

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Ron Tipton, BLM Monument Manager

Chris Reed, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
“Hawk” Thul, BLM Ranger

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of October 18, 2016 were approved as amended.

FAFNM Board Update: Larry Kraft and Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update. Major items were as follows:

1. **Finances:** The Friends’ has approximately \$28,300 in the bank which includes \$6,000 in a Conservation Lands grant. They also have \$4,500 coming from the Arizona State Parks to construct a trail between the Teskey Home Site and the 1891 School House Site. Ron Tipton recommended in future planning to front end the NEPA, EA and Sec. 106 contract work. If that is done first, then it is easy for BLM to come in afterwards and do what they need to accomplish.
2. **Constant Contact/Wild Apricot:** The former is being replaced by the latter and will no longer be needed.
3. **National Monuments:** Great Bend of the Gila, Bears Ears and Greater Grand Canyon monuments are all being proposed.
4. **Annual Report:** By December 1st we need to have one paragraph delivered to Chris Caseldine regarding the Committee’s 2016 accomplishments.
5. **Wet/Dry Mapping:** A date for this year’s work is going to be selected which will fall between June 17th and 24th.
6. **Phone Call-ins to the Board Meeting:** If you want to participate by phone with the monthly Friends’ Board meeting, the number to call is: 712-775-7031. The code is 864513. The meeting takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. The phone should be set up by 6:35pm. Just remember, it may cost you unless you have unlimited minutes.
7. **Board Position History:** Shelley Rasmussen pointed out that the current list of historical terms being used by the Board does not reflect several important facts. Glenda Simmons was President in 2011, Shelley was on the Board until 2012 and Sandy and Larry Gauthier were Archivists from 2004 until 2013. She gave Mike Hoogendyk a copy of two drafts of the Board Terms (one old and one new) and he is to provide them to Tim Flood who put together the new draft.

BLM Update: “Hawk” Huhl, Monument Ranger, and Ron Tipton, Monument Manager gave the BLM Update.

Cub Scouts: Hawk has a group of Cub Scouts from Cordes Lakes who have to conduct 10 hours of volunteer work on the monument. He is planning on using them to do cleanup and graffiti removal.

Problems with Litter, etc: If you see problems which need to be addressed, such as litter, damaged signs, graffiti or whatever, you should email Hawk and let him handle it. His email is ethul@blm.gov. If you want to copy Ron Tipton, his email is rtipton@blm.gov.

Carsonite Signs: Hawk can get Carsonite signs posts for you if you have a need to replace monument signs.

Map Holders: Hawk is working to put additional map holders out at places like the east monument entrance on Bloody Basin Road, the Teskey Site, etc.

Personnel: Ron has submitted paperwork to start the process of obtaining a replacement for the Archaeologist position. The Committee can assist in spreading the word about filling this vacancy. When it is posted, the more folks who can apply, the better our chances of getting a top notch applicant.

CRMP: BLM recently met with Micah from the Forest Service and they are now working on their EA which they hope to finish a draft in early 2017. This is ahead of where BLM is, but BLM is working to catch up. Realistically, if they can finish theirs in 2017, they will be happy.

Juniper Thinning: BLM is planning on continuing this project in early 2017.

Graffiti Near Bloody Basin Entrance: Ron will discuss this with Hawk (who left the meeting earlier) and make sure he is aware of the two types of graffiti: That scrawled on the kiosk and that on the boulders near the campground one half mile to the east.

Cell Phone Tours with QR Codes at Badger Springs: Marie Davis questioned whether or not these were working properly. Ron Tipton indicated he would check into it.

CADO Check-Ins: CADO stands for Central Arizona Dispatcher's Office: They operate from 6:00 am to 6:00pm to monitor folks working in the field. Once you are on their database, you can call them at 602-417-9440 and let them know where you are going. They keep track of you and if you don't call back when you are finished they will check with your significant other and possibly start a search for you. Ron is checking to see if we (those who have BLM Volunteer Agreements) are already on the list or if we have to be added. For insurance purposes you need to make sure you have also notified the Monument Archaeologist the day before you go out. At this moment, that would be Chris McLaughlin at cmclaugh@blm.gov.

Bi-Lingual Signs: BLM is working to set up Bi-Lingual signs in various areas (English/Spanish) to provide information to both Latinos and Latinas. This is as a part of a "Northstar" planning involving trends and mega trends out to 2025.

Adopt A Highway: While discussing litter and trash cleanup, the question was raised regarding whether or not the Friends' were still enrolled in the Adopt A Highway program. The sign on I-17 seems to be missing. Everyone thought it was important that this program be maintained. Ron indicated that there was also a program that involved another group which would extend the cleanup from the ADOT access roads on into the entrance areas and further. This needs to be clarified and implemented.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Scott Wood/David Abbott Survey:** There is a field survey scheduled for Sunday, November 20th on the Tonto NF side of Perry Mesa. Contact Scott at JScottWood@aol.com if you would like to participate.
2. **New Arizona Game and Fish Archaeologist:** The new Archaeologist is an old friend of the Committee, Jon Shumaker. We hope to work with him to finally get the Horseshoe Ranch rock art interpretive sign properly installed on the post that was built for it.
3. **Public Lands Day:** There were approximately 30 people who showed up on October 29th and 14 that took the hike which Connie led down to the Badger Springs petroglyphs.

Old Business:

1. **Recap of Partnering for Protection Workshop on 10/27/2016:** Our Committee had ten attendees (approximately half the attendees) at this workshop which covered laws, regulations and acts affecting Public Lands since 1781.
2. **Recap of Trip to Petrified Forest National Park on November 13, 2016:** This trip was attended by nine Committee members and one spouse. Amy Schott, Park Ranger, led the group to two locations: One was a 1.5 mile hike on the north side of the park which included a 1800s stage coach station and some petroglyphs (prehistoric and historic). The second was 28 miles south on the south side of the park and was a 3.0 mile hike. That one included petroglyphs and several habitation sites including a multi-room pueblo on top of the mesa.
3. **2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** Connie and Shelley had coordinated on this since the last meeting and filed a form with the State to set up the Friends' activity as a hike to Lost Jupiter. It will be advertised as a petroglyph hike and will take place at 9:00am on Saturday, March 18, 2017. There will be a limit of how many can attend and they must RSVP through Shelley.

New Business:

1. **Developing an Annual Action Plan:** As a result of what we learned at the Partnering for Protection Workshop, Connie Stone is going to begin work on an Annual Action Plan for the Committee. If you have projects or items which you feel should be included on the plan, please forward your thoughts about them to Connie over the next few weeks. She hopes to have a draft done by the first of the year.
2. **Committee Goals Going Forward:** A discussion was also held regarding the possibility of becoming more active as "advocates" for the monument. The initial consensus is that this would only be a priority if something major came up. Otherwise we will be working on more archaeology related activities.
3. **Committee Visit to AFNM Site:** We reviewed the May 16, 2016 list of future rock art recording sites which had been contemplated at that time. Mike Hoogendyk is going to put together a "Doodle" over the next few days to determine the best date for the Committee to go out and visit site number 3 on the list. It is in the Batt Tank area. Afterwards we can compare it to the other top sites and make a decision on where we would like to start.
4. **Archaeology Café Tonight:** Mike Hoogendyk reminded everyone that tonight is Archaeology Café night. The speaker is Scott Ortman and the title of his presentation is "Re-thinking 17th Century New Mexico". The presentation starts at 6:00pm, but be early to get a seat and order something to eat.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

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 BLM Office
3/18/2017	9:00am	2017 Archaeology Month Petroglyph Hike

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk