

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016
BLM Offices, 21605 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Shelley Rasmussen, Member/Acting Chair Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Chris Reed, Member Pete Reilly, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member Marie Davis, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member Larry Kraft, Member
Peter Huegel, Member Barbara Gronemann, Member
Bryan Lausten, BLM Archaeologist

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

Minutes: The minutes of May 17, 2016 were approved.

BLM Update: Bryan Lausten, the Monument Archaeologist was present representing BLM.

1. Bryan introduced Cora, his service dog, who was very appreciative of all the attention.
2. **CRMP Status:** The EA has been divided up into separate ones for Tonto NF and BLM due to the difficulty of matching up the differences between the two agencies. The original CRMP will remain the same. Once the EAs are complete, there should be a draft available. In August?
3. **Insurance/Site Stewards/Volunteer Agreements:** Jim Gipson, Acting Monument Manager, is developing a list of FAQs to be presented at the July meeting. BLM Volunteer agreements are finalized and are being utilized. Site Steward Agreements have been suspended for the entire state until an audit of the agreements and process has been completed and procedures have been updated. No date has been projected for their completion. Trudy Mertens displayed a BLM guide entitled, "Volunteering for the Bureau of Land Management, A Helpful Guide". It can be found at <http://blm.gov/volunteer>.
4. **Replacement of Interpretive Signs:** The interpretive signs (for example at the Teskey Home Site and the 1891 School House Site) are tied up in the overall implementation of the new BLM branding on all monument signs. Most of them have been completed and are in storage waiting for installation. This may be part of an outside contracting process.
5. **BioBlitz/iNaturalist Results:** There were 227 observations made with 94 species identified. One of the main goals was to quantify the presence of Bell's Vireos, a bird species. There were 70 observations of them.
6. **Ability of Volunteers to Use Car Magnetics Again:** At the moment discretion is the better part of valor, according to BLM. They don't want volunteers attracting the wrong kind of attention. When we discussed the benefit of being identified as someone with a purpose for presence when approaching people on the monument, Bryan suggested the possibility of having BLM Volunteer hats. He'll check into that as a part of the end of Fiscal 2016 finances.
7. **Possible NPL Day Event at Badger Springs This Fall:** BLM is currently working on plans for a "Work Day" on the monument which would conclude with a tour by a BLM Archaeologist. The date is To Be Determined.
8. **Archaeological Photography Workshop:** Bryan is working on plans for a July 30th workshop concentrating on photo documentation of archaeological sites, etc. It would run from 8:00am to 3:00 pm. If you are interested, email him. He already has a list of potential attendees.

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

1. **2016 Annual Meeting:** The meeting date has been set for September 24th. The location has yet to be determined.
2. **Game & Fish Expo:** FAFNM will be participating with Friends of Tonto NF on July 16/17 at West World from 10:00am to 6:00pm. It will be inside and air conditioned. The Friends are splitting the cost – our share is \$75.00. Pete thought that volunteers would be admitted for free.
3. **Las Vegas NCL Rendezvous:** The Board wants to send several people to the rendezvous which will be held around September 29th to October 2nd. There is some possibility the Board will have a grant to pay some of the hotel costs. Unfortunately for some of the CRC members, that is the same weekend at the URARA conference.
4. **Agua Fria Days:** They were a success and costs were only about \$620.00.
5. **Board Elections:** This year the Board will need a new Secretary, Treasurer and four directors. The President and Vice President will continue in office. Members wanting to run for office should contact either Sarah Striker, President, or Chris Caseldine, Vice President. The Secretary is currently on leave of absence and Tim Flood is filling in to take minutes, etc.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Pueblo Pato Archaeology Signs:** To recap from last month's meeting, Mike Nushawg took a group out to Pueblo Pato and discovered that the BLM & Site Steward archaeological signs posted a year or so ago were gone. In their place were what he called some "Ancient Pathways" signs. Since then, Larry Kraft visited and found an old T-Bar post that had been cast aside. He moved it to the BLM9014 corral. None of the old signs were found. A photo that Mike Nushawg had taken showed a Carsonite sign post with a Site Steward Archaeology site decal on it. Bryan didn't know who might have made the changes, but he'll check with other BLM staff to see if they know.

Old Business:

1. **Project Archaeology:** It was agreed to table this subject until Trudy hears back from Marsha Simonis who is checking with her sources to figure out how to address our local problems concerning applying the program here.
2. **Site Steward Signs for Baby Canyon and Pato:** This subject was partially addressed above. Once the questions about who made the sign changes at Pato are answered, then we can address placing extra signs Pete Reilly has in his possession.
3. **Possible New Rock Art Recording Locations:** It was agreed to table this subject until cooler days this fall. At that point, some of the sites can be visited and assessed for prioritizing.
4. **Geocaching Links for AFNM:** Mike Hoogendyk indicated he had obtained an app from the Apple Store on his iPhone which allows him to see all the geocaches on the monument. Surprisingly, although there were over 185 geocaches on the monument, very few of them appeared to be anywhere near major prehistoric sites. Most of them were near I-17 and the few roads into the monument.
5. **Possible Fall Outreach with High Desert Heritage Museum (HDHM):** Mike Hoogendyk talked with several HDHM officials about a week ago and is waiting for a response from them about "Doodling" a meeting date to discuss calendar, participants and potential program.

New Business:

1. **Recap of Site Stewards' 30 Year Anniversary and Historic Preservation Conference:** There was almost no need to cover this subject as all but two of the members at today's committee

meeting had attended the Anniversary and Conference. However, in discussion, there had been about 130 people in attendance at the Crown Plaza Hotel. It was well located right across from the Light Rail. Everyone felt there were too many subjects crammed into too little time. As a result, the individual speakers couldn't really address their subjects properly and the attendees couldn't get the information they wanted. The Preservation portion of the meetings concentrated more on historic buildings, to the detriment of prehistoric subjects. Otherwise, a good few days of conferencing.

2. **ASU's Casa Grande Survey:** ASU has been contracted to do an archaeological survey of portions of Casa Grande Ruins. The survey should start in July and ASU is looking for volunteers to participate. It requires meeting in Tempe around 5:00am to 5:30am and being bused to Casa Grande to work until around 1:00pm or so. If you are interested, you should contact Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President. Although everyone at the meeting thought they would like to participate, the long number of days eliminated some, the early start times eliminated some others, and the probability of high temperatures didn't help the rest. However, some of them may be in touch with Chris.
3. **New Graffiti near Bloody Basin Entrance:** Photos were passed around of the new, red rocket and yellow number three that are on large boulders visible off to the east from Bloody Basin Road just south of the I-17 entrance. The fear is that this graffiti will attract more in the area. Bryan Lausten is going to visit with LE and then determine if he can easily remove the graffiti with Elephant Snot.
4. **Ceramics Class?** Bryan queried everyone about the desire for a ceramics class possibly presented in cooperation with Scott Wood from Friends of Tonto NF. There was a resounding, "Yes!" Bryan will check into it.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:22 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 Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve
7/16-17/2016	10:00am – 6:00pm	AZG&F Expo at West World in Scottsdale
7/30/2016	8:00am – 3:00pm	Bryan Lausten's Photo Documentation of Arch Sites Workshop at BLM Offices
8/4-7/2016		Pecos Conference in Alpine, AZ
9/24/2016		FAFNM 2016 Annual Meeting (Location TBD)
9/29-10/2/2016		NCL Rendezvous in Las Vegas, NV
9/30-10/3/2016		URARA Conference in Delta, Utah

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2016, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk