

Nevada's Indian Territory
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Nevada Indian Commission, Carson City, NV

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Chairperson, Nevada's Indian Territory and Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Ann Gibbons, Treasurer, Nevada's Indian Territory and Curator, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum; Greg Weyland, Director, Washoe Tribal Gaming Commission, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California; Sari Nichols, Secretary, Nevada's Indian Territory and Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission; Larry Burton, Photographer

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. Sherry L. Rupert called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of March 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - A. With no changes made, Larry Burton motioned to approve the March 21, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Greg Weyland. Motion carried.
- III. Comments by Chairperson – Sherry L. Rupert, Chairperson, Nevada's Indian Territory
 - A. Sherry shared the latest edition of the Nevada Arts, Culture and Heritage Guide. The cover features Ralph Burns. The guide will be available in early June. Sherry asked the group to send in distribution lists and quantities for Territory members. Sherry announced that the theme of this year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt will focus on Nevada Territories. The photo contest will offer territory-specific prizes. There will be 3 winners for each territory. Sherry asked for prize ideas. The group came up with an idea to have a "Photo Day" at Meek's Bay, Pyramid Lake, and Stewart Indian School. Sherry will clarify if there are to be prize levels.
 - B. Sherry announced Michon Ebon as the winner of the Nevada Excellence in Tourism award for Nevada's Indian Territory. Michon was honored at the VolunTourism Award Dinner during this year's Rural Roundup in Tonopah.
 - C. Sherry passed around the latest edition of Edible Reno Tahoe magazine. John Rupert is on the cover and he and his father, Ben Rupert are featured in an article that talks about traditional foods.
 - D. Sherry will be in Washington DC, May 14, 2018 through May 17, 2018. She will be meeting with the Department of Interior to discuss the \$3.4 million appropriation for implementation of the Native Act. The delegation will then meet with members of the House of Representatives Appropriation Committee to discuss funding for the 2019 fiscal year.

- IV. Treasurer Report – Chris Ann Gibbons, Treasurer, Nevada’s Indian Territory
 - A. Chris reported the Territory checking account has a current balance of \$8,612.06. The Indian Territory Administrative grant is down to \$56.96 Chris will update the group on the latest grant applications during the next Territory meeting.
- V. Nevada Division of Tourism Update – Kari Frilot, Manager, Sales and Industry Partners, Nevada Division of Tourism
 - A. Kari was absent from the meeting and will give an update during the next Territory meeting.
- VI. Report and Debrief on 2018 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference
 - A. Evaluations - Sherry informed the group that the evaluations have been compiled into a document and will be ready to review at the next Territory meeting. The majority of the feedback was positive. There were some comments about the length of the talks; some speakers went over their allotted time. There was a brief discussion on how to address this going forward. Chris mentioned that registration was slowed down because people were paying last minute by credit card and there was a scramble to find name tags. Chris suggested that we add more people to the registration table and have two lines; A through L and M through Z next year. It was also mentioned that next year there should be more prep for speakers, we should require speaker powerpoints be submitted ahead of the conference, have attendees add their own lanyard to their name tag, get a square for the Indian Territory so we can take onsite payments and have a prominent sign for the daily fee of \$65.
 - B. Selection of 2019 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference Location - Sherry requested ideas on where the next Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference should take place. Larry Burton suggested Moapa. There was a brief discussion on the pros and cons of having a large conference in Moapa. It was decided that the area was too small to accommodate the group’s needs. Elko and Pahrump were discussed as possible venues. The group agreed Elko would be the best venue because of its many accommodations and possible mobile workshop attractions.
- VII. Update on Reno-Tahoe Airport Exhibit.
 - A. The Territory was awarded a \$20,000 Projects Relating to Tourism grant given by the Nevada Division of Tourism. John Dayberry is to give Sherry and Sari an updated proposal to share at the next meeting.
- VIII. Territory/Tribal Updates
 - A. Greg Weyland reported on upcoming events. There is an Elders Blessing at Meeks Bay May 10, 2018. Meeks Bay opens on May 11, 2018. The Wa She Shu Casino and Travel Plaza will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary May 19, 2018. There will be a fry bread contest and a hand game tournament.

- B. Larry Burton reported on the Nevada State Fair. This year there will be no carnival or rodeo. The Fair Committee is looking for entertainment volunteers to bring in crowds. The Fair Committee would like to extend an invitation to tribal performers.

IX. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Sherry asked Territory members to send her any agenda items for the next meeting. Other agenda items include: A report on the Tribal Tourism Conference, discussion on 2019 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference, and an update on the airport exhibit design.

X. Meeting Date and Location of Next Indian Territory Meeting – July 25, 2018

XI. Adjournment

- A. Greg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris. Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

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