

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Nushawg, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Site Steward
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Larry Ross, Member
Trudy Mertens, Site Steward
Pete Reilly, Member

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

Minutes: The minutes of August 18, 2015 were approved.

BLM Update: An email from Amanda James, Monument Manager, provided an update on BLM activities in Bryan Lausten's absence. Excerpts are as follows:

1. "...cultural resource project work is on hold until we hire a temporary archaeologist or Bryan's return. We are in the process of trying to hire a temp. archaeologist for 30-60 days. We will let the committee know if we are successful in bringing on additional assistance."
2. "We are hoping the CRMP will be final in November. Staff are currently working on their portions, however there are large personnel gaps with both agencies right now which include an archaeologist and wildlife biologist."
3. "BLM is hoping to hire a park ranger this fiscal year. Filling the position is dependent on the annual budget."
4. "Bryan Lausten's surgery went very well. He is at home recovering. It is possible he may be returning in October."
5. "AFNM is hosting a tour for the Public Lands Foundation annual meeting on 9/23. Thank you to the Cultural Resource Committee members who offered assistance."
6. "The AFNM staff plans on attending the Friends of the AFNM annual meeting on 9/26."
7. "The AFNM's National Public Lands Day is October 17th. Please contact Amanda James for additional information."
8. "The Phoenix District recently announced Leon Thomas as the new District Manager. ..."

FAFNM Board Update: Mike Hoogendyk and Pete Reilly both attended the September 10th Friends' Board Meeting and reported on it.

1. The FAFNM Annual Meeting is being held at the Horseshoe Ranch on Saturday, September 26th. If you want to vote on the Nominating Committee Report or any other items, you need to be a member. You can join or renew at the Friends' web site.
2. A recommendation was made by FAFNM President, Karen LaFrance, regarding "reconstituting" the Friend's Cultural Resources Committee and establishing a separate "Perry Mesa Area" Cultural Resources Consortium. The former would have an appointed Chair and be populated by FAFNM members only. The latter would be comprised of individuals from FAFNM, Site Stewards, Arizona Archaeology Association, Friends of Tonto NF and whoever else might be interested, but would be separate from FAFNM. Discussions regarding details, timing and how all this would affect relationships with the agencies are still underway.

3. Each committee member should forward their total Fiscal 2015 (10/1/2014 to 9/30/2015) FAFNM cultural resource related volunteer hours (other than the monthly committee meeting itself) to Karen LaFrance with a copy to Mike Hoogendyk. Do not duplicate hours already reported to Site Stewards or elsewhere.

Site Stewards Discussion: Shelley Rasmussen reported that the Site Stewards regional coordinators held their meeting and Lila Elam, who oversees Site Stewards on AFNM, was able to attend. Several new AFNM Sites were added to their program.

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

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley reported that the sign was still encountering red tape difficulties, mainly a reported required AAA (Arizona Antiquities Act) project specific permit costing \$8.00, according to John Holman, the Arizona Game and Fish archaeologist. All this for an 18 inch hole to “plant” an interpretive sign about the rock art. Shelley will bring the sign with her to the FAFNM Meeting and we can discuss alternatives. Maybe mounting on the side of the ranch house or on top of a rock cairn.
2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording – Barbara Gronemann is calling another meeting to go over the form changes recommended at the last ARAC meeting and made by Gerri Haase. After discussion at that meeting, the attendees will vote on the changes. Mike Hoogendyk will do a “Doodle” to set up the meeting time at Cordes Lakes.
3. Project Archaeology: Trudy Mertens has contact information for those responsible for this educational program in Arizona and is going to contact them for details. Hopefully a training sessions for Friends’ volunteers, teachers and other interested parties can be held. Options include: 1) Holding the initial training session at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve and inviting Ken Zoll from the Verde Valley Archaeological Center, or 2) Letting VVAC host the training session. Project Archaeology now has an on-line web site and can conduct training sessions on the Internet. Teachers who participate can get credit hours.
4. Mike Nushawg questioned an item on the list of “Tabled Items” on the back of the Agenda: “Rock Art Recording at Sleepy Hollow”. He wondered if that had ever been done. Several members volunteered it has not been completed, that Sandy Haddock had been working to obtain some of the prior work done at that site from Linda Dorsey’s family, and that it is hoped when cooler weather arrives the project can be completed.

New Business:

1. Marie Davis is going to contact Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve and discuss the possibility of having a presentation in February, 2016 by the “Wild At Heart” raptor rescue. The thought is that it could be held immediately following our February meeting and that DVPP would advertise it to their membership. It would also serve as “outreach” by FAFNM as the AFNM is where Marie first met them while they were releasing a group of hawks.

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 10:00am – 1:30pm 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 1:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale. Mike Nushawg volunteered to again be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk