

Indian Territory Meeting Minutes
Reno Sparks Indian Colony
34 Reservation Road Reno, NV 89502
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Chair, Indian Territory and Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Gibbons, Treasurer, Indian Territory and Administrative Assistant III, Nevada Indian Commission; Scott Carey, Secretary, Indian Territory and Tribal Planner, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; Tanda Roberts, Dispatcher, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Edward Porras, Manager WDG, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California; and Michon Eben, Cultural Resources Manager, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

- I. Welcome and Introductions:
 - a. Sherry Rupert called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- II. *Approval of December 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Scott Carey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 15, 2010. The motion was seconded by Chris Gibbons. The motion was passed by those present.
- III. *Approval of January 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Tanda Roberts made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2011. The motion was seconded by Scott Carey. The motion was passed by those present.
- IV. Comments by Chairwoman
 - a. Sherry Rupert welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided everyone a brief overview of the Indian Territory and the Nevada Indian Commission's role in the group over the past 4 years.
- V. Treasurer Report
 - b. Chris Gibbons gave the report to the group. Chris provided an overview for the group of the various funding sources for the Territory.
 - c. Chris stated that since the last meeting only a few purchases have been made. These include sending out save the date postcards for the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference in April and returning funds back to the Nevada State Fair to support their fundraising efforts.
 - d. Chris stated that there is \$1,558.49 remaining in the Indian Territory Checking Account.
 - e. Chris stated that there is \$1,863.20 remaining in the Indian Territory Administration grant which will go towards travel to Rural Roundup and the 5 scholarships for Territory members to attend the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference.
- VI. Nevada Commission on Tourism Update - Christian Passink, Rural Programs Manager, Nevada Commission on Tourism
 - f. Christian Passink could not make it to the meeting due to the snow.
 - g. Sherry Rupert stated that Rural Roundup will be April 6-8 in Mesquite and that the travel for the Territory Chair will be paid for by NCOT. This means that there is one opening for a territory member to attend the conference. Ed Porras and Chris Gibbons both expressed interest in attending the conference.
 - h. Chris Gibbons stated that she will run the numbers in the budget to see if both Ed and Chris can attend Rural Roundup in Mesquite.
- VII. *Update on Indian Territory Website – Bruce Rettig, Charter Advertising
 - a. Bruce Rettig could not make it to the meeting due to the snow.

- b. Sherry Rupert shared the latest Google analytics stats with the group for the Indian Territory website and the Stewart website.
- VIII. *Cultural Exhibit at Reno-Tahoe International Airport and McCarran International Airport
- a. Sherry Rupert stated that the idea for a cultural exhibit at both of the airports came out of a meeting with Governor Sandoval. Governor Sandoval mentioned to the Tribes that he would like to see an exhibit illustrating the culture of Nevada Tribes in both airports. Sherry has been put in charge of coordinating the exhibits and will follow up with both airport CEO's.
 - b. Sherry suggested that she would like to see what areas of both airports would be available for the exhibit. Sherry also suggested that it would be good to use the exhibits to expose Tribal artists and culture of Nevada Tribes. The idea would be to have a video exhibit and display case at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and have a display case at McCarran International Airport. Chairman Melendez, Ed Porras, and Scott Carey expressed interest in meeting with the CEO of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.
- IX. *Discussion on Planning for the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference - April 20-21, 2011
- A. Speaker Update
 - 1. Sherry Rupert stated "save the date" post cards for the conference have been printed out and mailed out to all Nevada Tribes and Tribes in the Southwest Region of AIANTA. Sherry is continuing to work with AIANTA to promote attendance at the conference and will promote the conference at RES 2011.
 - 2. Sherry stated that the agenda for the conference has been finalized and that speakers for the most part are confirmed. Sherry also stated that the FAM tour with the Moapa Tribe has been set for the second day of the conference. 5 scholarships have been offered to Nevada Tribes to attend the conference.
 - B. Registration Brochure
 - 1. Sherry Rupert stated that Bruce Rettig suggested changing the photo on the save the date flyer to reflect a Moapa Tribe or Las Vegas Paiute Tribe image.
- X. *Update on Nevada State Fair
- a. Sherry Rupert provided an update on the Nevada State Fair. Sherry stated that the Indian Territory supported and participated in last year's Nevada State Fair. Last year the Indian Territory organized the Native Village and produced the powwow.
 - b. Sherry stated that due to the wild weather last year attendance to the Fair was down significantly. The drop in attendance has put the organizers of the event in the red over \$200,000 from last year's event. Sherry stated that the organizers of the event need to raise \$180,000 in order to hold a State Fair in 2011. To kick start fundraising efforts, organizers held a press conference last month.
 - c. Sherry stated that it is unclear at this time whether or not a State Fair will be held this year. If the fundraising efforts are successful and the event is held, discussions have been held to move the Native Village & Powwow into the Livestock Events Center. Last year's event was a great opportunity to promote all of the Nevada Tribes, but a lot of work needs to be done in order to improve attendance at the event. Sherry also stated that Rich Crombie the Executive Director of the State Fair is now organizing the Carson City Rendezvous Event and is interested in participation from the Territory. Sherry further stated that the event takes place the same time as the Steward Fathers Day Powwow.
 - d. Scott Carey asked if the money given to the State Fair from the Indian Territory would come back to the Territory if there isn't a State Fair this year. Chris Gibbons stated that Indian

