

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Cody Carter, BLM Wildlife Biologist
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Chris Caseldine, FAFNM VP
Chris Reed, Member

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of September 20, 2016 were approved.

FAFNM Board Update: Chris Caseldine gave the FAFNM Board Update. Major items were as follows:

1. **Conservation Land Foundation Rendezvous:** Tim Flood and Jim Riggs attended this in Las Vegas. They got some good information about finances which the Association will be able to use.
2. **New Bylaws:** They are on the Association web site. The main change was to combine the Archivist duties into that of the Secretary and eliminate the Archivist position.
3. **Constant Contact:** With the changes that have been made to the web site, this is no longer needed and will save us \$40.00 per month. We now have our own member and prospect database for use with emails, etc.
4. **Budget:** Chris doesn't like the current process and is working to change it. In the future there will be consultation with the President and the Treasurer, then the budget will go to the Board, and then it will be presented to the membership. Before this, the Treasurer presented a set of financials to the membership which had not gone through this review.
5. **New Directors:** There are now five Directors-at-Large where before there had only been four. The current list of officers and directors are: President, Sarah Striker; Vice President, Chris Caseldine; Secretary, Mike Brouch; Treasurer, Jim Riggs; and Directors – Tim Flood, Pete Reilly, John Hathaway, Larry Kraft and Bob Cothorn.
6. **Policies and Procedures:** Chris is working on this as a major project. In the past the only guidance to the responsibilities of officers, directors and members was that given by the bylaws. With Policies and Procedures in place, those responsibilities, and the rules and work processes that carry them out, will be known even if the individual responsible for them leaves without training someone to take their place.

BLM Update: Cody Carter, BLM Wildlife Biologist, provided the BLM update.

Personnel: Cody mentioned again that the new Monument Manager is Ron Tipton. He also reported that Bryan Lausten had resigned effective last Friday, October 14th. Casey Addy had left for a position in Utah. Paul Sitzmann was out in the field working today. "Hawk" Huhl is back working on the monument as Monument Ranger during the fire fighters' "off season".

CRMP: This process is probably going to languish in the short term with the departure of Casey Addy and Bryan Lausten.

Graffiti Near Bloody Basin Entrance: There are two types of graffiti that fall into this category – one is the hateful political garbage that was plastered on the I-17/Bloody Basin Exit kiosk. This has

been removed by members through rubbing with sand and alcohol. The kiosk itself (and other non-political graffiti on the back of it) still need to be touched up with paint. The second type of graffiti is large drawings placed on granite boulders just to the east of the entrance and east of the emergency road from Cordes Junction. That requires some "Elephant Snot" and probably some Environmental Analysis. The former type of graffiti is relatively recent, while the latter is multiple months old now and hasn't been addressed.

Volunteer Agreements: These are being worked on by Lawrence Harper and if they haven't been received yet, they should be shortly.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Scott Wood/David Abbott Survey:** There is a training session scheduled for October 29th near 7 Springs north of Cave Creek. Then there are field surveys in the Hackberry Wash area along the east side of Perry Mesa on 10/30, 10/20, 12/2, 12/4 and 12/18. Contact Scott at JScottWood@aol.com if you would like to participate.
2. **New Tonto NF Archaeologist:** The new Forest Archaeologist is Kris (Kristina?) Hill. That is all the information that was available at today's meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Trip to Petrified Forest National Park on November 13, 2016:** This trip will be to the Ripple Site and some pueblos on the mesa above it. We will meet at 8:30am at the Painted Desert Visitor's Center at the north end of the park, just off the north side of I-40. Use Exit 311. We will be done around 3:00pm. Plan on staying Saturday night in the Winslow area and getting up early to go to the Visitor's Center. Sunday afternoon you can probably drive back to the Phoenix area. More information about the trip will be sent out prior to the event.
2. **2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** The first planning meeting for the Expo will be on Thursday, October 27, 2017 at the Himdag Ki Museum at 11:00am. The actual Expo will be held on March 4, 2017 at the same location. Any plans for archaeology Month activities elsewhere in the state should be submitted by November 18, 2016 in order to be included in the official event listing. Shelley Rasmussen said she would contact Kris Dobschuetz at SHPO to get a copy of the necessary form. A decision on what we would do at AFNM would have to be made at the November Cultural Resources meeting.
3. **Archaeology Site Signs at Baby Canyon Pueblo:** Pete Reilly indicated that he had repaired one sign at Baby Canyon Pueblo. There had been two. The one he repaired still needs to be seated properly and would require a six pound sledge hammer. Anyone want to hike out there and fix it?

New Business:

1. **Recap of Annual Meeting at Horseshoe Ranch:** The Annual Meeting took place on September 24th. Bylaw changes were approved (see Chris Caseldine report above). They had a great speaker and everyone enjoyed it.
2. **Recap of 2016 Cordes Area Heritage Festival:** The Festival went off without a hitch, but attendance was dismal. Only 25 members of the public showed up for the activities at in Cordes Junction and only 12 additional members of the public showed up for the self-guided tours on the monument. As a practice event, it was a success. We made lots of contacts, learned a lot and have plenty of suggestions for the future. One of the great suggestions was to just place a "Welcome Station" at the monument entrance on a normal day and great casual visitors with information and handouts.
3. **Recap of URARA Meeting in Delta, UT:** Several of the Committee members attended the Utah Rock Art Recording Association meeting at the beginning of October. Trudy mentioned

that Lee Marymore’s (sp?) rock art bibliography and database were going to be housed at NAU along with additional materials from Evelyn Billo and Robert Mark. The meeting had some interesting presentations, including one on predictive modeling and how it could be used in advance of oil & gas exploration in Utah. BLM had info about “Respect and Protect” programs which maybe could be used in our area. There were several “bizzaro” papers, one of which discussed the “Chinese Origins” of petroglyphs in the Southwest USA. They also had some fantastic field trips afterwards.

- 4. **Partnering for Protection Workshop:** There are group of Committee members who have signed up for this workshop on October 27th in downtown Phoenix. It’s an all day workshop put on by Archaeology Southwest to inform Friends groups about the rules and regulations under which their government agencies operate. Those who signed up should be receiving email information about parking, etc., in the near future.
- 5. **Archaeology Café:** The first café of the season is at 6:00pm tonight and the speaker is Lyle Balenquah, Hopi writer, anthropologist and outdoor guide.
- 6. **Committee Hike:** Mike Hoogendyk and Connie Stone will work out a location for the hike and Mike will Doodle everyone regarding the best possible weekday over the next month or so.
- 7. **AZ Game & Fish at Pueblo La Plata:** As part of an event Game and Fish is conducting, they will be visiting Pueblo La Plata on October 29th. Mike Hoogendyk has volunteered to meet them and talk about the pueblo.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:25 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
10/27/2016	9:00am – 4:30pm	Partnering for Protection Workshop at Irish Cultural Center
10/29/2016		Phoenix District National Public Lands Day Event at Badger Springs
11/13/2016	8:30am – 3:00pm	Tour of Petrified Forest Archaeological Sites

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk