

March 23, 2020, Tele-Conference Meeting of the Friends of Tonto Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Stultz, those checking in—were Eric Yamane, Scott Wood, Patti Fenner, Bert Roy, Erin Bradham, Susan Sridharan, Ann Adkins, Dayan Anderson and Winnie Liang.

Treasurer's report, it was noticed one misspelling, it has been corrected. Bert—not working some things due to the corona virus, plans to postpone for now. Brian would like Susan and Bert to work on a budget, Susan noted that the tax deadline has been extended to July 15, thus giving more time to submit tax report to the IRS.

Patti received today a document from Brooke, called an “action plan”. She forwarded it to the board for comment. She is meeting with Brooke the next day. Discussion was held on the document; the developed water inventory project can continue, like the photopoint project, if training is online. Will need to sign up individual volunteers for that.

Brian—Communication Committee-Brian and Georgy have discussed mass mailings, email lists. Brian is familiar with Constant Contact, it would be a possibility--\$20 to \$45 a month. The Communications Committee needs to explore this. Erin made a motion, 2nd by Ann, that the Communications Committee needs to meet and recommend a service to use, all in favor, approved.

Scott—Sears Kay, open house was very disappointing, only 8 attended. We need a better way to promote the event next year. It was advertised by the Cave Creek Chamber, and on our website and facebook. The corona virus and spring break may have been factors in the low turnout. Shoofly, nothing going on up there, looks good.

Arnett—Nothing happening now. With 4 hitches of the crew and some volunteer labor, all new oleander in Telegraph Canyon was cut, stump-treated, and hauled to the landfill. Holding pattern now for now with the corona virus shut downs.

Patti—3 herbicides were used at Cave Creek on 2/27. Time will tell which worked best. She and John Brock are monitoring every 2 weeks.

Buffel Grass—Erin—had a good work session, a few new volunteers, it was a successful day, probably done until fall.

Patti—Family Camp out weekend at Lost Dutchman State Park.—Fountain grass removal, they hiked a mile, did a good removal job, a fun time, 7 families, 21 participants, it was a fun day with other activities for the campers.

Ann—we need to get a full slate of officers—no one offered.

Dayan had handed out flyers for an event April 1, that event is now postponed until fall. Her interest is reclamation of abandoned mines on the Tonto National Forest.

Tribal Monitors Program—offers training to look at archaeological sites.

New Business—John—Trail Stewardship grant, he has looked at it and needs some help to fill out the application. Angie at Payson district should be able to help John. Scott asked will the Corona Virus shut down cause a problem if we get the grant—it was noted that it shouldn't be a problem.

John noted that we have brochures for specific projects, need them on line also, we need better distribution and more things to the newsletter.

Eric—High School students need a validation form of some kind -Patti will get one made.

Dayan Anderson was asked to join the board, Patti a motion that Dayan be appointed a board member at large, Scott 2nd, Approved

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM