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Minutes of the Last Meeting

PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of September 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Frigo shortly after 7:00 p.m. virtually via ZOOM.

There were 14 persons in attendance.

PROGRAM: The program for the evening was given by Spencer Pelton, Ph. D. the Wyoming state archeologist. He presented over the Powars II Paleoindian Red Ocher Quarry, located in Sunrise, WY. He gave a history of the site and some notable findings during the excavations they have done there the past few years.

MINUTES: Scott motioned for the March meeting minutes to be approved. Veronica seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Andy reported that there was \$7,416.37 in the Wells Fargo general fund.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT: Andy reported that there was a balance of \$2,326.90 in the regular account. The 180 day CD matured, paid interest, and renewed in mid-August. Interest paid was \$44.32 giving a new balance of \$5,331.32.

MARKETING: The Facebook has reached 190 followers. Twitter and Instagram accounts have low following leaving most interaction on social media on Facebook. Andy and Erin went to two Community Market events over the summer. They presented "All Things Yucca". There was a good turnout.

OLD BUSINESS: The Perryton Stone Age Fair will be held Saturday, October 17 at the Museum of the Plains in Perryton.

If you need to pay your dues, please send them to the P.O. Box: P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, Texas 79105-0814.

There are still ongoing discussions about TAS donation for a laptop.

NEW BUSINESS: Scott suggested that we pay the speakers an honorarium for presenting in the virtual meetings of between \$100-150. After some discussion he motioned that Spencer receive \$100 for being the speaker for the meeting. Paul seconded the motion and it was passed.

Paul mentioned that since we did not host the Southwest Federation meeting in April that we need to start thinking about hosting it in 2021. He gave three suggestions on the meeting: A. have an in person meeting, B. have a virtual meeting, and C. bypass the symposium completely and do a memorial publication in honor of Alvin Lynn and Evans Turpin. Paul, Rolla, and Andy will put together a Zoom meeting for the board members of the Federation to discuss this and will report back in our October meeting.

Andy motioned that the PAS reimburse Erin for the purchase of the Zoom license. Rolla seconded and it was passed.

Digitizing publications was discussed. It was agreed that this is something the PAS needs to look into; however, it is time consuming. For a price we could get someone to do this for us. Zach Seldon has done the Index of Texas Archeology at the Library of North Texas. This included the TAS Bulletins from 1929 to 2015 are all online. The PAS has eleven volumes and the SWFAS has around fifty-five or so. The publications committee (Rolla, Andy, and Veronica) will report back on this.

Rolla Shaller stepped down from the Publication Chairman position after well over 25 years. He nominated that Andy Burcham be the new Chairman. Andy was appointed the new Publication Chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Bible, Substitute Secretary

The First Ascent: Ten Thousand Years of Native American Occupation in the Colorado Mountains

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Abstract

The Southern Rocky Mountains are known for their jagged peaks, frigid lakes, and abundant wildlife. While many modern residents view the alpine country as wilderness and untrammelled by humanity, archaeological research provides a different narrative. Over 2000 prehistoric sites are known from Colorado at elevations greater than 10,000 feet. Rather than suggesting the mountains as a barrier, this instead demonstrates that the highlands played a significant role within the lives of ancient Native Americans. For instance, communal hunting of large game such as bighorn sheep and elk was a major pursuit in the fall of the year, reflected in “game drives” containing v-shaped rock walls that funneled prey towards hunters in shooting blinds. In this presentation, Dr. LaBelle provides an overview of the alpine archaeology of Colorado, focusing on hunting sites and other important places, proposing reasons for their construction and use over millennia, and arguing for the importance of these places to the peoples of the past as well as today.

Biography

Dr. Jason LaBelle is the Director of the Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology and an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. His research interests include grassland and mountain ecology, hunter-gatherer site structure, communal hunting, hearth cooking, and the history of archaeology. His current fieldwork focuses on the foothills and mountains of Northern Colorado, but past fieldwork has taken him across the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains spanning from New Mexico to Montana. Jason served as the (past) President of the Colorado Archaeological Society, the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, and on the Board of Directors for the Plains Anthropological Society. He has published articles in journals such as *Quaternary International*, *American Antiquity*, *Plains Anthropologist*, and *North American Archaeologist*, in addition to book chapters and technical reports in the academic and contract realms. His research efforts are supported in part by the Jim and Audrey Benedict Fund for Mountain Archaeology, an endowment established in 2011 to support alpine archaeology in the Southern Rocky Mountains. Jason was awarded the Stephen H. Hart award from History Colorado for his statewide efforts in archaeological research and public education.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS, held via Zoom

November 18 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting, PAS, held via Zoom

(The Perrytone Stone Age Fair has been cancelled)



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Payment of Dues and Social Media Resources

For anyone who still hasn't paid their dues yet since we haven't been meeting in person, please mail your payment (\$15) as a check made out to the Panhandle Archaeological Society at **P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, Texas, 79105.**

Also, for anyone with any social media page, please remember that the Panhandle Archaeological Society currently has the following social media pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleArchaeologicalSociety>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/pan_arch_soc/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/pan_arch_soc

Please help our society grown and like, follow, and share the pages and the posts!



In Memory of Jeff Indeck
April 22, 1956 • October 4, 2020



For those who knew Jeff Indeck, he will be greatly missed. He died on Sunday, October 4, 2020 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He made it to New Mexico, by way of Washington, D.C. where he served for the Department of Interior (DOI) as the Museum Management Systems Specialist and the National Park Service Museum Management Program Project Manager. In essence, he kept track of 200+ million artifacts, specimens, and archives nationwide for the DOI.

Jeff also taught at various colleges and universities throughout the country; but of his many occupations, one of his favorites was as the Chief Curator and Curator of Archeology at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas. At PPHM, Jeff was very approachable as a museum curator. Visitors to the department were often treated with an impromptu tour of the archeological collection storage area or through People of the Plains, an exhibit he was instrumental in bringing to fruition. His love for paleontology offered visitors another Jeff tour through the impressive paleontology collection and exhibit.

Colorado was a place that was near and dear to his heart. As a child, his family spent many a holiday skiing in Colorado. He also chose Colorado for his college education. Jeff received his bachelor's at Colorado College, in Colorado Springs, and received both his master's and PhD at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His doctorate was duodisciplined in Anthropology and Paleontology with a dissertation that provided an extensive sediment analysis and of mammalian fauna at the Little Box Elder Cave in Wyoming. Between semesters, Jeff also conducted extensive surveys for the Colorado Department of Highways.

Jeff discovered he could make a living playing in the dirt and so work in the dirt, he did. Many of Jeff's friends were aware of his life-long battle with his health. Despite living with a chronic disease, Jeff decided early in his life, either the disease would take over or he would take control. He chose the latter, but sometimes to the extreme. There were times, he actually worked in the field with a heart monitor or a "PICC" line, a wire that literally went into the right atrium of his heart. Many were not aware that Jeff dealt with chronic pain on a day basis, because his kind and generous demeanor never revealed that. His courage was immense.



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As part of his community outreach, Jeff often offered his PPHM archeological department team and its resources for surveys and excavations. He enjoyed his memberships and projects with the Panhandle Archeological Society, Texas Archeological Society, and Texas Historic Commission. Sometimes a spontaneous trip to a site occurred after a query by a property. Jeff's words typically began with, "Road trip!"

Jeff is now on his final road trip. He was given a loving passage through an anointment ceremony by Jeff's dear friends, Bill Voelker and Troy from Sia, the Ethnological Ornithological Initiative. The Comanche Nation honored Jeff with a Pendleton blanket with which to wrap his body. Bill conducted a wa'atu (ceremony smoking) and Troy ended the ceremony sounding an eagle bone whistle as those in attendance turned to each of the four directions. All done for a peaceful passage to his new home.

~Anonymous