

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
April 21, 2015
BLM Offices, N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Larry Gauthier, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Connie Stone, Member
Paul Sitzmann, BLM Monument Biologist
Lawrence Harper, BLM Youth/Volunteer Coordinator

Pete Reilly, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Sandy Gauthier, AAS
Chris Reed, AAS
Trudy Mertens, AAS
Marie Davis, BLM
Casey Addy, BLM

Call to Order: Larry Gauthier called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes of March 17, 2015 were approved.

BLM Liaison: Paul Sitzmann gave an update for BLM.

1. Teskey Site Vandalism: Paul indicated that law enforcement had been notified. He didn't know anything about a news release, the camera options or tree cutting. He did indicate that with the Juniper cutting that was being done, some "stays" might be available for free.
2. Gate at the end of BLM9269B (just west of Bull Tank): He hadn't heard about this
3. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): Paul updated everyone on the status of the CRMP process. There still is more work necessary on the Cultural Resources aspects of the plan. He mentioned the meeting yesterday regarding cultural resources and the discussions that took place with Andy Lorenzi from Archaeology Southwest and Scott Wood from Friends of TNF. They were trying to define viewscapes, landscapes, cultural-scapes, site clusters and other terms involving the cultural resources on the monument.
4. Monument Ranger Position: Paul indicated that discussions are being held about how and if a new ranger can be procured – possibly for the 2017 fiscal year.
5. Monument's 15th Year Anniversary: There is going to be some kind of celebration on June 20th in conjunction with the Wet/Dry Mapping activity that day. It will be held after the wet/dry mapping takes place and will happen in the Black Canyon City Heritage Park.

Site Stewards Liaison: Shelley Rasmussen mentioned that the Site Stewards had just held a long-needed training session for new Site Stewards. There were 30 new people trained, including Larry Kraft and Marie Davis. Lindsay Brown, the new coordinator, will be working with them.

AAS Liaison: Sandy Gauthier reported that the Bylaw changes were approved. The Budget was passed. The Petroglyph will become all-email after the May edition. If a member has no email capability, it will be up to the Chapter to provide that member with a hard copy. AAS does have D&O insurance and it has been extended to cover Chapter officers. There is no AAS liability insurance. The release forms used for AAS members involved in various activities has been changed to show that the member is responsible for their own insurance.

FAFNM Board Liaison: Mike Nushawg, FAFNM Director was not at the last Board Meeting, so Mike Hoogendyk gave an update on what happened:

The revamping of the new BLM/National Conservation Lands logos is proceeding. FAFNM will be the third Arizona unit to get the updated signs. There will be primary signs at all major entrances to the Monument and secondary signs at all the rest. All of this will be done utilizing a national budget, not the local office's budget.

There will be a 15th Anniversary celebration for the monument and NLCS, probably at the Black Canyon City Heritage Park, and held in conjunction with the Wet/Dry Mapping project on June 20th. After the Wet/Dry Mapping, all participants would go to the celebration for food, T-shirts and more.

The BLM grant to FAFNM requires that 10 cultural outreach events be held during the current fiscal year which ends September 30th. We've completed at least four so far. Anytime we do an outreach event, we need to notify the FAFNM Secretary, and probably Amanda James, Monument Manager, also.

Several board members, including Jim Riggs, attended the annual Friends Rendezvous. Their impression was that many of the groups represented were groups that were in formation stages and not really up and running yet.

Sarah Striker, who has been doing the newsletter, now has a new editor for the newsletter: Steven Schmich (sp?), an ASU Anthropology Student. Sarah and Chris Caseldine will still be working with him. The next newsletter is due out... Today! (4/21/2015)

Donna Ruiz-Costello has been recruited to take over the Recreation and Outreach Committee. Sarah Striker will continue to work with her, but not chair the committee. Their committee recently exhibited at the DVRAC on Archaeology Day. They were down to one last copy of the Archaeology Site Etiquette brochure and asked that the Cultural Resources Committee check to see if there were any more copies, and if not, can the brochure be reprinted as is, or are there changes required?

At today's Cultural Resources Committee meeting, it was asked if there was any indication that Steven Brown was being rehired. Mike Hoogendyk indicated in the negative. It was also asked if anyone knew why the link between the FAFNM Web Site and the Cultural Resources Committee web site had been removed several times. No one knew the answer, but Mike Nushawg had brought the question up to the FAFNM President, Karen LaFrance several times.

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley Rasmussen is working with the sign maker to get the sign completed. When it is done, she will be in touch with the committee to get volunteers to go up and install it. We will need to buy some cement in order to do this.
2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording: The rock art recording took three work days to complete. There were many more rock art boulders than first suspected. The completed forms are now in the hands of Gerry Haase, who is reviewing them and completing a DVD with all the work on it. She hopes to hold a meeting of all the volunteers to discuss the work when it is complete. Barbara Gronemann, the Project Chair, wants to thank everyone for all the great work they did. Eventually a copy of the material will be filed with BLM.
3. Teskey Vandalism: Sandy Gauthier is in touch with (Carl?), the contractor, who is getting her a quote on repairs. Larry Gauthier says that the final costs will probably be between \$200 and \$400. This would cover both the missing stays and broken posts. The latter require installation in postholes.

4. Several people spoke up about the Committee Hike to New Boots on April 16th. The group visited nine field houses, one big pueblo, a storage bin with a pot bust inside, some petroglyph locations and a single oyster shell. Near the oyster shell was a clam shell similar to those used for bracelets. Oh, and one arrowhead and a new field house were found.
5. Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting: Connie Stone updated everyone on the planning for this event next fall. There should be a group of around 50-60 retired BLMers and they are talking about bussing them around to different AFNM sites. Most of them are older and may have trouble doing any difficult hiking. They are discussing going to Badger Springs, using a tent and having some presentations. Also under consideration is a visit to the Teskey Home site. Participation by local BLM officials (Amanda James, Rem Hawes?) would be desirable.

New Business

1. Recap of CRMP meeting yesterday: The meeting was held to work on the Cultural Resources section and create the Adaptive Management Strategies that should be in the final plan. Although many cultural resources oriented stakeholders showed up and there was good discussion regarding the process and definitions, the adaptive management strategies were not finalized. Another meeting was scheduled for May 7th at the BLM offices between 4:00pm and 7:00pm to continue working on them.
As part of this process, Amanda James has a deadline of April 30th to come up with any proposed projects that are necessary. These could include working on any erosion which is endangering cultural sites, the closure of non-approved roads which are near sites, or the necessary movement or installation of fences necessary to protect sites. Anyone knowing of an urgent project of that nature should get the information to Amanda as soon as possible.
2. Supplies of and/or reprints of the Friends’ “Archaeological Site Etiquette” brochure: It was agreed that this can and should be reprinted as is. Mike Hoogendyk agreed to get that decision back to the FAFNM Board.
3. The proposed May 14th Committee hike to “Fallen Warrior/Target Guy” site is still on. We will meet 8:00am at the I-17/Bloody Basin Road kiosk. The question of what to call the site will be tabled until after the hike.
4. Volunteers for Carsonite Road Sign Installation: Larry Kraft is going to get supplies from Paul Sitzmann and put in a road closed sign on the north side of Copper Tank. When that is done, Mike Hoogendyk will do the same in the vicinity of the new, green APS gate west of Bull Tank.
5. Everyone was reminded that the Archaeology Café is NEXT week on April 28th, not today as is normally the case. It will be held at 6:00pm at Macayo’s on Central Avenue. The speaker is David Wilcox.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	11:00am – 1:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
May 14, 2015	8:00am	Committee Hike to (Fallen Warrior/Target Guy?)

Bryan’s Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys
(Cancelled until Bryan’s return from DC)

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Larry Kraft volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk