

Indian Territory Meeting
Nevada Indian Commission
February 26, 2008

Present: Bill Dancing Feather, Sherry Rupert, Chris Gibbons, and Bruce Rettig

I. Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

II. Introductions

1. Sherry Rupert motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2008, seconded by Chris Gibbons. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

A. Treasurers Report

1. Bill said he will send an e-mail to Evie Pinneo requesting copies of the Indian Territory bank statements.

B. Development Plan Update

1. It was discussed that the committee should meet with Te-Moak Shoshone Tribe and Duck Valley Paiute-Shoshone Tribe while in Elko to attend the Rural Roundup. The committee decided to try and schedule a meeting with Te-Moak and Duck Valley on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Sherry will contact both Tribes to see if they can meet on that day.
2. The committee decided to offer two scholarships each to Te-Moak and Duck Valley to attend the Rural Roundup.

C. Rural Roundup

1. The Rural Roundup will be held April 2-4, 2008 in Elko, Nevada.
2. Indian Territory will pay registration fees for both Sherry and Chris to attend the Rural Roundup and the Nevada Commission on Tourism will match the registrations. As Chair of Indian Territory, Bill's registration will be covered by Nevada Commission on Tourism.
3. Bill said if the committee meets with Tribes while in Elko then travel money for the trip may be able to come out of the Development Plan grant.
4. Sherry told committee members she will find out when the bus arrives in Elko in order to plan a meeting with the Tribes.
5. Chris added that in terms of lodging, both the Red Lion and Travel Lodge in Elko are offering rooms at discounted rates.
6. Bill mentioned the committee needs to have a presence at the next NCOT Governor's Conference on Tourism. Some ideas discussed on what the committee can do at the conference included hosting a reception, having dancers perform, and doing a raffle or a giveaway.

D. Brochure Update

1. Bruce Rettig told the committee he needs a narrative on the role of Indian Territory for the brochure. A sample narrative and copies of changes made to the brochure was passed around and discussed.
2. Sherry said the Commission has a resource directory and there are pages in it that give general information about tribes, sovereignty, reservations, and other frequently asked questions. The information would be a good addition to the brochure.

E. Web Site Update

1. Bruce would like to change the graphics back to the original brochure graphics.
2. Bruce said the site can track visitation by county, state, and city.
3. The committee said it would be interesting to add a blog, an artist's page and have a members log in page.
4. Bruce said in the next NCOT grant cycle he recommends applying for website optimization.
5. Also, the committee needs to secure a server. Bruce uses A+.net for his clients' servers.
6. Sherry said she needs to talk to NCOT about a website for the Stewart Indian School Trail and the Cultural Center. In the meantime, Stewart could have a page on the Indian Territory site.
7. Including links to Tribal websites on the site (by using the map in the brochure) was also discussed.

F. Conference Materials/IT Logo

1. The committee agreed that conference materials need to travel easily.
2. Bruce will get the committee a book to review called "4 Imprint" that has ideas for conference materials.
3. Ideas on conference materials mentioned by the committee included flash drives and sunglasses.
4. It was also mentioned there should be Indian Territory trade show graphics made that are portable.

G. IT By-laws

1. Sherry mentioned the need to amend the by-laws by taking out the sentence on having a specific day set for meetings.
2. Bill told Sherry to send him a request to change by-laws and it can be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.

H. IT Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference

1. The conference is tentatively set for April 2009.
2. Bill would like to have a planning meeting specifically to plan the conference.
3. Need to apply for grant funding for the conference.

IV. New Business

A. Schedule Next Meeting Date

1. The next Indian Territory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Nevada Indian Commission.
2. Chris handed out copies of an article from American Indian Report entitled "Tribes Build a Tourism Industry Through Alliances."

V. Adjournment

- A. Sherry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.