

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Nushawg, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Visitor
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Chris Reed, Visitor
April Kamp-Whittaker, Member
Amanda James, BLM Monument Manager

Call to Order: Mike Nushawg called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of September 15, 2015 were approved.

BLM Update: Amanda James gave the BLM update.

There were 16 people that showed up for the National Public Lands Day work at Badger Springs. The group cleaned up litter around the monument entrance and then worked on seeding of the old roads which had been closed. Amanda was very pleased with the turnout.

Bryan Lausten, Monument Archaeologist, continues to recover from his surgery and may be back to work part-time in two weeks.

BLM is still in the process of trying to approve hiring a temporary archaeologist, Angela Huster for 60 days.

Staff is still working on the cultural resource and wildlife sections of the draft CRMP. Those sections have been mostly held up because of staffing problems.

The CRMP-related EA is also being worked on.

The new portal signs are scheduled for delivery in December. They will be installed in 2016.

The Wet/Dry Mapping project is going to be partnering with Daniel Allen, a professor at ASU. Professor Allen will be using the data to compare to other Arizona waterways.

The new District Manager, Leon Thomas, started work this week.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly, who is now a new Director-at-Large on the FAFNM Board, is recuperating in the hospital from knee replacement surgery which took place yesterday. Mike Hoogendyk reviewed the minutes from the most recent Board Meeting in Pete's absence. Most important was the appointment of Connie Stone as the new Cultural Resources Committee Chair. A discussion was held about membership terms: If someone pays today, does that payment only provide membership through the end of the 2015 year? Some people may be holding off paying membership until the end of the year so they get a full 12 months of membership for their money. In the past, many people paid their dues just prior to the Annual Meeting. Did that give them only 3 months membership? Or was it good until the next Annual Meeting? No one was clear about how that worked. We need clarification from the Board.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings: Marie Davis reported on pecking she found as a Site Steward near the Badger Spring petroglyph panels. She indicated there was no actual damage to the panels themselves. Mike Nushawg reported that he attended a filming activity that was taking place at the Brooklyn Basin cliffs. Bill Nightwine is working with Paula Lepson, the state coordinator for Site

Stewards, and Scott Wood, retired TNF Archaeologist, to make the film on behalf of the State Site Steward program.

Old Business:

1. **Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation:** Shelley reported that the interpretive sign has finally, after many years of struggle to develop and manufacture, been installed on a boulder near the north side of the ranch house.
2. **Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording:** Barbara Gronemann indicated that the final version of the new ARAC forms (updated after doing the recording at Wagon Wheel) has been posted at www.arizonarockartcoalition.org/forms.html. She thinks the prior version is going to be posted also for comparative purposes. People wanting to do rock art recording can utilize them as is or modify them for their own use.
3. **Wild at Heart Update:** Marie Davis has been in touch with Sherry at Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve and gotten the okay to proceed with this project, aiming for some time in January or February, 2016.
4. **Project Archaeology:** In Trudy Mertens' absence, Marie Davis indicated that they were continuing to contact folks involved with the program to determine how to proceed. Joel Clark at NAU and Jeannie from BLM in Montana were individuals they had contacted. Barbara Gronemann displayed a copy of a 1996 manual entitle "Intrigue of the Past" which was being used in Arizona years ago. The need is for a new Arizona Director of the program. Information about the program can be found at www.projectarchaeology.org.
5. **Other:** 1891 School House Cleanup. Shelley Rasmussen wanted to schedule a cleanup for this area, but was confused about the need (or not) for an EA first. Amanda James indicated that if the group wanted to do a "cut and scatter" operation with no digging, that no EA was required. Mike Hoogendyk agreed to set up a Doodle for possible work dates. Amanda James requested that we take pictures that can be used in BLM publicity channels.
6. **Other:** Geocaching. Shelley indicated that when she last visited the 1891 School House Site, one of the visitors in the Sign-In Log stated their purpose for visiting was to geocache, which Shelley disliked. It was agreed that nothing restricts geocaching on the monument except for the caveat that no geocaches were to be located on archaeological sites. April Kamp-Whittaker agreed to send Mike Hoogendyk the link to the geocaching website which shows the caches on the monument. Supposedly, if one is found to be in a restricted area, it can be removed from the web site.

New Business:

1. **Back to Sleepy Hollow?** Mike Hoogendyk has talked to Sandy Haddock who received from Linda Dorsey's estate much of the original records about the recording that has already taken place. Evidently, all that is needed now is to photograph and draw each of the boulder panels. All the mapping and boulder forms have already been completed. When Sandy Haddock is able to schedule a day to do this, we will get it done.
2. **Equipment Purchases per New Budget:** A motion was made and approved to have Pete Reilly, when he is back on his feet after the knee surgery, do whatever is necessary to go ahead and purchase the equipment which was in the budget submission he gave to the FAFNM Board.
3. **2016 AZ Arch Expo Proposals:** After discussion about the March, 2016 Archaeology Month activities, it was agreed that the Cultural Resources Committee would conduct a March 12th Badger Springs petroglyph event and the Outreach Committee would work on a March 5th FAFNM table at the Expo in Casa Grande. Shelley Rasmussen will take care of getting the Badger Springs forms into the State by the November 15th deadline. April Kamp-Whittaker, the

Chair of the Outreach Committee, who was in attendance at this meeting, will take care of whatever requirements there are for exhibiting at the Expo.

4. **Possible Old Electric Poles on Perry Mesa?** Mike Hoogendyk showed pictures of some fence post-like structures he and Mike Nushawg had located which had large, high-voltage insulators attached. Although the initial assumption was that they had located some old electrical lines, discussions with Scott Wood, retired TNF Archaeologist, indicated the posts were more likely remnants of an old fence line around a watering tank. The possibility then exists that the insulators were being utilized as ground anchors or dead weights for the fence itself. Something to think about on future hikes and while researching cattle ranching in the area.
5. **Boy Scout Request for Archaeological Presentation:** Mike Hoogendyk and Amanda James talked about a request received by BLM from a local Boy Scout Troop. They are getting ready to hike and camp on the monument and wanted some information about “Do’s and Don’ts” along with what they could expect to find and some history of the prehistoric cultures. Mike Hoogendyk and Chris Reed agreed to provide a 30 minute Power Point supported presentation to the troop on Monday, November 9th.
6. **FAFNM Membership Forms:** Shelley Rasmussen needs more membership forms, both personally and for use at the DVPP. April Kamp-Whittaker indicated she’d check with her committee to find out who has them and help coordinate getting some to Shelley. The others in attendance indicated they could use some, too.
7. **Educational Brochure Regarding AFNM Wildflowers:** Shelley Rasmussen showed a sample brochure from Escalante NM with pictures and descriptions of wildflowers growing on that monument. Her hope was that we could get a similar wildflower brochure for AFNM. Amanda James pointed out that Desert Botanical Gardens has a plant list for the monument and suggested that might be a starting point. There is also a web site set up by DBG for flowers.

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
10/28/2015	10:00am	2016 Arch Expo Planning Meeting, AZ State Parks, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix
11/7/2015		6 th Biennial Three Corners Conference, Las Vegas, NV
11/15/2015		Deadline for 2016 Arch Expo form submission
1/14-16/2016		15 th Biennial Southwest Symposium, Tucson
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
(Postponed until Bryan’s return from medical leave)

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk