

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
January 20, 2015
BLM Offices, N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Pete Reilly, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, AAS
JJ Golio, Site Steward
Chris Reed, AAS
Bryan Lausten, Monument Archaeologist
Mike Nushawg, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Gauthier, AAS
Sandy Gauthier, AAS
Sandy Haddock, AAS
Scott Jones, Guest

Call to Order: Pete Reilly called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

Minutes: The minutes of December 16, 2014 were approved.

BLM Liaison: Bryan Lausten gave an update for BLM.

1. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): There was a current meeting underway of the CRMP leaders while we met. There is to be a meeting scheduled in the future for stakeholders.
2. Survey Schedule: January dates are proceeding as scheduled. February is up in the air since Bryan may be detailed to a Washington D.C. position for 30 to 120 days. Bryan should have everything confirmed soon and will email us with his status in two weeks. For those participating on January 22nd, it will be a “recording” day. Meet at the I-17/Bloody Basin Kiosk at 9:00am and plan to leave from there at 9:30am.
3. Binder of Perry Mesa Rock Art: Status is also up in the air because of the DC detail. In addition, Bryan needs to procure space for the activity to take place.
4. Insurance research results: To be insured, one must have signed the most current Volunteer Agreement and the Monument Archaeologist must have advance knowledge of the activity undertaken. If the activity is a Friends’ activity, then the individual is insured under the Friends’ insurance and that would require the individual be a current member. This is something that Amanda James, Monument Manager will take up with the Friends’ Board. Trudy Mertens mentioned that the AAS insurance covers NON-members only.
5. Volunteer Training: On hold due to the reason mentioned above.
6. Volunteer help with BLM photos and artifact curation: This includes scanning of Rock Art photos as a part of the Binder of Perry Mesa Rock Art and all other photos. Bryan didn’t feel that there was much effort needed in terms of curation of artifacts. Regardless, this will also have to wait for Bryan’s return from DC.

Scott Jones Presentation: Scott is currently working with the Friends of the Sonoran Desert National Monument, whose name is being changed to Arizona Conservation Partners. This will allow the renamed organization to work with all Friends organizations in Arizona to collaborate on mutual issues. Scott visualizes the new organization as being able to address common issues like insurance, volunteer agreements, increasing membership, staff-related work loads, etc. Scott may be reached at scott@azconservationpartners.org.

Site Stewards Liaison: Shelley Rasmussen reported that there was a new individual in charge of the program – someone named Paula. Shelley, and other site stewards present, were unsure of her last name. There is a Land Manager’s meeting scheduled for February 7th and a conference for all Site Stewards in the Tubac area the last weekend of March. Lindsey Brown has been named as the new Salt River Site Steward Manager and is trying to get “Site Kits” for that area.

AAS Liaison: Nothing new to report.

FAFNM Board Liaison: Mike Nushawg reported on the last Friends Board meeting. Most of the meeting was taken up with a presentation by Scott Jones and similar to the one that Scott presented to our group today.

Tim Flood’s clean up did not take place and is being reorganized and rescheduled.

There is a tour of LaPlata being schedule through BLM for a limited number of Super Bowl attendees on January 30th. Shelley Rasmussen and Trudy Mertens are acting as guides.

The purchase of two 40-acre Cross-Y Ranch parcels on Black Mesa has been finalized.

There are three or four Applied Science Research project applications in process which must be submitted by early February. ASU has several of them. This application process is an annual event and decisions will be made by mid-year.

The committee which handles recreation and outreach is looking or a new chair.

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley Rasmussen reported that activity is currently on hold waiting for a response from Amy at Game and Fish. Amy has the proposed language for the interpretive sign and is tweaking it. When she is done she will get back to Shelley.
2. Sleepy Hollow Rock Art Recording: Sandy Haddock mentioned that she has lots of material from Linda Dorsey’s estate, but that the photos with mug board information are missing. They may have been given to Evelyn Billo in Flagstaff. Evelyn is checking and will forward anything she finds to Sandy. JJ Golio, as part of the Site Steward actions to begin monitoring the site, took photos of the glyphs also and will forward those to Sandy. At that point Sandy will analyze everything and determine what needs to be accomplished. At this point she feels that it will probably require re-photographing and drawing all the glyphs.
3. March, 2015 Archaeology Month Activities: According to JJ Golio, the March 7th hike to Badger Springs Ruin and the Badger Springs Petroglyphs has been cancelled.
4. Little Colorado River AAS Chapter Field Trip: An email from Connie Stone stated that the Little Colorado River chapter had decided not to do the AFNM field trip this year as they already had three major trips planned. They may elect to undertake the trip in 2016.
5. Rock Art Recording at Wagon Wheel Site: An email from Barbara Gronemann stated that those volunteers who were going to participate in the recording efforts at Wagon Wheel must have completed a volunteer agreement with BLM. If they want, Barbara can email one to them. Bryan Lausten had the attendees at the December Committee meeting sign new forms and got another three signed at today’s meeting. Several of those were people who wanted to participate at Wagon Wheel.

New Business

1. Ranch Day at the Teskey Site: This is now being conducted as a Site Steward activity and will include possible side trips to the 1891 School House site and the Riverview Rock Art site. It was mentioned that the latter has incurred new graffiti in yellow paint.
2. January 17th Pato Hike recap: JJ Golio reported that this hike was cancelled.

3. Old Collections/What do we do now? Trudy Mertens brought in some lithic artifacts that had once been held by Don Peru, along with some maps and publications relating to Michigan archaeology. Her question related to their best utilization or disposition. It was agreed that it would be best if some educational facility could use them for teaching purposes. JJ Golio was going to check with a couple of her contacts to see if they could use them.
4. Friends of TNF/Friends of AFNM relationship: The question was raised as to what this relationship actually was. To those in attendance, it appeared that FAFNM was utilizing its 501(c)(3) designation to allow donors to FTNF to get a tax deduction until FTNF has its own 501(c)(3). The monies are being deposited into the FAFNM bank account and then being utilized by FTNF.
5. Mike Hoogendyk relayed information received from Bill Nightwine that Yavapai County Sheriff's Office was putting warning notes on cars parked in the area of the Kiosk at I-17/Bloody Basin Road saying that they would be ticketed for parking there in the future. Bryan Lausten said that BLM will look into it.

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
March 10 & 12, 2015		Wagon Wheel RA Recording
March 18 & 20, 2015		Wagon Wheel RA Recording

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

January 22nd and 29th, 2015
February 20th and 24th, 2015 (?)
March 13th and 25th, 2015 (?)

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Mike Nushawg volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk