

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Shelley Rasmussen, Member/Acting Chair Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Chris Reed, Member Barbara Gronemann, Member
Larry Kraft, Member Larry Ross, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member Pete Reilly, Member
Paul Vanderveen, Member April Kamp-Whittaker, Member
Bryan Lausten, BLM – Monument Archaeologist

Call to Order: Shelley Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of January 19, 2016 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Bryan Lausten gave the BLM Update.

1. Field Surveys are now scheduled for March 2, March 23, April 6, April 20, May 6th and May 20th. In each case participants will meet between 9:00am and 9:30am at the I-17/Bloody Basin exit. We will depart at 9:30am.
2. Bryan has not yet discussed with the Monument Manager the possibility of returning a gate to the east side of the I-17/Sunset Point Exit. This was suggested as a method of stopping all the trash dumping at the Black Mesa entrance to the Monument.
3. Status of CRMP: Bryan believe that the draft EA should be out in two to three weeks.
4. Volunteer Agreements: These are still being rewritten. There will probably be one agreement per person with an added paragraph if they are also working as a Site Steward. Hopefully they will be done in early March.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update.

1. He read an email from Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President, in which Chris outlined eight new directives from BLM regarding how volunteers should be operating under new rules being promulgated. Among those were the following: Any volunteers working as Road Crew or Patrol Crew should notify Paul Sitzmann at BLM by email several days beforehand if they are going to be out on the monument. Otherwise, without BLM's prior knowledge of the volunteer's visit, the BLM insurance will not cover any accidents. In addition, those volunteers participating in those two crews will be required to take an on-line defensive driving course.
2. On the 20th of February there will be a cleanup at the Black Mesa entrance opposite Sunset Point.
3. The Board has agreed to once again realign with the Conservation Lands Foundation (CLF) which will open up the possibility for additional grants. Sarah Striker, Chris Caseldine and Tim Flood are handling this.
4. Pete mentioned, although there was some confusion about it, that Amanda James, the Monument Manager, had announced some Monument archaeological sites had been reclassified to require Friends volunteer monitoring rather than Site Steward monitoring.

Possibly this has to do with the CRMP activities. It was not clear. Bryan Lausten is going to check on it to find out.

5. In discussion after Bryan's report it was questioned about Amanda James leaving for a new position. He confirmed that she is to report to Ukiah, CA on March 20th where she will be the new Field Office Manager.
6. **Status of "Agua Fria Days", April 23, 2016:** April Kamp-Whittaker indicated that current plans are for the celebration to open for members and vendors at 8:00am and for it to open for the public at 9:00am. It would run through Noon. They are working to see if it can be held at the Horseshoe Ranch, but have not yet received confirmation. Mike suggested that if Horseshoe fell through they might investigate the possibility of EZ Ranch which has hosted large events in the past.
7. **The Friends' Web Site:** Chris Caseldine is masterminding the redesign of the web site.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings: Nothing new was brought up in this category.

Old Business:

1. **Project Archaeology:** Trudy Mertens said this subject is still pending until she resolves her computer problems.
2. **2016 Arizona Archaeological Awareness Month – Archaeology Expo:** April Kamp-Whittaker indicated that the Outreach Committee is handling this event. They will have a booth with all the normal FAFNM literature. Committee volunteers are welcome to help.
3. **2016 Arizona Archaeological Awareness Month – Badger Springs Petroglyph Event:** Shelley Rasmussen reported that SHPO's advertising brochure had strangely and mistakenly indicated this event was a hike to the Badger Springs Pueblo. Since anyone wishing to participate was to contact Shelley for registration, it was agreed she would point out the mistake and sign them up if they still wanted to hike to view the petroglyphs. Barbara Gronemann and Trudy Mertens will manage the on-site activities for this March 12th event in the absence of both Connie Stone and Shelley Rasmussen. If anyone else can help it would be appreciated.
4. **Equipment Purchases Per New Budget:** Pete Reilly indicated he had completed the purchase of the proposed equipment. In addition, he also went above budget to obtain a storage bin for the equipment, some pin flags and a storage bag for the tripod.
5. **Geocaching Links:** Marie Davis has provided a link to Mike Hoogendyk where geocaches on the monument should be able to be tracked. Mike is pursuing it and will report on the results next month.
6. **FAFNM Membership Forms:** No forms have been received by anyone on the committee, but April indicated separately that the Outreach Committee is short on supplies of them and is looking at the possibility of updating them. Jim Riggs is working with Tim Flood on this.
7. **Status of Metal Signs from Site Steward Program:** Shelley Rasmussen provide another metal sign to Pete Reilly for posting on a State Land site. They will work together on where to post it.
8. **Wild at Heart Presentation:** Mike read another email from Marie Davis in which she indicated that the presentation will take place on the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserves' "Free Saturday" (3rd Saturday of each month) during March. That would be March 19th. The times are still being firmed up. Members of the Committee discussed the need to make sure DVPP indicated that the Friends were sponsoring the appearance.
9. **Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording:** Barbara Gronemann presented Bryan Lausten with the Committee's final report on this project. It was in the form of a 3-hole binder with all the ARAC forms, photos and a DVD with all the material.

New Business:

1. **New Rock Art Recording Site:** Mike Hoogendyk suggested that the Committee begin working on a new site for rock art recording. Several sites were brought up and it was agreed to visit a couple of them and then present a list of recommended sites to the Monument Archaeologist for a determination. Mike will set up a “Doodle” with possible dates for a hike to the first site and send it out to rock art recorders.
2. **AAHS Meeting in Tucson Last Night:** Mike Hoogendyk got to hear David Abbott, ASU Associate Professor, talk to the Arizona Archaeology and History Society in Tucson. His talk, which Mike described to everyone, was about the concept of the Verde Valley Confederacy and alternative possibilities. David has been working for several years on this and reported on the analysis of shared pottery throughout the region.
3. **Echos of the Past:** Shelley Rasmussen provided a copy for the files of another article on ranching history in the Perry Mesa area including references to Horseshoe Ranch.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Future Activities

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
2/20/2016		Cleanup at Black Mesa Entrance opposite Sunset Point
3/5/2016	9am – 4pm	AZ Archaeological Expo, Casa Grande Ruins Natl. Mon.
3/7-10/2016		Tri National Symposium, Ajo, AZ
3/12/2016		Badger Springs Archaeology Month Activity
4/23/2016	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

March 2 and 23, 2016
April 6 and 20, 2016
May 6 and 20, 2016

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale. Pete Reilly volunteer to be Acting Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk