

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Chris Reed, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist
Ron Tipton, BLM AFNM Manager

Call to Order: Larry Kraft called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Connie Stone arrived a few minutes later and assumed the position of Chairperson.

Minutes: The minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Ron Tipton, BLM Monument Manager, gave the BLM Update.

1. **Personnel Update:** The district got a grant for an intern and a (first name?) Deaton from Farmington, NM is now working on both GIS projects and Archaeology. He's scanning in archaeology maps and site information from Archaeology Southwest. Also, AJ Whiteman was introduced as additional help with new signs and various ranger related work.
2. **CADO:** Ron is going to follow-up on the new CADO cards.
3. **CRMP:** Paul Sitzmann and the rest of the BLM team will be meeting tomorrow to divvy up responsibility for many different tasks. Working on CRMP related jobs will be part of this.
4. **NCLS Managers Meeting:** On April 16th, 17 and 18th the NCLS Managers will be meeting. On the 16th they will be meeting at BLM on 7th Avenue which will require the Cultural Resources Committee to meet in a different room. On the 17th they will be touring Pueblo Pato in the afternoon. Connie Stone, Mike Hoogendyk and several other committee members will be there to show them around and talk about the site.
5. **New Monument Signs:** AJ Whiteman has installed several of the smaller signs, but the larger monument welcome signs at the main portals have been held up due to technical problems with sign supports. They weren't necessarily designed for Arizona weather and need some new colorized bolts instead of the glue used elsewhere. As a result, their installation has been delayed.

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

1. **Grant Funds for the Teskey/School House Trail:** Last heard, Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President, was checking into whether or not these funds could be used for Pueblo La Plata interpretation.
2. **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** No new information. With Victoria South having vacated the position of Administrative Assistant, this project may have been temporarily derailed. They are interviewing for a replacement for Victoria at this time.
3. **Prescribed Burns:** BLM burned 174 acres of Juniper NE of Cordes Junction in late March.
4. **IMB (Inventory of Migratory Birds):** This has been scheduled for May 7th.

5. **Travel Management:** BLM is working on a travel management plan for their properties on the west side of I-17.
6. **Friends Finances:** The Treasurer got a \$250 donation from Amy Flood. He also reported that we got a \$400 refund from the BCC Heritage Park for having paid too much rent for our space there.
7. **Fish and Plant Surveys:** BLM is going to be conducting fish surveys in Lousy and Larry Canyons. They are also looking for volunteers to help with vegetation surveys and counts. If you're interested, contact Paul Sitzmann. As an aside, Pete Huegel was interested in finding out if anyone has spotted any Globe Chamomile, an invasive plant species, on the monument.
8. **Populations of Large Game:** Arizona Game and Fish has reported that populations of large game such as deer, Pronghorn and Javelina are all on the upswing across the monument.
9. **Brainstorming Session:** During part of the meeting, a brainstorming session was held. The major take-away for Larry and Pete was that the Pueblo La Plata interpretive plan should be revitalized with the Cultural Resources Committee taking the lead and the Natural Resources Committee participating.
10. **Audubon Event at SDNM:** On April 29th at 9:00am, there will be a bird related event at the Sonoran Desert National Monument. Neither Larry nor Pete had any additional information.
11. **Cliff Hersted Memorial:** On April 26th at 1:00pm there will be a memorial service held for Cliff Hersted at the Cordes Junction Visitors Center.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Friends of TNF Surveys:** Scott Wood has surveys scheduled for the following three Saturdays: April 29th, May 13th and June 3rd. They will probably continue working in the Hackberry Wash area, but no guarantees.

Old Business:

1. **“Annual Action Plan” for the Committee:** Connie Stone is continuing to make changes to the plan. She's working on an appendix which will include all sites open to the public and is considering interpretive sign projects for some of them: Pato, Badger Springs RA, Baby Canyon Pueblo and Arrastre Creek. As an aside, Chris McLaughlin is working on Site Kits for the sites assigned to Site Stewards. Connie also wants to expand the information included on outreach events such as Book Fests, etc. She also thought it might be good to include the Pottery ID Training and the signs and maintenance work the Committee does.
2. **Black Mesa North Site Documentation:** Since the last meeting it has been determined that the site discussed for our next recording project has not been recorded. Chris McLaughlin checked out prior survey work in the area and a separate email was received from Gerry Haase which seemed to indicate that their prior work was done outside this area. Although we probably won't schedule actual recording work until the late fall, between now and then we can put together work plans, set up forms and review the other survey/recording work done nearby.
3. **Horseshoe Ranch RA Interpretive Sign:** The last Mike Hoogendyk heard, Jon Shuman, the AZGFD Archaeologist, was going to stop by and evaluate the area around the sign. Our preference is for him to locate a spot where we can “plant” the sign by digging an 18 inch hole for the sign post we purchased. If that is not possible, then Pete Reilly will work to more securely fasten the sign to boulder where it now resides.
4. **Committee Funds Budgeted for 2017:** There are two possible items needed for the outreach events in which Cultural Resources Committee participates: Nice decorated table cloths and a banner with the Friends' name and logo. Both of these could still be lost in the storage room at the BCC Heritage Center. In order to resolve these issues, Mike Hoogendyk is going to contact Bob Cothorn on the Friends' Board and see if we can hold our monthly meeting at the center on

Tuesday, June 20th. It would be a work meeting and we can further sort out and arrange all the materials in the outside, locked storage room. In addition, Pete Reilly can get the survey supplies out of his office and into the BCC storage. If we don't find the banner and table cloths, then we will go to the Board and get them to authorize purchase of new ones out of our annual budget.

5. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft managed to get Chris Caseldine to post some of Larry's proposed hikes on the Friends web site. However, there haven't been any responses. Larry was hoping to get some hits from the non-member public, but he hasn't got any hits at all. Pete Reilly said he had personally registered for one hike, but Larry received no information about it. They were going to follow up and see why the system wasn't working. In addition, Pete Reilly is going to check with Chris Caseldine and see if he can email the web site URL out to all members again. Pete seemed to think that most members had no idea where it was, including him.
6. **Project Archaeology Webinars:** This project is going to be removed from the Old Business and semi-tabled for the moment. Despite that, Chris McLaughlin is going to check with the powers that be within BLM to see if there is a Project Archaeology instructor somewhere in the area who could work with us.
7. **Possible Workshop on Navajo Weaving:** This is still pending. Last month we decided it would be good to try and put it on at ASU's Petroglyph Preserve, but they still haven't reopened. Barbara Gronemann has contacts, but none of them have responded to discuss it.
8. **Seedlings Washed Away:** It was reported last month by Trudy Mertens and Shelley Rasmussen that the seedlings planted in the area of Riverview and/or River Bend were washed away by recent Agua Fria River flooding. Mike Hoogendyk promised to pass on this clarification to Paul Sitzmann.

New Business:

1. **May, 2017 NCLS Managers Meeting:** This item was covered in the BLM report above.
2. **“Do's and Don'ts” on State Trust Land:** Trudy Mertens shared an Arizona State Land Department flyer that she had received last month at the state-wide archaeology expo. It listed things you can and cannot do with a recreational land use permit and had a QR code for scanning which took you to the state site. Everyone agreed that similar information for the monument would be good. Chris McLaughlin said BLM was developing QR codes with similar information for the monument – it was even working already at the Badger Springs Rock Art trail head. For the moment, no action was taken on this subject.
3. **Archaeology Café Tonight:** Tonight is the last Archaeology Café being presented this season in the Phoenix area by Archaeology Southwest. Lewis Borck is the speaker and his subject will be, “The Edge of Salado: Connections and Disconnections”. They meet after 5:30pm at Macayo's Depot Cantina, 300 S. Ash Avenue in Tempe, AZ. The presentation will begin at 6:00pm. If you haven't been before and get these minutes in time, tonight would be a good night to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:45 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
Mid-May		BioBlitz
6/17/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping Training at BLM Offices
6/24/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping on the Agua Fria River
12/2/2017	1:00pm – 3:30pm	2 nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest in BCC
1/27/2018	9:00am – 3:00pm	WinterFest at BCC Heritage Park

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk