

Grand Canyon Historical Society - Annual Board Meeting
January 12, 2020 – 10:30 to 1:30 Flagstaff Library

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.

Agenda Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Call to order/Introductions with brief intro from each member Report – Haley Johnson

Haley Johnson, Brian Blue, David Schaller (David S), Dick Brown, Helen Ranney, Nikki Cooley, Rich Turner, Jack Pennington (Jack P), Jack Reid (Jack R), Jill Hough, Dave Mortenson (Dave M)

All Board gave a brief intro of their connection to the Canyon and their role with Hx at Canyon, and GCHS

Guests – Tom Martin, Joy Evans, Wayne Ranney

Apologies – Slim Woodruff, Mari Carlos, Kristen Leutkemeier, Margaret Hangan

2. Selection of member to fill Board seat due to resignation of Jillian Staurowsky Motions - Dave Mortenson

Dave – Jill S resigned to spend more time with family, Bylaws permit filling such a vacancy. Board was surveyed and all agreed that Dick B should fill the vacancy.

Rich --- Motion – appoint Dick B

Helen – second

Vote – all aye

3. Accept minutes from the previous meeting Motions - Jack Pennington

Rich – Motion – accept minutes from Oct 2019 meeting

Dick – second

Vote – all aye

Rich – motion – accept April 2019 meeting minutes

Nikki – second

Vote – all aye

4. Report from the Treasurer – Annual Report/Audit Motions - Brian Blue

Brian – expense report is stored on the Google Drive in this meetings e-folder.

Cash on hand - \$31K

Reserve policy – keep \$28k

Rich – performed an audit of accounts provided by Brian and also another month at random.

All books are in order,

Vulnerabilities – cash/cheque handling; Rich admitted he is not an auditor/accountant and is thus limited.

Jack p – motion – accept treasurer report

Rich – second

Vote aye

David S – motion – accept audit report

Dick– second

Vote aye

Discussion

David S – what equipment do we have, how is inventoried, tracked, values.

Helen – need an acceptance policy to help guide the things we accept

Rescind the approval of \$\$ we opted for a video recorder?

Discussion – Dave keep flexibility. Helen smart phones work well.

Jack P – motion – rescind the \$\$ set aside for a video recorder.

Haley – second

Vote aye

5. Executive Committee report – No meetings held.

None

Dave – no meetings held. Nothing to report.

6. Report on Election process and results

Report - Jack Pennington

Handout of voter counts & Assignment of Board seat positions (6-10)

Jack P – gave report, mentioned it stored in the Google drive, seats are numbered etc for clarity to help the Board know who, how long, what terms etc.

Dave – applauded the Nominating Committee for selecting

Helen R – asked if a matrix exists. Jack P – explained size of the Board/Society meant we identified the needs/skills more informally. Helen – says she is willing to work on a Matrix

Haley – motion --- accept election report

Second – jack R

Vote – all aye

7. Election of Officers for 2019

Motions - Dave Mortenson

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary Election

Dave – Brian agreed to be Treasurer, Jack P to Secretary, Dave to be President. Dick to be VP.

Haley resigned her VP role.

Nikki – motion – approve the slate

Haley Second

Vote – all aye

Break – 5 minutes

8. Membership Update From Membership Chair Karen Greig

Report - Dave Mortenson

9. Update on GCHS handout brochure & future plans

Report – Rich Turner

Rich – was asked at Oct meeting to look at the “rack card”. Karen asked why we were looking at it when it was reviewed during last President. Jack P – the rack card is in fact a membership application. He’ll print a small amount for our immediate needs.

Jill – Rack Card is different than Membership Application. Style, fonts, images, etc – look at. Offered to help Rich.

Jack R – asked about the web presence? Part of the messaging to different demographics.

Helen – asked about outreach – guide training, other events

Dave – What are we trying to do? With whom?

Brian – what are the steps? For a larger branding initiative – web, print, social media

10. Update on Distinguished Volunteer Award

Report – Rich Turner

Rich – shared Distinguished Vol Award text.

Brian – Motion - accept the language into the ByLaws

Helen - second

Vote – all aye

11. Ol' Pioneer/Bulletin – Printed versus Emailed Version

Discussion – Brian Blue

Dave – Survey our members to see?

Brian – allow folks to opt in to receive the items electronically. It takes \$20 to mail the copies to each member.

Jack R and Nikki – online versions of docs are popular. Eco options may induce folks to join.

Haley – crosswords folks can print the single page to help folks who receive doc electronically.

Helen – Motion -- Add an opt in to all new members and renewals

Jill – second

Vote – all aye

12. Immediate Past President – Additional non-voting officer proposal

Discussion – Wayne Ranney

Dave invited Wayne to read his proposal. He did not suggest it at the end of his Presidency for fear it would seem that he was creating a position for himself.

Dave – is this something we wish to look at? If we do Bylaws would have to amended.

Jack – did Dave/Board/Society suffer by not having the position? Dave – no.

Helen – Governance Committee can take a look at this, maybe through the lens of Board matrix?

Jill – asked Wayne’s motives. Wayne – it is more of a formality.

Jack P – Development of a Succession Plan for Board? Ask the governance committee to this?

Break – 5 minutes

13. Oral History Program Update

MOU with NAU Agreement/Approval – Digitization Grant Project

Report - Kristen Luetkemeier

Report - David Schaller

Brian Blue

Brian – staffing up to spend the \$7K grant by April.

Dave – suggested we look to recruit non-board people to help with a variety of GCHS tasks.

Jill – asked who’s stories are being told? Do we have any plans/guidelines about collect more complete histories: roles, race, gender, etc.

David S – Cline and GRCA are OK to digitize items with older release forms.

David S – motion – GCHS approve the Museum Collection acceptance-- as reflected in the communication of October 28, 2019 between Tom Martin and Kim Besom--of oral histories collected by GCHS, using the GCNP release form, in Cline's digitizing of the GCNP Collection materials.

Haley - Second

Vote – all aye

Brian – MOU with NAU.

Jack – Motion – approve the new MOU

Jack R – second

Vote – all aye

14. Outings Program

Report - Haley Johnson

Haley – gave the report. 11 people is approx. attendance. Asked the Board to send ideas.

17. Board Committee Assignments

Report - Dave Mortenson

Dave – asked board to let him know which committees board would like to serve on.

Dave – will send Committee Lists to the Board to help board decide.

15. Other items?

Helen – work to get the proceedings published. She’ll work with Dave.

Jill – Journal of AZ History – is a GC edition

Dates for next three Board meetings:

- Sat APRIL 25, 2020 Flagstaff Library? 12:30 – 3:30
- Sat Jul 11, 2020 Community Building, GCNP 8:00 – 11:00 (Before Annual 12 to 4 Picnic Shoshone Point)
- Oct, 2020 (N Rim) Sun Oct 18, 2020 Kanab – Dave's house? 9:30 – 11:30 (Morning after C R History Symposium)

Meeting Adjourned 1:30pm

Action Items

Board to send event dates etc to Jack to put them on the Google calendar, or put them on Google Calendar oneself.

Marketing-website – plan

David S – What equipment do we own, how is inventoried, tracked, value?

15. Summer Picnic – need a coordinator to plan event/ write-up for O'I Pioneer Report - Jack Pennington

16. Before Powell to Now (BP2N) Colorado River History Symposium Update- Dave Mortenson