

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of January 17, 2017 were approved.

BLM Update: Chris McLaughlin, Acting Monument Archaeologist, gave the BLM Update.

1. **Personnel Update:** After reposting the Monument Archaeologist position, the new administration imposed a hiring freeze, effectively stopping the hiring process for now.
2. **CADO:** Ron Tipton had mentioned to Mike Hoogendyk that internal discussions had been held regarding the process for monitoring telephone messages at CADO. They are also redoing the CADO cards which will be distributed when complete. Responsibility for following up on people who do not report back after being on the monument will rest with the CADO management and the Monument Manager.
3. **CRMP:** No change from the status reported last month.
4. **“Heritage Heroes”:** This award from BLM has been given to Roger and Gerry Haase for their work volunteering to record petroglyphs on BLM properties.
5. **Horses & Burros:** The herds near Pleasant Lake have been wandering over to the I-17 area, prompting installation of new fencing along the highway. They haven’t been seen on the monument, but if they are please report them. Chris McLaughlin will obtain the correct phone number and provide it to Mike Hoogendyk who will get it out to all the Committee volunteers.

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

1. **Grant Funds for the Teskey/School House Trail:** Pete indicated that Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President, is continuing to follow up on this with BLM personnel. Once he has a decision as to whether or not the BLM funds for the trail can be switched to a different project (possibly the Pueblo LaPlata interpretation) then we will know how to proceed. If we decide to do apply it to the Pueblo LaPlata interpretation we will need to know what Bryan Lausten purchased for that project and where it is located. Chris McLaughlin agreed to try and track down those purchases.
2. **New Range Specialist:** Tim Lyons is the new Monument Range Specialist.
3. **Wet/Dry Days on the Agua Fria:** The 2017 dates have been selected. The training will take place on June 17th at the BLM Offices. The actual Wet/Dry Mapping will take place June 24th.
4. **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** The information on the involved highway mileage markers has been passed on by Pete Reilly to the Board and Victoria Strong. We are now waiting for them to fill out the forms and turn them over to ADOT.
5. **Bat Houses:** Paul Sitzmann is working on the locations for the installation of the bat houses.

6. **BioBlitz:** This is going to take place in May. The actual date is yet TBD.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Site Stewards:** This program is still not functioning on the monument. Shelley Rasmussen hopes that a final resolution and resumption of the program will be announced at an upcoming Site Steward Conference.

Old Business:

1. **2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** The Board is not sending anyone to this Expo due to costs and distance, however, several Committee members are planning on going. In addition, Shelley is managing a public hike to Lost Jupiter, weather permitting, on March 18th. She and Trudy will check out the trail a few days ahead of time to make sure Agua Fria River conditions are favorable. There currently are eight people signed up to attend.
2. **Developing an Annual Action Plan:** Connie is still working on this and got several additional suggestions from the Committee today.
3. **Purge of Committee Email List:** Mike Hoogendyk reported that the email list had dropped from forty-four people to thirty-four after having dropped non-members. Professional archaeologists with courtesy copies were not affected. All non-members who were dropped were given over 30 days to renew their membership. Several non-members did renew and were not dropped.
4. **Tread Lightly and Leave No Trace:** No change on this project since last month.
5. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft indicated that he is getting there with this project. The Committee approved his idea for quarterly member hikes. This could be an enticement for new members to join. He plans to take the hikes to five of the sites approved by Bryan Lausten earlier for public hikes. Larry now wants the Board to review and approve the idea and then he can start selecting dates and getting the word out to the membership.
6. **BLM Hearings on SDNM Target Shooting:** Mike Hoogendyk recently attending a hearing at AZG&F on Carefree Highway where BLM presented their recommendations. They had five possible scenarios ranging from no target shooting to everything being open to shooting on SDNM. They are in the middle of a comment period which will end on March 15th. The BLM recommendation was a middle of the road scenario that left open for target shooting much of the wilderness area on SDNM. Mike suggested supporting one more level higher in terms of limitations – one which would include a limitation on target shooting in the wilderness areas. If you want information about it, you can find it on the Internet at <http://bit.ly/SDNMtargetshooting>. If you want to email comments you can send them to BLM_AZ_SDNMtargetshooting@BLM.gov.
7. **Committee Funds Budgeted for 2017:** There are funds budgeted for Fiscal 2017 which the Committee has yet to decide how to spend. Suggestions today included: Materials for outreach such as table covers, plastic 8 1/2 x 11 sign holders and at least one large suitcase with wheels to transport the materials. The need to revisit the storage rooms and continue cleaning and reorganizing was discussed. Although no date was selected, everyone seemed to agree it was necessary.

New Business:

1. **Recap of February 18, 2017 2nd Annual Agua Fria Day:** Most of the Committee was able to attend and unanimously agreed that the speakers were great. They were surprised that more members of the public were not present. Maybe there wasn't enough advertising?
2. **Recap of February 10, 2017 CRC Hike:** This hike was up on the north end of Black Mesa starting from the Badger Springs restroom. We visited a 50m long stretch of petroglyphs associated with a habitation site, grinding slicks and lots of sherds and lithics. Ultimately, it was

this site that the Committee felt should be our next recording project. Mike Hoogendyk is going to provide Chris McLaughlin with UTMs for the site so that he can check to see if it has already been recorded. If that is the case, then the Committee would have to pick another site.

3. **Myths about New National Monuments:** Mike Hoogendyk is going to be representing AFNM on a panel discussion at “Celebrate Cedar Mesa” in Bluff, UT on March 4th. The Committee members provided Mike with many myths and associated facts to support or debunk them.
4. **Summary of Recent AAC Meeting:** Connie Stone provided the Committee with a two page summary of a couple of presentations made at the recent AAC Conference. The first related to GRIC efforts to assess ways to repair damage to petroglyphs from painted graffiti. They worked with Elephant Snot and Shadow Max, finding that each had different pros and cons, depending on the types of rock and the variety of paint used in the graffiti. The second was a panel discussion on Archaeological Site Naming Conventions. Tribal members argued that the sites should not be named. Some of the archaeologists present argued for naming. No actual definitive decision was reached although general consensus was that if naming, one should be sensitive to tribal considerations.
5. **Possible Workshop on Navajo Weaving:** Barbara Gronemann has been in touch with Connie Stone regarding the possibility of putting on a several hour long demonstration regarding Navajo weaving. After discussion, Connie volunteered to call Barbara regarding the optimum number of individuals and whether or not this is something for the Committee or the larger FAFNM membership.
6. **Scott Wood Sherd ID Workshop:** Nine people have signed up for the March 17th (St. Patrick’s Day) workshop at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue. After today the remaining three slots for the workshop will be opened up to other people on the Committee email list on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested, contact Mike Hoogendyk by email.
7. **ASU’s Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve:** Shelley indicated that the most recent news is that the Preserve should be re-opening in April. Hopefully.
8. **Upcoming BCC Activities:** Shelley announced that the 2nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest Festival will be held at the Black Canyon Heritage Park on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Although no decision was reached, Shelley was inquiring whether or not the Friends wanted to use this as an outreach activity. She also mentioned the January 27, 2018 WinterFest at Heritage Park. Again, do we want to participate?
9. **Project Archaeology Webinars:** Marie reported that BLM will be offering five monthly 90 minute webinars on this subject. She is going to provide Mike Hoogendyk the information about them for distribution to the Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:07 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
3/4/2017	10:00am to 4:00pm	Archaeology Expo at Himgdag Ki Museum in Topowa
3/18/2017	9:00am	2017 Archaeology Month Petroglyph Hike to Lost Jupiter
2/17/2017	8:30am to 4:30pm	Scott Wood’s Sherd ID Class at BLM. RSVP only.
Mid-May		BioBlitz
6/17/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping Training at BLM Offices
6/24/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping on the Agua Fria River

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk