

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Larry Kraft, Acting Chair	Barbara Gronemann, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member	Connie Stone, Member
Marie Davis, Site Steward	Trudy Mertens, Site Steward
Shelley Rasmussen, Member	Chris Reed, AAS
Bryan Lausten, AFNM Archaeologist	Pete Reilly, Member
Paul Vanderveen, Member	

Call to Order: Larry Kraft (substituting for Mike Nushawg, whose wife was undergoing an operation) called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of July 21, 2015 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Bryan Lausten gave an update for BLM. Bryan is going on medical leave starting this Friday and running through October 5th. Recently he has been concentrating on end-of-year activities and as a result not much has changed on Cultural Resources projects since last month.

- A. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) Update: Still waiting on draft for public review.
- B. Monument Ranger Update: There is still no monument Ranger.
- C. BLM Inventory of Cultural Site Signs: Hasn't had time to really do any checking on inventory.
- D. Other: Due to end of year work and health issues, Bryan was not able to schedule dates for volunteer training, volunteer help with BLM photos and artifact curation, the binder of Perry Mesa Rock Art, and Pueblo La Plata.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly, who attended the last FAFNM Board Meeting, gave a short report. The Annual Meeting will be September 26, 2015 at the Horseshoe Ranch. Probably from 9am to 1pm. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Tim Flood, needs recommendations for President, Vice President and two Director positions. Bylaw changes will be forthcoming and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Pete submitted the Committee's Fiscal 2016 Budget Projections to the Friends' Treasurer, John Hathaway, by email.

Site Stewards Discussion: Shelley Rasmussen reported that the Site Stewards will be holding their Regional Coordinators' meeting at SHPO the last Monday of the month.

AAS Discussion: The AAS State Meeting will be held in Springerville on October 2nd through 4th (the same time as the URARA meeting).

Old Business:

- A. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley had the sign with her for everyone to see. The current effort is to get a "permit" from AZG&F to allow the hole to be dug in which to plant the sign. Bryan Lausten indicated he would help facilitate that for Shelley with a phone call tomorrow.

- B. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording – ARAC Forms Meeting: This meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th from 11:00am until 1:00pm or 1:30pm with lunch afterwards. The meeting will be in the Cordes Lakes Conference Room.
- C. Teskey Vandalism Repairs: Sandy Gauthier reported by email that the repairs have taken place and the contractor has been paid.
- D. Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting: The meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, September 23rd at Badger Springs from 9:00am until about 10:30am, continues to develop. Connie Stone has set up a bus tour to Badger Springs for the approximately 60 retired BLM employees. Shelley Rasmussen, Marie Davis and Trudy Mertens and Barbara Gronemann will be helping.
- E. Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2015/2016: Pete Reilly attended the last FAFNM Board Meeting and presented the proposed Committee Budget. An updated version was later emailed to the FAFNM Treasurer.

New Business:

- A. Marie Davis reported that while visiting Badger Springs she was moved to pick up some of the large amount of trash littering the area. With no gloves or extended graspers, she managed to fill up four large trash bags before running out of bags – and barely made a dent in what was there. The Committee agreed that it is incumbent upon the Friends to do more relative to litter abatement – starting with trash pickup. We especially need to concentrate on that area prior to the visit by the members of the Public Lands Foundation on September 23rd.
- B. Possible Speaker: The information received from Tim Flood regarding a possible speaking engagement from David Johnson was discussed in length. It was finally decided to pass on his offer at this time.
- C. Recap of Pecos Conference: Four of the members in attendance at today’s meeting were at the Pecos Conference. In general, they all felt it had great speakers, some wonderful tours and lots of books and papers to buy in the vendor tent. Mike Hoogendyk mentioned that the 2 hour business meeting consisted of 1.5 hours of obituaries – not including Linda Dorsey and Don Weaver. He will work with others to get that information to Tom Weiss in New Mexico. Trudy Mertens discussed the “Project Archaeology” educational program that was covered at the meeting by Marcia Simonis. All felt that it was a positive program that could easily be used locally by the Friends in conjunction with Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. The people running the program have offered to put on a training session/workshop here in Arizona, possibly for the Friends and the Verde Valley Archaeological Center.
- D. Marie Davis mentioned an encounter she had with Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue as they were releasing eight hawks on the monument. She felt that they might be a great group to invite as speakers – something that could be done in conjunction with our meeting at DVPP and promoted by them to their members. Marie will contact them to discuss it.
- E. Shelley mentioned the URARA meeting is being held in Escalante on October 2-5th. She has all the registration information if someone would like to go.
- F. Connie Stone mentioned that AAC is having their annual meeting the 1st week of November in Sedona.

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
9/23/2015	9:00am-10:30am	Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting (for retired BLM Employees) at Badger Springs

9/26/2015 9:00am – 1:00pm FAFNM Annual Meeting at Horseshoe Ranch

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(Postponed until Bryan's return from medical leave)

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale. Mike Nushawg was volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk