

DRAFT MINUTES
Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL. Board Members present: Ted Mouras, Dutch Nagle, Anne Graf, Chris Long, Sally Rosén, Alan Blixt, Robert Weissler, Teresa Miranda, John Rose. BLM Staff: Jim Mahoney
3. MINUTES FROM JULY MEETING. Approved the minutes as published.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jann Weiss).
 - a. The budget reports will be e-mailed to board members at a later date.
 - b. San Pedro House's booth at Southwest Wings made \$2200, \$600 more than last year.
 - c. Tom Arnold will take over as treasurer in October. He will be at the September meeting. He has some new ideas to share.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Publications.
 - (1) BLM Bird List Interim – still on hold for now.
 - (2) Color Brochure – We need to authorize this expense. We are almost completely out of brochures. The visitor centers would like to have them to hand out. Alan suggested we take out mention of the Lehner site since it is not developed. Chris said that we could put a picture or something in its place. The board agreed to go ahead with the printing.
 - b. Elections. This year we have three member seats up for re-election (Dutch, John, Robert) and three resignations with time left on their terms (Teresa and Ted-one year, Alan-two years). Per our bylaws, we appoint people for the resignations and elect the three-year terms. As it turns out, there were three candidates for the expired seats, who will be asked if they want to be appointed to the unexpired seats. The candidates are Tom Clancy, Gary Noonan, and Ron Serviss. (Update: All three have agreed to join the BOD. Tom and Gary will fill the one-year terms and Ron will fill the two-year term.)
 - c. Rendezvous of Friends (sponsored by the National Landscape System Foundation). Takes place in Santa Fe, NM from Nov 6 -8, 2009. FSPR is allotted one room for free and meals, etc for two. Chris has made reservations for two. Anne Graf said she would like to go with Chris.
 - d. Membership Discussion postponed to a later date. (Update: Gary Noonan has expressed interest in heading up a membership committee.)
6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. Update on Site Host search for SPH. No suitable applicants have come forward. We think that Richard Isman is coming back in October, but BLM needs to check. There are several couples willing to work at Fairbank and Jack and Tina might be willing to move to SPH.
 - b. Grazing Lease Renewals in the SPRNCA. Three ranchers have these leases in upland areas of the SPRNCA. The lease renewals are routine and nothing really changes for the SPRNCA.
 - c. Hydrology Study at Murray Springs- The pipes there, in Curry Draw, are monitoring tubes. They go through the clay layer and have had the effect of lowering the water level.
 - d. New Mowers cannot be purchased due to expense of overtime for BLM law enforcement officers. Old mower is being repaired. Due to the slow monsoon, not as much mowing has been necessary.

e. Stimulus Funds. Trail work contracts will go out soon for 10 trailheads and trail reconstruction.

f. Livestock. The cattle and horses that have been seen near San Pedro House are unclaimed. BLM is researching the brands in order find the owners.

g. Gutters for SPH. Chris Schrager will look into “era-appropriate” materials. (Update: Chris Long talked with Chris Schrager. FSPR will get an estimate from Rainy Day Gutters. Chris Schrager will review the estimate to ensure it is appropriate to BLM/historic needs. FSPR will then execute a contract for the gutter installation. Since FSPR is paying, we can go with just the one estimate.)

h. Dutch mentioned that he does not receive any feedback from BLM on the Monthly newspaper articles. He will continue to assume that silence means approval.

7. PROGRAM REPORTS.

a. Docent Program.

(1) Brainstorm ideas to keep Docents interested and participating. Newer docents need to be encouraged to participate. A mentoring program was suggested-matching up more experienced docents with newer ones until they gain confidence in working on their own. When Teresa goes off the board, someone needs to take over monthly scheduling of walks.

(2) Ron Serviss will work up the schedule for a fall/winter Cultural Docent Class

b. Education Program (John Rose).

(1) John has given backpacks to Laura so that she can find out the feasibility of getting out logs on them.

(2) Mike Foster and Erin ??? on the “Youngest Friends of the San Pedro.”

(4) Lori Kovasch would like to work with classrooms on a program of sustainability. She would like to work with recycling-maybe getting competition between the schools.

(4) Murray Springs Field trip. Imagine Charter School will bring approximately 48 students to Murray Springs on August 27th. Perrie Barnes will brief the two classes on August 21st to prepare them for the trip. (Update: To provide some physical activity, Chris Long has ordered two atlantils with three darts each. With the addition of the BLM atlantil, that will give us three for the children to try throwing.)

c. Equestrian Program (Nancy Doolittle) – There was an injury on the August ride on Saturday. The rider was on a horse that she borrowed from a friend. We will coordinate with BLM to handle this. Nancy will, in the future, pass out rules at the beginning of each ride.

d. Maintenance Program (Terri Metzger)

(1) Terri may be leaving again.

(2) A number of native trees have been planted by Mike Foster and DAR. There are plans for the planting of more cacti, succulents and other native plants.

(3) We may apply for further grants to build the swale, plant native vines and to print the garden book in Spanish.

(4) Ted reports that the small “wildlife pond” is very popular with birders.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a. Membership Committee (Vacant). Gary Noonan will take this over beginning next Fiscal Year.

b. Education Committee (John Rose). Nothing new.

c. Public Outreach (Ted Mouras)

(1) Fort Huachuca Public Access Channel-Ted continues to work with Romeo on the half-hour FSPR production.

(2) San Pedro River Alliance. Ted is working with other environmental groups in the area to raise interest about the water district. He will contact the American Rivers Association about organizing ideas and potential funding sources.

(4) The Sierra vista Environmental Affairs Committee is preparing a brochure on solar systems, rainwater harvesting and recycling.

(5) Tourism Bureau-Mike Foster is working on a video for their website. The preliminary version is ready. The Visitors' Center is still selling our videos.

9. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Trail Guide Illustrated Booklet (Ted Mouras). This is on hold, Ted will work on it after he leaves the board.

b. 2010 Photo Calendar (Gary Noonan). The calendar is at the printer

c. Fairbank Reunion/Fairbank Day – 14 November 2009 – (BLM/Eddie Figueroa/FSPR for refreshments/entertainment). Chris/Dawk/Laura/Ron continue to work the multiple “Fairbank Days” events for this winter. We have a \$100 grant to make a display there for the National Landscape Conservation System; plus another \$400 for brochures, flyers, and advertising. In addition we have donation of \$1000 to pay for “entertainment.” The re-enactors for the Fairbank Train Robbery have been located and included in planning.

d. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle). The test system is ready to go.

e. FSPR Camera Club (Gary Noonan). Nothing new.

f. Phone/computer link at Fairbank? (Dutch Nagle and BLM). At our request, Jim Mahoney looking into changing carriers since Qwest has not been successful in getting an internet connection.

g. Scavenger Hunt Pamphlet. Made by Lori Kovasch will be used with school groups and also available for children on walks with their families. Draft is ready, awaiting final drawings.

h. Member's Only/Annual Meeting event. October 17th at Boquillas. Dutch has set the agenda, Nancy will provide straw bales, BOD will provide meat, others will bring pot luck to share. WE will car pool in to the ranch. (Board Members – Don't forget to bring your \$10 to the September meeting.)

10. NEW BUSINESS.

a. FSPR renewed our sanpedroriver.org domain and the web hosting service from Network Solutions for the FSPR web site. Cost of \$119.50

11. REVIEW 2009 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.

12. NEXT MEETING September 8th.

13. ADJOURN.