Territory gave back the \$285 the State Fair gave to the Territory for the Native activities at the 2010 Nevada State Fair.

XI. *Nevada Tribe's Day at the Legislature

- a. Sherry Rupert stated that the Nevada Indian Commission is planning Nevada Tribe's Day at the Legislature Monday April 11th. Sherry stated that they have reserved Room 3100 of the Legislative Building and have made arrangements for a Tribal Elder to provide the invocation for both houses that day.
- b. Sherry stated that she would like this event to be an opportunity for Tribes to have a presence at the Legislature and for Tribes to discuss Tribal issues with Legislators. At a recent meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Chairman Moyle stated that he would like to have a handout for the various Tribes throughout the state to hand out to Legislators. Sherry stated that after the event the Indian Territory could use these handouts to promote Tribes. Sherry is going to call a planning meeting in the next few weeks to start planning for Nevada Tribe's Day at the Legislature.
- c. Chairman Melendez suggested that pictures of Tribal leaders from each Tribe would be good to include in the Tribal handout. Michon Eben stated that the handout and the event should be short and to the point because Legislators don't have much time.

XII. *Tribal Updates

- a. Ed Porras provided the update for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. Ed stated that he was at the meeting today to look at the tourism issues. Ed stated that the Tribe is looking to debut its open air market at US 395 and Silverada on May 31st. The Tribe will be offering spaces at the open air market for \$25 a space for vendors. The Tribe is thinking big things for the open air market, but they want to make sure that the focus of the market is on cultural exchange. Ed stated that the Meek's Bay Resort will open May 13th. New bathrooms have been built and underground utility work is going on at the resort.
- b. Scott Carey provided the update for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Scott stated that the Tribe is working on its grant applications for the upcoming NCOT funding cycle. Scott stated that the Tribal Council recently approved 5 fishing derbies at Pyramid Lake for the Spring season. Scott also stated that he is working with the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee on applying for grants from the Nevada Arts Council and Nevada Humanities to help the pow-wow.
- c. Chairman Melendez provided the update for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Chairman Melendez states that the Tribe works closely with the cities and county on tax issues. The Tribe is also monitoring legislation concerning cigarette taxes and how state legislation may affect business at the Tribe's enterprises. Chairman Melendez further stated that the Tribe has been diversifying its economic base and has been trying to phase out smokeshops. Chairman Melendez stated that a Cultural Center is still a dream for the Tribe and that such a center would serve as an information center for the Tribes in the state.

XIII. *Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Tribal Tourism Conference
- b. FY 2012 NCOT 1st Cycle Rural Marketing Grants Applications
- c. Nevada Tribe's Day at the Legislature
- d. Nevada Tribal Artists Listing
- e. Airport Exhibits

XIV. *Meeting Date and Location of Next Indian Territory Meeting

- a. The group decided that the next Indian Territory meeting will be at the Nevada Indian Commission Offices on Wednesday March 23, 2011.
 - A. Listing of 2011 Meeting Dates

March 23, 2011 – Nevada Indian Commission Office. Carson City, NV
April 19, 2011 – Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, Las Vegas, NV
May 25, 2011 – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Nixon, NV
July 20, 2011 – Duckwater Shoshone Tribe. Duckwater, NV
September 21, 2011– Nevada Indian Commission Office. Carson City, NV
November 16, 2011 – Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. TBA
December 14, 2011 – Reno-Tahoe Territory Meeting. TBA

XV. *Adjournment

- a. Chris Gibbons motioned to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Scott Carey. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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