

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Member/Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Visitor (Site Steward)
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Angela Huster, BLM Temp Archaeologist
Bryan Lausten, BLM Monument Archaeologist
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Chris Reed, Visitor
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Ross, Member
Lila Elam, Visitor (Site Steward)
Peter Huegl, Visitor (DVPP)

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of October 20, 2015 were approved.

BLM Update: Angela Huster gave the BLM update.

Angela is going to be working for BLM on a 60 day assignment through December 20, 2015. At the moment she is working on range management as part of the CRMP process, basically checking on such items as proposed pipeline improvements.

Hawk Thule and Tye Robinson are handling temporary assignments as Monument Ranger.

Bryan Lausten arrived late during the meeting and added that there is a CRMP meeting regarding the EA this afternoon. He also will plan for field work starting in January, 2016 and will have a projected schedule of field work at the December, 2015 Committee meeting.

FAFNM Board Update: Mike Hoogendyk sat in on the FAFNM teleconference Board Meeting November 12, 2015. He mentioned several items from the meeting.

The Board would like Shelley Rasmussen to write up a report (with photos if possible) regarding the new interpretive sign about rock art at the Horseshoe Ranch. She should provide that to Amanda James, Monument Manager so that BLM can use it in their publicity and Sarah Striker, FAFNM President, for the same purposes. Other people who experience great activities on the monument should write up those also and submit them in a similar fashion.

Sarah Striker sent information to Connie Stone about a rock art conservator out of Las Vegas, NV, who could help us with information regarding the rock art vandalism at River View. If possible, the Committee should try and take her out to the site if she is in the area.

There is a new BLM video regarding grazing on the monument. Mike Hoogendyk will try and send a link to it for all the Committee members.

Volunteer hours may now be registered on the FAFNM web site. Once entered, the member will receive an email confirmation of the hours having been recorded.

Volunteers are urgently needed to work on the newsletter, web design and event planning. Contact the FAFNM President or Vice President to volunteer.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings: Shelley Rasmussen indicated that she had three metal "Archaeological Site" signs which could be used on the monument if Bryan Lausten would like to

indicate where they should be used. Volunteers from the Committee could place them. Lila Elam indicated that she also had a few.

Lila Elam indicated that after many years of working as the Site Stewards' Regional Coordinator for the Agua Fria Region, she was stepping down. Mike Nushawg will be taking her place.

Mike Hoogendyk, Larry Kraft and Marie Davis recently hiked to the general location of the epicenter of the strongest of the three earthquakes which struck the monument on December 1, 2015. All they found was ruins. And some really cool petroglyphs.

Old Business:

1. **Wild at Heart Update:** Marie Davis continues to work with Sherry at Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, still aiming for a program sometime in January or February, 2016.
2. **Project Archaeology:** Connie Stone helped put together a workbook for this program some twenty years ago. BLM runs it out of Montana State University. They are hoping to set up again in Arizona. Jennie Moe (sp?) heads up the program. Marie Davis has talked to her. They need a new archaeological person in Arizona to run the program. All books are curriculum related and titled, "Investigations". BLM also needs partners to fund it. MCCC could help pull it together as a partner. They would start with "Investigate Rock Art" and then the participants would visit the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. The web site is projectarchaeology.org.
3. **Sleepy Hollow Rock Art Recording:** This project is now complete. A binder with all the maps and worksheets along with a CD with photographs of all the glyphs was presented to Bryan Lausten, the BLM Archaeologist.
4. **2016 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** Shelley is meeting at SHPO this coming Thursday and will check to see if we can include on their schedule a hike to the Badger Springs Petroglyphs. That would take place on March 12, 2016. She will also check about a Friends table at Casa Grande for the actual Expo which takes place on March 5, 2016.
5. **Equipment Purchases Per New Budget:** Mike Hoogendyk will communicate with Pete Reilly on proceeding to purchase the approved equipment.
6. **Geocaching Links:** Angela Huster agreed to contact April Kamp-Whittaker, Outreach Committee Chair, regarding the links to the Geocaching website. Once we have that, the Committee and the regional site stewards can work to insure that none of the caches are near actual archaeological sites.
7. **1891 School House Cleanup:** The Doodle that was set up last month only generated two volunteers. As a result, Shelley Rasmussen revisited the subject today and signed up five volunteers for 9:00am on Monday, December 7, 2015. Larry Kraft, Marie Davis, Mike Hoogendyk and Angela Huster agreed to meet with Shelley to get the plant growth cut back from the site. Mike Hoogendyk will send a reminder several days in advance.
8. **FAFNM Membership Forms:** Members of the Committee still need some Friends membership forms. Shelley Rasmussen passed out three or four to people in attendance at today's meeting. Angela Huster will check with the Outreach Committee Chair to see if they have any.

New Business:

1. **Vidal Candelaria Inscription:** The three members who went on the Earthquake Epicenter hike also located some really cool rock art. One item was the name "Vidal Candelaria" with the date of February 27, 1914. Several people, including Gerry Haase, have been researching the name and learning more about the Candelaria sheepherding family in NM and AZ during the 1800s and early 1900s.
2. **Dry-Laid vs. Mortar:** A question was raised about prehistoric construction techniques on the Monument. Were the habitation sites built using dry-laid rocks or mortar? Although the question

couldn't be answered in a definitive fashion at this point, it was surmised that there were multiple techniques utilized and that this is a factor that should be investigated in future visits to the monument. If walls are found exhibiting one technique or another, take pictures and make notes so that the Committee might be informed on the subject and the records filed with BLM.

3. **Coordination with Friends of TNF CRC:** Communications with Scott Wood revealed that the TNF Cultural Resource people are planning on expanding the survey work in the area of Brooklyn Basin. Larry Ross stated that the current schedule is for a training session near Seven Springs on December 5th and a survey on December 6th. FAFNM Cultural Resource folks should contact Scott at JScottWood@aol.com if they want to participate.
4. **Timeline for History of CRC Major Events:** Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President, has requested that we provide him with information on past major events in which the Committee participated. He is creating a history timeline for the Friends website. Mike Hoogendyk provided a draft start on the project and members of the Committee were requested to send any additional information to Mike so that he can provide a more complete listing to Chris.
5. **Black Canyon City Heritage Center:** Connie Stone is working with the BCC folks to come up with interpretive information regarding the Petroglyphs of AFNM. The results will be showcase in the new Heritage Center. She passed out her draft and asked that the Committee members review it and provide her with any comments or suggestions.
6. **Trash at the Black Mesa Entrance:** Larry Kraft mentioned, once again, how bad the trash there has gotten and suggested that some major cleanup activity was required. Lila Elam asked why the gate that had closed off that turn-around couldn't be replaced. All present seem to think that was a very enlightened observation. Bryan Lausten took notes. This is something requiring follow-up.
7. **AFNM Information at Sunset Point:** Marie Davis noticed that information about the monument was lacking at the rest stop. She thought maybe we could provide them some information in exchange for them helping with the trash in some fashion.

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 Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve
3/5/2016	9am – 4pm	AZ Archaeological Expo, Casa Grande Ruins Natl. Mon.
3/12/2016		Badger Springs Archaeology Month Activity
5/27-30/2016		ARARA Annual Conference, Las Cruces, NM

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(Will be updated at the December, 2015 meeting)

The meeting adjourned at 1:5e pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk