

Indian Territory Meeting Minutes
Pyramid Lake Scenic Byways Cultural Center
Nixon, Nevada
June 18, 2008

Present: Della John, Vice-Chairperson, Indian Territory and Tribal Administrator, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Sherry L. Rupert, Treasurer, Indian Territory and Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris A. Gibbons, Member, Indian Territory and Administrative Assistant, Nevada Indian Commission; Linda McCauley, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Ralph Burns, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

I. Call to Order

- a. Della John called the meeting to order at 10:25am.

II. Introductions

III. Old Business

A. Treasurers Report

- a. Sherry Rupert told committee members with coordinating the Stewart Father's Day Powwow and getting ready for her trip to Las Vegas this afternoon she did not have a chance to prepare a treasurers report for this meeting. She will have a treasures report ready for the next meeting.

B. Web Maintenance

- a. Bruce Rettig was unable to attend this meeting to give an update on the Indian Territory website.
- b. Sherry said Bill Dancing Feather sent an e-mail expressing his concern that the committee is not responding to inquiries on the Indian Territory website. Bill volunteered to respond to inquires on the site. Sherry told Bill that Chris Gibbons is in charge of responding to e-mails on the website.
- c. The committee also discussed changing the e-mail address and password for the Indian Territory yahoo account.
- d. Bruce is working on the Indian Territory website and Chris Gibbons will work with him to add more information to the site.
- e. Also, the committee has received invoices from Nevada Web for the Indian Territory website. The committee should contact the Nevada Commission on Tourism to obtain a copy of the original website grant.

C. Indian Territory Tribal Tourism Conference

- a. The committee tentatively scheduled the Tribal Tourism Conference for March or April 2009.
- b. A possible location for the Conference was discussed and the committee focused primarily on North Lake Tahoe.

- c. Ben Aleck said he would like to see the conference held in Crystal Bay. Also, the committee should check with the Cal-Neva to see if they would sponsor a portion of the conference.
- d. The committee discussed applying for a Nevada Commission on Tourism Marketing Grant for the Conference.
- e. Sherry mentioned the NCOT Marketing Grant does cover familiarization tours. Conference attendees could go on a bus tour to visit Meeks Bay.

D. Brochure Reprint

- a. A copy of the revised Indian Territory brochure was passed around to those in attendance.
- b. No further revisions were made to the brochure.
- c. Chris Gibbons said she will let Bruce know to go ahead and reprint the brochure.
- d. Ben requested a one page 11X17 printout of the brochure's map of Nevada Tribes.

E. Governor's Conference 2008-Peppermill

- a. Sherry reported Larry Friedman from NCOT has given his approval for Indian Territory to sponsor an American Indian cultural performance during a reception at this year's Governor's Conference on Tourism.
- b. The committee thought it would be good idea to have dancers perform at the Conference. Sherry said the Eagle Wings Pageant Group has performed at many events and they would be a great addition to the Conference.
- c. The Nevada Arts Council Grant was discussed as a possible source of funding to cover the cost of honorariums.
- d. Ben Aleck said Pyramid Lake does not see a lot of tourism dollars and the Tribe needs to look at how to get more money out of tourism in Nevada. Also, the Tribe receives no advertising dollars when images of the lake are used. The committee mentioned the image of Wayne Newton fishing in Pyramid Lake. Ben asked if he could get some of the bags with them image of Pyramid Lake and Wayne Newton. The Committee will ask NCOT about the bags.

F. Update on Development Plan

- a. Chuck was unable to attend this meeting. Sherry said she will e-mail Chuck to get an update on the plan.
- b. It was mentioned that Chuck would still like to see one more development plan meeting with the Yerington Paiute Tribe, Walker River Paiute Tribe and Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.
- c. Ben mentioned that Walker River Paiute Tribe is planning a Interpretive Center.

G. Indian Territory Recruitment of New Members

- a. The Committee discussed the recruitment of Indian Territory members. Ideas included faxing and e-mailing out agendas to Nevada Tribes at least a week ahead of time and e-mailing out a meeting reminder at least two weeks ahead of time.
- b. Ben Aleck mentioned coordinating the Indian Territory meetings with other meetings.

H. Trade Show Graphics

- a. Sherry told the committee she will let Bruce know to go ahead with the trade show graphics.

IV. New Business

A. Selection of Indian Territory Chairman

- a. The selection of a new Indian Territory Chairman was tabled to the next meeting.

B. Report on TAC Meeting

- a. Della John reported she attended the annual Nevada Commission on Tourism Territory Advisory Committee meeting in Pioche, Nevada.
- b. She said attendees discussed the NCOT Marketing Grant recommendations which included the Indian Territory grants. They also discussed the status of the NCOT Rural Scholarship.

V. Adjournment

- a. The next meeting will be held July 16, 2008.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.