

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Trudy Mertens, Member/Acting Chair
Chris Reed, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Peter Huegel, Member

Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Pete Reilly, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member

Guests from Friends of Tonto NF:

Alan Troxel
Dennis Dubois

Scott Wood
Sharon Dubois
Mary Kearny

Note: Some members of the

Call to Order: Trudy Mertens called the meeting to order at 11:58 am.

Minutes: The minutes of March 15, 2016 were approved.

BLM Update: No one from BLM was present, but Mike Hoogendyk read an email from Bryan Lausten, Monument Archaeologist.

“A. Status of CRMP: It has been decided in hopes to expedite the environmental process of the CRMP; (NEPA) the Forest Service and BLM will produce separate NEPA documents. This action does not affect the CRMP, or the hard work you all did in the past. This is only related to getting the required environmental documents produced to the standard of each agency.

B. Insurance/Site Stewards/Volunteer Agreements. We are finalizing the Position Descriptions (PD) for both the Site Stewards and BLM cultural volunteers and should be sending out agreements with the new PD attached to be filled out, the sooner we get them back to sooner we can request through the state that our (PDO) volunteers be allowed to continue.

C. Replacement of Interpretive Signs: Their is a new NLCS sign standard that all NLCS units must meet. We are currently working on getting signs identified and ready to be produced. The new signs, will not affect the text that is already in place. If anyone has the graphics for the Tesky sign it would be appreciated, so we can get that reproduced on the new sign.

D. Other? Unfortunately until the volunteer issue is resolved, (shortly I hope) te April 20th and May 6th and 20th field surveys are postponed.”

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update using the Board Minutes. Major items are as follows:

1. There is approximately \$19,000 in the treasury.
2. Because of the new website and database, all contracts with Cox and Civicore have been terminated.
3. Government reports recently required have been filed on time (Form 990 and AAC filing).

4. Agua Fria Day: Victoria North has been given temporary employment as a contractor to help organize this event. Meetings are being held bi-weekly for planning.
5. A new Friends brochure is in progress.
6. Volunteer Agreements: Anyone volunteering on the AFNM must have a signed individual volunteer agreement. Special events are covered by a group volunteer agreement. All volunteer hours must be documented on the Track It Forward website or emailed to Sarah Striker.
7. Tim Flood is temporarily filling in as Secretary while Danial Klosinski is on leave of absence.
8. The CRMP is still on-going. BLM and the Forest Service are going to complete separate NEPA reports.
9. BLM has received the next round of newly branded Monument signs.
10. During discussion of the above, Shelley Rasmussen agreed to head up planning for a Petroglyph Tour during the Agua Fria Days.
11. Mike Hoogendyk pointed out that the new FAFNM web site has committee information and a member's directory. You need to register and then sign-in for both the normal web site and also for Track It Forward, the system for logging volunteer hours. You can get to the web site at <https://friendsoftheaguafrianationalmonument.wildapricot.org>. Once there explore everything, but to get to the location for recording hours, click on "Members", then on "Report Your Volunteer Hours".
12. Discussion about the Volunteer Forms included: There is massive confusion as to individual forms vs. group activity forms; the number of forms required if you are doing different types of volunteering (archaeological survey, road surveys, Site Steward work, etc.); and, whether or not forms are actually available (the Board all signed forms, but Bryan Lausten says they are still being reviewed with respect to Position Descriptions). The Committee was flummoxed by the confusion and lack of progress. Marie Davis volunteered to get in touch with Lawrence Harper at BLM and see if he could clear up some of the confusion.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. Shelley Rasmussen is doing training for Site Stewards on April 30, 2016. She also mentioned the Site Stewards' 30 year anniversary event scheduled for June 7th and 8th.
2. Friends of Tonto NF exhibited at the recent Game & Fish event up on Carefree Highway. It was suggested that our Outreach Committee should make sure to get into that event next year. It was a very well attended event and is close to our neck of the woods.

Old Business:

1. **Project Archaeology:** Trudy Mertens expressed frustration at the lack of progress on this project. She obtained a copy of the Rock Art curriculum, but it really needs an education professional to review it and set it up for use with students in Arizona. Scott Wood felt like this would be a good project for both CRCs to work on jointly. Marie Davis took the material Trudy had obtained and was going to follow-up on it.
2. **Wild at Heart Presentation:** Marie Davis reported that the presentation, although done beautifully, was very scarcely attended. The actual time for the demo was delayed until additional visitors could be rounded up. Next year it needs to be in January, when more folks from up north are present to observe it. She also said that she and Barbara Gronemann displayed all the Friends' materials and gave out lots of brochures and some Jr. Ranger Handbooks.
3. **Other:** Mike Hoogendyk read part of an email from Sarah Striker in which she said that a review of the NEEF Grant info disclosed that any activities conducted under it must be held ON monument property. This will affect the plans to work next fall with the High Desert Heritage

Museum. If the event is held at the Museum, the monies from the grant can only be used for activities related to the tours on the monument that might be held.

New Business:

1. **Summer Meeting Location:** Although going into this meeting it was thought that we would have to find another location for the summer, the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve staff has figured out a way that we can continue at their location throughout the summer. You will just have to arrive no earlier than fifteen minutes before the meeting and leave no later than fifteen minutes afterwards. Those times are when they will open and close the gate at the entrance.

Friends of Tonto NF Cultural Resources: At 12:58pm Scott Wood, the Chair of the FOTNF Cultural Resources, took over the meeting.

Work on Perry Mesa: Scott Wood and David Abbott, the latter from ASU, have put together an on-going, long-term project on Perry Mesa to survey and study all the sites and develop a better chronology and understanding of the cultures that existed prehistorically. A major portion of that study involves research into the locations and sources of Phyllite tempered pottery (Wingfield) that was used on the mesa. They have started with surveys in the area of the larger pueblos on Tonto property at the eastern edge of the mesa, Rosalie and Brooklyn Basin. Already they have discovered new and surprising information, including new pit house locations and new ideas about which small sites are older and where they are located. This study is hoped to be able to expand to include the AFNM when and if agreements can be reached with BLM. In the really long-term, it could expand to other areas throughout central Arizona. Scott and David would love to have members of the FAFNM Cultural Resources participate with them, although there is only one more outing planned in the near future and then a hiatus until fall.

Copper Creek Administrative Area: Scott Wood indicated a desire to refurbish the cabin in that area for use with archaeological activities. Unfortunately, since Tonto NF archaeological staff has been recently decimated by his retirement, the departure of his replacement and the use of temporary help since, getting any permits or movement on his desires is going to be difficult in the short term. In the best case scenario, if permission could be obtained, then funds from some interested corporate sponsor might help accomplish the actual refurbishment.

General Sum-Up: Scott sees many areas in which the two cultural resource committees could work together on mutual areas of interest, including, in addition to boots on the ground work, public outreach and education activities which would support the Monument and the Forest.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Future Activities

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| 2 nd Thursdays | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office |
| 3 rd Tuesdays | 12:00pm – 2:00pm | Cultural Resources Committee at Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve |
| 5/7/2016 | 8am to Noon | Agua Fria Days at Horseshoe Ranch |
| 5/27-30/2016 | | ARARA Annual Conference, Las Cruces, NM |
| 6/7-8/2016 | | Site Steward’s 30 Year Anniversary Celebration, Plaza Hotel, Phoenix, AZ |
| 6/9-11/2016 | | Historic Preservation Conference, Plaza Hotel, Phoenix, AZ |

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk