

**Utah Statewide Archaeological Society
June 11, 2006 Summer President's Meeting
Kanarrville, Utah**

Present:

Utah County Chapter: Richard Hansen, Ginny Hansen

Salt Lake/Davis Chapter: Joanne West, Neil West, Darrell Thomas, Marty Thomas,
Kristen Jensen, Renae Weder, Dennis Weder, Bruce Perry, Barbara Perry

Central Utah Chapter: Jeff Roberts

Iron County Chapter: Ron Archibald, Marian Jacklin, Walt Hayward

Promontary/Tubaduka Chapter: Shirley Lee, Judith Bingham, Harold Driver

Castle Valley Chapter: Fred Jenkins, Diane Gorman Jenkins

Uintah Basin Chapter: Ron Hatch

St. George Chapter: No representation

Trail of the Ancients: No representation

Richard Hansen, Statewide USAS President, called the meeting to order. He distributed an agenda and welcomed everyone to the Kannaville UPAC/USAS Convention. Richard thanked the Iron County Chapter for providing a wonderful convention.

Richard presented the following Treasurer's Report, for Vi Meyer.... As of April 4, 2006 the checking account balance was \$8,996.79. Since that date expenditures totaled \$761.21, income totaled \$2,155.00 resulting in a current balance of \$10,390.58. Upcoming expenses will include USAS's portion of the publication expenses for the 2004 Utah Archaeology Journal (\$1,500.00-\$1,800.00). Richard will investigate the status of the 2004 and 2005 journal. He said it's hard to manage a budget with these expenditures hanging over our head.

Richard stated there hasn't been a USAS Journal Editor for the publication and suggested the name of Chris Horting Jones, from the Utah Chapter, to fill this position. A motion was made and approved to nominate Chris Horting Jones for this position. This nomination will also need the approval of UPAC. Richard will discuss this nomination with Ron Rood.

Richard announced that Joanne West will replace Margene Hackney as the 2006-2007 Recording Secretary. Joanne's contact information is as follows:

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Joanne read the minutes from the last President's Meeting which was held on April 8, 2006 at Fremont Indian State Park. The minutes were read and approved as written.

Hold Harmless Wavier forms were distributed to each chapter. It's a good idea to have this form signed by each person before you start an activity.

Past Presidents, Fred and Diane Gorman-Jenkins were given a big thanks for all their effort and hard work. Richard presented them with a gift of appreciation.

Richard distributed a copy of the 2006-2007 Statewide Officers. They are as follows:

President: Richard L. Hansen

Vice-President: Ron Hatch

Secretary: Joanne West

Treasurer: Vi Meyer

Newsletter: Ren Thomas

Webmaster: Darrell Thomas

Parliamentarian: Marty Thomas

Archivist: Merianne Nelson

This information will be posted on the USAS website.

Richard would like a USAS Newsletter created and distributed at least semi-annually to all members. Each chapter president will be given copies of the newsletter at the President's Meeting for distribution. Ren Thomas, from the Central Utah Chapter, has agreed to develop and design this newsletter. Information and articles for the newsletter need to be to Ren at least three weeks before the next President's Meeting.

Darrell will post the State and Chapter Newsletters as well as any schedules on the website as well as establish links to other sites....just let him know what is needed. Darrell will also investigate a possible YAHOO site.

Joanne expressed an interest in knowing what the other chapters are doing. A discussion took place on what we could do to better communicate with each other. It was decided that each Chapter President would send Joanne and Richard a copy of the emails they were sending and receiving. Joanne would then forward pertinent emails out to each of the Chapter Presidents for distribution to their individual chapters. Joanne agreed to include anyone on the master distribution list that expressed an interest.

Contact information for all chapter members needs to be updated immediately. Presidents, please see that this happens as quickly as possible. Your updated list should be sent to Richard, Vi and Joanne.

A motion was made and passed for Merianne and Vi to purchase an external hard drive for archive retention. There is a plan in place to work on the archives this summer. They will report on their progress at the September meeting.

Darrell Thomas reported on the state grant which is \$1,200.00. The grant money is to be used for website expenses as well as honorarium and 2007 Convention expenses.

Chapter reports were given:

Trail of the Ancients: No report

St. George: No Report

Iron County: Walt Hayward reported that they were glad the convention was a success.

Walt thanked everyone that helped and participated.

Central Utah: Jeff Roberts reported that they were having problems with pot hunting and looting at several of the sites in their area. Froggy Town site, a rock art site, in Monroe has been the hardest hit. Jeff talked about some of the advantages and disadvantages of ATV's. He suggested we get ATV owners involved in USAS rather than view them as a threat.

Castle Valley: Fred and Diane Gorman-Jenkins talked about the snow storm on March 11th and the communication problems with the folks that live in the Salt Lake area. It was reiterated that a good calling list of both home and cell numbers is a must. Diane said she would order membership cards of the chapters

Utah County: Richard Hansen reported that Level 1 instruction has been presented and completed for their chapter and they are hoping to have Level 2 completed soon. They are hoping to attend field school in Escalante with Dr. Joel Jentze (sp). He can be reached at 801-422-6111 or 0017.

Uintah Basin: Ron Hatch talked about the dumping being done at sites. Their chapter has done a lot of clean-up but it's impossible to keep up with what goes on at night. Ron reported that there are over 100 miles of dirt roads that need to be monitored. Law enforcement will work around the fringe but it's just too remote for them to monitor everything. There has been a problem with sites being shot-up up with florescent paint balls, thankfully, this eventually washes off because it's water soluble. However, the graffiti done with spray paint doesn't come off. People have been going into caves with spotlights and spraying graffiti all over the walls. The Forest Service has now taken all cave sites off maps.

Salt Lake/Davis: Joanne West said that their chapter helped with Pre-History Week.

Neil West sat at the USAS information table and made contact with several folks who wanted more information about USAS. Joanne is following up with those people and will invite them to our next meeting which will be in August. Joanne would like to see the Salt Lake Chapter work on recruiting new members. She stated that it would be nice to have college age members as well as more members with families. It was suggested that advertising and tours may help introduce folks to our organization. The Salt Lake/Davis chapter will have an opportunity to go to Mushroom Springs on Antelope Island with Ron Rood in July.

Marty and Darrell Thomas have been working very hard to expand the Site Stewardship Program. Several training sessions have been scheduled and completed. All chapters are invited to attend any scheduled training done in the Salt Lake area. Marty and Darrell are constantly looking for new site opportunities.

Promontary/Tubaduka: Judith Bingham reported that their chapter has been mapping and

documenting sites. Continued growth and construction is really hurting sites. Their chapter meets the second Thursday of the month. They would like to network and share more with the other chapters.

The Utah State Site Stewardship Program was discussed. The group agreed that a statewide program needs to be established; individual state groups all doing their own thing isn't working. A full-time paid position needs to be created to head this group. This designated coordinator would be held accountable for the program and its outcome. Omar told us about the exceptional statewide program Arizona has in place. She has personally observed their program and suggested that Utah mirror the Arizona program.....it works!!! Richard will follow up with this suggestion. Richard said he would also speak with Wilson Martin who is the inter-agency person for the state. He will try and get us an audience with Mr. Martin to explain our concerns as well as let him know what a tremendous resource USAS could be if the state could pull their resources together. It was also suggested by Bruce Perry that Americor which is a volunteer organization might also be something to consider. Richard will investigate these suggestions and report to the group in September.

The schedule for future conventions was revised as follows:

Utah County 2007,
Castle Valley 2008,
Promantory/Tubaduka 2009,
Salt Lake/Davis Chapter 2010,
Uintah Basin Chapter 2011 and
Dixie/Jennifer Jack 2012.

The Utah County Chapter was asked to establish the 2007 convention date as soon as possible.

Omar suggested that if we want better attendance from UPAC we need to be aware of their commitments as professionals i.e. field work. She suggested that as future conventions are being planned, UPAC be included in the planning stages. UPAC can bring a lot to the convention if they are included up front. Lori Hunsaker is the UPAC President. Richard will contact Lori and try to establish a closer relationship with the UPAC organization.

Be sure and check out the UPAC website. Many events are listed that may be of interest to your USAS Chapter.

There is big interest in more State Workshops and Education Programs. USAS thinks they are great!! Richard will talk to Ron Rood about what can be put together.

Darrell Thomas said that SAA dues were due to be paid. The motion passed to pay the current SAA dues.

Joanne asked Richard Hansen to give an update on Range Creek. He said that Renee Barlow was currently not taking groups into the canyon. He reported that Renee had

requested feedback from several individuals within our organization. Several folks indicated that they had been asked and had provided feedback to Sarah George at the Natural History Museum. It appears that there are political and personal issues involved in this issue and it was decided that this was not the forum to discuss what those issues might be.

Richard will discuss how USAS can best be utilized in Range Creek with Ron Rood.

When USAS members are able to visit Range Creek again, it is **imperative that members know what to expect**. The roads are rough, the weather extreme, and camping is primitive...that means dirt, sun showers and if you can wait a port-a-pottie. You're expected to help cook and clean up after meals as well as clean up around camp. The terrain is high desert..... there is little shade or cover, it's steep, rocky and the cheat grass is a killer. What can I say.....this place is HEAVEN!

The next President's Meeting will be held on September 23, 2006 (Autumn Equinox) at 10:00 a.m. at the Fremont State Indian State Park. President and Vice-Presidents are expected to attend. If that isn't possible, please make sure a representative is sent from your chapter. All USAS members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Reminder: All items for the USAS Newsletter need to be to Ren Thomas three weeks before that date.

Transcribed by Joanne West on September 15, 2006.