

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

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Site Steward
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Bryan Lausten, AFNM Archaeologist
Sandy Gauthier, AAS
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Larry Gauthier, AAS
Pete Reilly, Member

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Minutes: The minutes of June 16, 2015 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Bryan Lausten gave an update for BLM.

Bryan is glad to be back in Arizona after his detail to Washington, D.C. He had a good time while there.

- A. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) Update: An eighty percent survey on range improvements was completed and mitigated. The draft should be released for public review in about three weeks.
- B. Monument Ranger Update: There is still no monument Ranger. There is still a push for a replacement and waiting for a reply from the State BLM office.
- C. BLM Inventory of Cultural Site Signs: Bryan will check but believes the BLM has about 50 carsonite signs.
- D. Other: Bryan will have dates for volunteer training, volunteer help with BLM photos and artifact curation, the binder of Perry Mesa Rock Art, and Pueblo La Plata interpretation at the August meeting.

FAFNM Board Update: No one from the FAFNM was present but Connie Stone provided an input – the Annual Meeting will be September 26, 2015 at the Horseshoe Ranch.

Site Stewards Discussion: The Committee welcomed two new Site Stewards, Marie Davis and Larry Kraft.

AAS Discussion: The Yavapai Chapter President, Barbara Moebius, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on July 13, 2015. There will be a gathering on September 12, 2015 at the Smoki Museum at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

- A. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley reported the sign was finished. The final cost is \$1348.34, under the budgeted amount of \$1500. Once the sign company receives their money Shelley will pick up the sign. Larry Kraft, Pete Reilly and Mike Nushawg volunteered to install the sign.
- B. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording – ARAC Forms Meeting: This will be a one day meeting to evaluate the forms with the participants of the project. Barbara Gronemann and Gerry Haase have proposed several dates: August 20, 21, 25, or 26 – meeting time 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The

location for the meeting will be either at the BLM or the Cordes Lakes Motel/Diner Conference Room, still to be determined. Mike Hoogendyk will set up a Doodle for the participants.

- C. Teskey Vandalism Repairs: Sandy Gauthier reported the repairs were accomplished in two short days of work. Photos were emailed to Sarah Striker. The FAFNM Treasurer received the invoice by email and Karen LaFrance authorized payment to the contractor. Bryan will look into setting up game cameras to capture any future vandalism.
- D. Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting: The meeting is taking place on Wednesday, September 23rd in Phoenix. The participants are mostly retired BLM people. Connie Stone has set up a bus tour to Badger Springs for the approximate 60 participants. Shelley Rasmussen, Marie Davis and Trudy Mertens and Barbara Gronemann volunteered to help. Barbara will talk about the rock art and the rock art recording project conducted at the confluence of Badger Springs Wash and the Agua Fria River.
- E. Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2015/2016: Pete Reilly researched graffiti removal products and methods and presented handouts with literature and photos. Chemical products are toxic, lasers and sandblasting are options, heating the painted graffiti has been tried in other areas. The BLM has to have an Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to any work being performed and a conservationist needs to evaluate the area. The budget request for graffiti removal has to be submitted by September.
Pete provide a list of necessary items for survey totaling approximately \$1150. Bryan noted there were additional items needed for survey and he will furnish that list to Pete. Bryan suggested a transit for distance measurements thus eliminating range finders and tape measures – approximate cost \$250-\$300.
- F. No Littering Signs: Seven signs were installed – 2 at Black Mesa, 3 at Badger Springs, and 2 at the Bloody Basin entrance to the Monument.
- G. Potential Revamping of Cultural Resources Committee: The Committee voted to move the meetings to the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve starting with the August meeting. There was a group discussion on Committee activities.
- H. Point Extreme Well Upgrades: The removal of the windmill (downed in a storm) was questioned. Was that windmill and associated ranch equipment considered historic? Bryan said it was not a historic property. That the windmill had landscape appeal evoking the old times of ranching history was noted. The Committee opinion is to protect similar sites if possible.

New Business:

No new business for discussion.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	Noon – 2:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale. Mike Nushawg volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Gauthier