

Indian Territory Meeting Minutes
Fallon Tribal Offices – Council Chambers
565 Rio Vista Dr., Fallon, NV 89406
Wednesday, May 19, 2010

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 H. Carey, Secretary, Indian Territory and Tribal Planner, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Al C. Granados, Business Operations Manager, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California; Bruce Rettig, President & Owner, Charter Advertising; Christian Passink, Rural Programs Manager, Nevada Commission on Tourism; Lance Shumway Economic Development Director, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, and Kim Townsend, Assistant Planner, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Sherry Rupert called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. Introductions were made by those present.

- II. Approval of April 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Al Granados motioned to approve the meeting minutes April 13, 2010 the motion was seconded by Della John. Motion carried.

- III. Comments by Chairwoman
 - a. Sherry Rupert stated that the Great Basin Artist Listing will serve as the summer project for the Indian Territory. Sherry also stated that she would like to focus on getting more artists on this list.

- IV. Treasurer Report
 - a. Chris Gibbons gave a brief overview of the funds available to Indian Territory. The balance of the Indian Territory Checking Account is \$8,577. Chris stated that the Tribal Tourism Conference grant has been zeroed out. Chris is still working on the final booking keeping figures from the Indian Territory conference as checks were still coming in. One of the most expensive aspects of the conference was the cost of the band and it will be important to find sponsors to keep costs down for next year's Tribal Tourism Conference.

- V. Nevada Commission on Tourism Update
 - a. Christian Passink provided the Nevada Commission on Tourism update this month.
 - b. Christian stated that the NCOT Projects Related to Tourism grant program is coming back for a one time funding cycle. The Projects Related to Tourism grant cycle will be this summer and will have \$63,800 to fund.
 - c. Christian stated that from the 1st NCOT Marketing grant cycle for FY 11 there were 8 grant requests from Indian Territory that totaled over \$45,000. The grant requests were; Indian Territory Administration Grant, Stewart website, AIANTA, Pyramid Lake Ecotourism Mapping Project, 2010 Pyramid Lake Triathlon, Fox Peak Motocross, and Sacred Visions Powwow. Christian stated that the final decisions

on these grant requests will be made at the Territory Chair meeting next week in Mesquite.

- d. Christian stated that the Governor's Conference on Tourism will be coming back this year. The conference will take place at the Peppermill Resort & Casino in Reno December 6th – 8th.
- e. Christian stated that since the Rural Roundup conference he has been traveling around the state and evaluating grant requests.
- f. Christian also shared an information request from Tucson, AZ for the Indian Territory. Chris Gibbons was asked to follow up on this request.

VI. Further Discussion on Items to be Included in the Indian Territory Issue (Nov/Dec 2011) of Nevada Magazine

- a. Sherry Rupert handed out a spreadsheet with contacts and story ideas for the Indian Territory issue of Nevada Magazine in 2011. After the discussion on the list it was suggested that a call for story ideas go out to the Tribes. The following is a list of ideas that were discussed:
 - 1. Surviving the Pyramid Lake War of 1860. (Della John)
 - 2. Ancient Cui-ui and Pyramid Lake (Ben Aleck and PLPT Fisheries Director)
 - 3. Highlight the differences between the Washoe, Shoshone and Paiutes (Michon Eben, Ben Aleck, Darrel Cruz, and Norm Cavanaugh)
 - 4. Tahoe to Pyramid Bikeway (Scott Carey & Janet Phillips)
 - 5. Stewart Indian Cultural Center and the Stewart Father's Day Powwow (Sherry Rupert)
 - 6. Stewart Indian School Trail (Sherry Rupert)
 - 7. Tribal Hunting Guide Services: Goshute, Ely, and Duck Valley (Amos Murphy and Alvin Marques)
 - 8. Tule Ducks and Tule Boats (Mike Williams and Ben Aleck)
 - 9. Las Vegas Paiute Golf Course (Kenny Anderson and Jason Cheney)
 - 10. Moapa-Desert Tortoises/Lost City Museum/Valley of Fire (Moapa Band of Paiutes cultural resources)
 - 11. Tribal Water Issues (PLPT, FPST, Duck Valley, RSIC, WRPT, Moapa Band, and Washoe)
 - 11. Tribal Economic Development-FPST & PLPT (PL-101-618), RSIC, LVPT, Moapa, Washoe Tribe. (Tribal Chairman & Economic Development Staff)
 - 12. Tribal Green Projects (Washoe, FPST, Moapa, Duck Valley, PLPT, Ely)
 - 13. Saving Walker Lake (Loren Samaripa, WRPT Chairman)
 - 14. Native Artists
 - 15. Listing of Museums, Enterprises and Events
 - 16. Cave Rock Restoration (Washoe Tribe and John Dayberry)

VII. Report on Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference, April 22-23, 2010 – Reno, NV

- a. Sherry Rupert handed out a summary of the evaluations from the Tribal Tourism Conference. Of the 14 conference evaluations received 13 people rated the overall conference as Excellent and 1 person rated the overall conference as Very Good. The summary included a survey of each conference speaker, general sessions and

the familiarization tour to Pyramid Lake. The summary also included comments from participants and suggestions for next year.

- b. After a review of the conference evaluations the group discussed ideas for holding another Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference in 2011. One idea was to have the conference in Las Vegas around the 3rd week of April. Funding for another conference could be a major issue and it was mentioned that additional sponsors would be needed.

VIII. Tribal Coordination for the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair

- a. Sherry Rupert stated that Jean Dick of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has been working on this project with the Indian Territory. Sherry also stated that she and Chris have been extremely busy with other projects and have not had a chance to connect with Jean on this project. As discussed in previous meetings Indian Territory would help provide contacts and other assistance to make sure a Native American presence is at this event.

IX. Update on the Great Basin Native Artist Listing Survey

- a. Sherry Rupert stated that the artist listings have gone out to each Tribe and the outreach for this project has begun. The listing has gone out on the Indian Territory list serve and it is available on the Indian Territory website. It was discussed that the artist listing be completed by the Fall in time for the Christmas Craft Fair season.

X. Update on Indian Territory Website

- a. Bruce Rettig provided an update on the Indian Territory website this month.
- b. Bruce stated that on the Stewart website he has created a separate page for the Powwow. In the past year overall site visits for the Stewart website have doubled. 63% of visits to the Stewart website come from search engines. The most popular pages on the Stewart website are the history and the podcasts. People from over 50 different countries have visited the Indian Territory website. 75% of traffic to the Indian Territory website comes from search engines. It was suggested that the Indian Territory create a Facebook page.

XI. Next Steps – Where do we go from here?

- a. Great Basin Artist listing
- b. 2011 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference
- c. Indian Territory Issue (Nov/Dec 2011) of Nevada Magazine
- d. Tribal Coordination for the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair
- e. Projects Related to Tourism Grant Cycle

XV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. 2010 Aianta Conference coordination
- b. NCOT Marketing Grant Cycle for FY 2011
- c. Indian Territory Issue (Nov/Dec 2011) of Nevada Magazine
- d. Great Basin Artist Listing
- e. Tribal coordination for the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair

XVI. Scheduling and Location of Next Indian Territory Meeting

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21st at site to be determined. Possible meeting locations that were discussed by the group included Duckwater, Pyramid Lake or Walker River.

XVII. Adjournment

- b. Della John motioned to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Al Granados. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.