Motions See Treasurer's Report Dated 7.12.2019 Motion – Dick B we release \$288 (check this amount) to Mike Nelson for the host of his website regarding the 1956 Mid-Air Collision. Second – David S Vote - all in favor Motion – Rich T to accept the Treasurer Report Second - Dick B Vote – all in favor Brian asked that someone perform the audit process. Rich T agreed to help.		Motions Brian Blue
5. Executive Committee report – No meetings held.	None	
6. Report on Upcoming Election process. Pennington Board members are reminded that one of their roles is to identify possible new Board members.	Report	Jack
The following five positions (seat numbers listed) are up for re-election this coming year. Four of these can opt to run again; one will term-off. Seat 6 - Dick Brown		

- Seat 7 - Doug Rickard
- Seat 8 - Frank Romaglia (terming-off)
- Seat 9 - Slim Woodruff
- Seat 10 – Brian Blue (filling a vacant seat in 2019)

The time table is as follows (GCHS Procedure 6.1 Election Procedure is in Google Docs):
 July, the Secretary formally request the Board to identify potential Board Members
 October, the Secretary shall formally ask for Board applications
 By October 15 the President may form a Nominating Committee to assess the eligibility of applicates
 By October 30 the Secretary will send the nominee bios to the Chair of the Nominating Committee
 By November 10th the Nominating Committee will completer their review of candidates
 By November 15 a ballot will be drawn up
 Ballot will be included in the Bulletin
 Voting deadline November 30

7. Digitization Update – Report Kristen
 Get GCHS Link to Cline for GCHS website.

Jill H – asked about search issues with Cline website. Suggested Sean Evans write-up best search practices.

Rich asked how much material do we have that need Digitizing? Kristen said just about all we agreed NOT to solicit for additional items because the Society does not feel it currently has the expertise and/capacity to curate new collections.

8. Report on Arizona Humanities Digitization Grant Application Update David S

Letter of Intent was first step. Difficult to fill out, but took only 3 days to get approved. Application is outlined afterwards and is 31 pages. A decision by Arizona Humanities on our grant application is expected on or before September 1, 2019.

Final negotiations for final scope of work would be Oct 1, 2019.
 If \$7000 would be released to the GCHS it has to be spent by April 15, 2020.
 Suggested we spend the AZ Humanities \$\$ before our own.
 We are matching the \$7000 (\$2000 from donor and \$5000 from board)
 Kristen will give a heads up to Peter Runge of the Cline Library about this possibility.

9. Outings Program Discussion Slim
 Woodruff

Jim Ohlman came to present about first ascents. Was brought inside to Rec Center because of the weather.

She asked Board for additional ideas and people to lead.
 Intention is to have outings once a month or once every other month.

10. Oral Histories Report David S

See separate Oral History Report – saved in Google Drive Board Meeting folder
 Jack P mentioned we have a 2nd audio recorder.

Motion – David S acquire HDD for OH to help get audio files to Cline.

Second – Rich

Discussion – Jill suggested we table it. Kristen asked that Cline approves the device.

Vote – all in favor

Kristen mentioned that some of our OHs were obtained using the GCNP release form. Even though this form placed the oral histories in the public domain the GCNP should be credited.

Break – 10 minutes

11. Symposium

Discussion Brian

B

Discussions from 2019 Survey Results.

Members register before general public - good policy, we should continue.

\$75 was considered a good value by everyone. \$100 should be considered for the next symposium. However:

- 1.) We need to continue to deliver value
- 2.) The food/reception must be improved
- 3.) We should consider some reduced pricing for maybe some groups of people: Native Americans, Children, students, low income, scholarships for maybe GC high school students, etc.

Tour registration was full when people tried to register.

Pay extra for tours? This requires a commitment of the people that sign up. A number of people signing up never showed.

Consider different types of tours: tour of kitchens of Xanterra? Ranger talks

Dedicate a pre-conference day to tours

Social reception universally appreciated

Must improve food offerings

Delaware North Companies is an alternative.

Length of conference at 3 days was considered right on.

Format of three different offerings; author talks, oral history and presentations was considered good and should continue

Keynote Speakers every night should continue. If someone does not want to do this every night then they choose which one they do not want to attend and take that night off.

Sound system has to be improved. Slide advance system has to be improved/trained.

Room for presenters is not necessary. But if we provide in the future we should look at less expensive accommodations in Tusayan. Maybe provide rooms for select presenters such as Native American or key note speakers.

20 minute presentations are good.

November was the suggested month for the next symposium.

Controversy is not a bad thing as long as it is not injected just for the sake of controversy. But history should always be willing to stand the test of a challenge.

We must try harder and earlier to include a much stronger representation of Native American voices.

Different venue than the GC

Everyone felt an emotional tie to the GC and did not want to have it anywhere else.

Suggested that we split presentations and have them at different locations at the GC. High School?

As discussion progressed some of the Board members started considering having it in Flagstaff

Venue would hold more participants

More income

Potentially less expense

Better food

Professional quality AV systems and support

Better acoustics

12. Before Powell to Now (P2N) Colorado River Basin History Symposium Update Brian B

Note: Due to Kanab Facility not being completed by our scheduled date, this symposium date will be moved to Oct 14 – 18, 2020. The 2020 date has been reserved.

13. Other items

1919 Ride Across America ---- Brian B and Tom M will help support the back roads/stage route up to the GC in August.

Pioneer Museum – Jill H said last chance to see the Kolb Exhibit. It ends mid-August.

Rich T – will look into River Days in Flagstaff.

Dates for next two Board meetings:

- Sat Oct 27, Flagstaff Library 1:30 – 3:30
- Sat Jan 11, 2020 Flagstaff Library 12:30 – 3:30 (Annual Meeting)
- Meeting & Picnic – July 11 2020 (Brian Blue will apply for Shoshone). Jack acquired Community Building.

Motion – to adjourn Rich T

Second – Dick

Vote - all

Meeting Adjourns at 10:30AM