

**Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
August 10, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting came to order at 6 PM.
2. ROLL CALL. Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, Tom Arnold, Tom Clancy, Ron Serviss, John Rose, Gary Noonan, Robert Weissler. Representing BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj, Jim Mahoney.
3. MINUTES FROM JULY MEETING. Minutes were amended to reflect a statement by **Gary Noonan** under the Membership Committee heading that he is preparing a scientific, peer-reviewed article on the San Pedro River habitat. Also, a correction was made to the title of the document to indicate that it the Minutes of the July meeting.
4. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. A candidate for site host at SPH is being interviewed.
 - b. BLM purchase cutoff date for FY10 is 12 August.
 - c. BLM printed for FSPR the “railroad” poster and the “Arizona Pioneers” poster for display at FSH.
 - d. BLM also completed their review of the Self Guided Tour of Fairbank Townsite. It is now ready for reproduction.
 - e. Dedication Walkway. The contract modification is with the Contracting Office in Portland. Date of installation is to be determined by BLM would like to have it done by January.
 - f. As part of the “Trails and Trailheads” initiative permanent toilet facilities have been started at Fairbank, Millville, Murray Springs, and Palominas. Also replacement fencing near the various trailheads will be replaced with pipe rail.
 - g. **Mark R.** reiterated that all publications with the BLM logo must be reviewed by the BLM Public Relations office. This review will take approximately one month.
 - h. BLM is preparing the “No guns in building” signs for both SPH and FSH.
 - i. BLM will seek a date for training volunteers in dealing with unruly/uncooperative visitors. Date will depend on when their personnel are available
 - j. Maintenance issues are to be reported directly to **Mark R.** He will relay the message to the appropriate personnel.
 - k. BLM supports the Walton family Foundation proposal on Groundwater Monitoring. (See below 6.d.)
 - l. Normandy barricades in the river at the boarder were removed for the monsoon. Will be replaced at the end of the season.
 - m. **Mark R.** will not be available for the Sept BOD meeting.
 - n. **Chris Long** brought up the issue of the new Assistance Agreement stating that the administrative requirements might be beyond our ability to comply. A heated discussion ensued. Board members are entitled express opinions and discussion at Board meetings is encouraged. BLM representatives are guests of the Board and are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings but are not members of the FSPR Board of Directors.
5. TREASURER’S REPORT (Tom Arnold). Sales overall are down from last year. Also, for unknown reason the Gross Margin for July is negative. SW Wings sales were good. Membership dues were also good so far this year. Gary Noonan mentioned that we should anticipate a decline in book sales over the next few years due to the growing use of e-books.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. FSPR Statistics.
 - i. Current Membership: 179 (2 new members , 9 renewals, 9 non-renewals)
 - ii. Active Volunteers/Docents (at least 1 hour in FY10): 101 (plus 3 DAR)
 - iii. YTD Events: 193
 - iv. YTD Participation: 4,123
 - v. Volunteer Hours YTD: 9,060
 - vi. Youth Events (Education Programs): 22
 - vii. Youth Participation (estimate): 981
 - b. BLM requested that they be provided with a report on the estimated number of volunteers hours by the middle of September. Chris Long will provide this estimate but the final hours figure will not yet be recorded until early in October.
 - c. President’s Duties. Two versions, one **Chris** worked on, one with suggestions from **Gary Noonan**. Chris asked the Board to review the duties and suggest alternatives on ways to “spread the work” among BOD members and other volunteers.
 - d. Water Sentinel’s Program. FSPR agreed to support this program. Water Sentinels are focused primarily on doing hands-on conservation work, e.g., citizen water quality monitoring, stream clean-ups, stream restoration activities, wet-dry mapping, eradication of invasive species, helping with native fish recovery efforts, and public education and outreach activities to try and get people out on the river and engaged in real work to protect their local watershed. The first meeting is arranged for: Saturday, August 14, 2010, 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, AZ
 - e. Request from Walton Family Foundation. WFF requested that FSPR be the “check writer” for a river modeling study by Laurel Lacher Hydrological Consulting. FSPR would receive admin expenses and could include a request for some level of addition funds relating to the overall proposal. BLM supports this proposal. Chris Long will contact Anya Schoolman requesting additional information on what our responsibilities would be.

8. BOD REPORTS

- a. Membership (Gary Noonan). **Gary** is working on tabulating the number of “Presidential Awards” that have been earned this year. He will order the forms and we will pass them out at the Annual Meeting in October. Gary reports the **Renell Stewart** is doing an outstanding job as the “Membership Tracker.”
- b. Docent Classes
 - i. Natural History. Next class will be in April.
 - ii. Cultural History (Ron Serviss). Thursdays – October 14, 21, 28, November 4, and 11. Saturdays October 16, 23, 30, and November 6. Three people are already signed up.
- c. Grants (Dutch Nagle). North Face proposal is almost ready. It will be for “Riparian Kids Exploration Program” and will include kits to assist in introducing children to the river. Kits will include both items for the children to keep and items that will be reused. This committee is quite successful as it is co-chaired by **Mary Beth Sutor** and **Alex Kosmider**, both are members and volunteers. Boilerplate for additional grants is prepared and several ideas are in the hopper for when we find an appropriate source. Some additional grant ideas were surfaced by the BOD members – resurrection of the Junior Ranger Program, procurement of a railroad car for Fairbank, an historical gas pump for in front of the Mercantile at Fairbank.

9. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle). It's up and running and really easy to use. It will be used to conduct a physical inventory prior to End of Year.
 - b. Update on "Dedication Walk" as a fund raiser (Dutch Nagle). Covered by the BLM report that the contract modification is with BLM procurement.
 - c. Fairbank Days(Chris Long). **Anne Graf** will coordinate these events in Nov 16, Dec 20, Jan 18, Feb 19, Mar19. Ensure re-enactors, arrange other events, coordinate walks (**Ron Serviss**), arrange catering/food vending. The Board agreed that during at least one Fairbank Day, memberships would be offered at half price. A suggestion was also made that perhaps we have volunteers who enjoy acting and might want to form our own acting group to do the Train Robbery reenactment.
 - d. Internet Access at FSH and /or WiFi(Dutch Nagle). **Dutch** is coordinating with **Robert Weissler** and Verizon. We may be able to use Verizon wireless in the Schoolhouse. The Board agreed to the \$60 per month charge, if the signal is usable.
 - e. BOD Retreat (Ron Serviss). **Ron** is working with the other board members to set a date for at least a four-hour discussion of multiple issues. Tentative date is Saturday, August 28th.
 - f. President Nominating Committee (Ron Serviss). Each BOD member wrote their name and a "Yes/No" on a slip of paper indicating whether they were willing to be the FSPR president next year. All members reported "No."
 - d. Solar System at SPH. BLM is handling the power situation at SPH. They do not request FSPR assistance at this time. They will replace all lights in SPH with LED. This may cut down on the power requirement so that the solar with generator backup will be able to handle the SPH requirements for the short term. BLM has "Deferred Maintenance" funding request to completely replace and upgrade the solar system in 2013.
 - g. Fairbank Reunion. **Jim Mahoney** will coordinate with the Fairbank site hosts to check which power outlets are "hot" and usable for the Fairbank Reunion and this winter's Fairbank Days.
10. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. BOD Election. Three terms expire – **Gary Noonan, Ron Serviss, and Chris Long**. All expressed a desire to run for re-election. Chris Long will notify the membership that elections are approaching and ask if any members are interested in running for the Board. She will request a short biography as well as a statement of what their priorities would be for the FSPR.
 - b. More DVDs to give to schools (Dutch Nagle). The Board agreed to approximately \$280 for additional DVDs to distribute to new teachers.
 - c. SW Wings report (Laura Mackin). Sales were higher than last year.
 - d. **Robert Weissler** requested that Laura Mackin send him the Monthly Events flyer each month to post on the FSPR website.
11. REVIEW 2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR. There will not be a "Member's Only" pot luck on August 21st. The weather is too "iffy." **Chris Long** will notify **Mark R.** as he was scheduled to speak at the pot luck.
12. NEXT MEETING September 14th.
13. ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.