

**Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:05 P.M.)
2. ROLL CALL. Board Members: Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, Ted Mouras, John Rose, Robert Weissler, Teresa Miranda, Sally Rosen, Alan Blixt, Anne Graf. BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj, Alex Howe, Reed Hoppus. Others: Mike Foster, Ron Serviss.
3. MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING. Approved as printed.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jann Weiss). In the absence of the treasurer, the board reviewed a profit and loss statement for Oct. 2008 through Jan. 2009. Considering the state of the economy, the Friends bookstores are doing well and we have received a generous anonymous donation for a Point of Sales system.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long)
 - a. Fairbank – heaters have arrived and have worked well so far. We will see how they do in the current cold spell.
 - b. Fairbank Hike on March 21th will be part of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month. **Chris Schrager** of BLM has prepared the press announcement. We will not charge for this event. The PSA is being distributed. Ron will try to find an archeology person to go along and assist on this hike.
 - c. Deni Seymour, archaeologist working at Terrenate, has requested help from FSPR on preparing the appropriate Environmental Assessment or Categorical Exemption paperwork . Chris has coordinated with Gretchen Kent, who is familiar with the Army process, to get us started on this effort. **Mark** will find out exactly what is needed, and let Chris L. and Deni know
6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM)
 - a. National Landscape Conservation System Initiatives. **Mark** presented a list of proposals for SPRNCA improvements as part of the stimulus package. These are only proposals, and no one knows how the stimulus package will work out. The projects submitted for SPRNCA include removal of agricultural berms and replacement of signage, improvements for San Pedro House (solar system and gutters), a proposal to make Charleston accessible to visitors, and 22 other projects submitted under this program. Remember these projects are not funded.
 - c. **Alex and Reed** gave the board the final draft of the BLM visitor survey and asked for suggestions for use.
 - d. Ted asked how BLM determines the number of visitors to the SPRNCA. There are visitor counters on the trails at SPH and FSH but they are not in service at this time and are being repaired. **Alex and Reed** will look into this further.
 - e. A stewardship/youth involvement program is in the brainstorming stage. **Mike** suggested getting **Pat and Cat** involved.
7. PROGRAM REPORTS
 - a. Docent Program (Chris Long). Training will be on Thursdays April 2, 9, 23, and 30 (we will skip the 16th as it is the SAVE presentation evening) and Saturdays April 4, 11, and 25. Unless we find a couple of folks to assist with the re-write of the manual, we will use the existing booklets as the educational materials. We are expecting a full class, as we will have several BLM folks as well as **Pat and Cat**. **Tom Clancy** (a member of the Cultural History Docent Class) will start contacting the presenters this week. Perrie Barnes has already agreed to do the "history" section.
 - b. Education Program (John Rose)

1.) A walk at SPH is scheduled for 2/27 and one in March. Also, there will be a program at FSH using period costume on 17 April.

2.) **John Rose** has had some contact for outreach with Arizona Game and Fish.

c. Equestrian Program (Nancy Doolittle). There were 33 riders on the January ride

d. Maintenance Program (Vacant)

1.) The DAR has done a tremendous job cleaning up the yard around SPH. There was also some help from a winter visitor couple from Iowa

2.) A one-year membership in FSPR was given to those who have done so much work at SPH

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Membership Committee (Vacant). Kathryn needs a volunteer to take over maintenance of the membership lists and renewals.

b. Education Committee (John Rose). See above.

c. Public Outreach (Ted Mouras)

(1) Coordination with Fort Huachuca public access channel **Ted** is working with Ken Robinson (Public Affairs Officer at FH) to arrange advertising and half hour programs to be scheduled on the FH TV channel. The articles that are sent monthly to the Herald, may also be printed in the Huachuca Scout.

(2) T-Break. This is a group of Tucson non-profits. They meet monthly to discuss issues and proposals for coordination and ways to make the non-profits better known and more efficient.

(3) DVD Distribution.

(a) These may be used on the above mentioned Fort Huachuca broadcasts.

(b) The FSPR video camera, used by **Mike Foster** to create the video series is no longer usable. Since Mike has several events to film in the very near future, the Board voted a "Not to Exceed" amount of \$2000 for a replacement camera.

(c) BLM has authorized the use of the Dankworth Indian village scenes, so we can now sell the "Our River of Life" video.

(d) Mike will combine the new "Reptiles" video with the "Coati," and "Our River of Life" on a single disk. The "Plants" video is too large to combine with any other.

(e) Any videos we put on iTunes will need to be converted to specialized format. Mike can do this, but can use some help as it is time consuming.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Cultural Docent Program (**Ron Serviss**)

This program is going well. A Murray Springs program presented by **Perrie Barnes and Sandy Kunzer** was well received. The Terrenate lecture and tour by **Deni Seymour** is this week.

b. 2010 Photo Calendar (Gary Noonan). **Gary** has asked for assistance with the 2010 calendar. If you know any folks willing to assist with both the admin, selection, and formatting please have them contact Gary.

c. FSPR History (Gary Noonan) – at the printer. The size and format are causing a few problems, so the cost will be somewhat higher than projected.

d. Review 2009 FSPR activity calendar. Fairbank Day is now set for Nov. 14. We are looking into the rules governing the presence of vendors, caterers, etc.

e. Xeriscape Report (Ted Mouras). **Ted** is working with the Water Wise program in the creation of a swale east of the ramada.

f. International Migratory Bird Day. This is set for May 9, 2000. **Dutch, Laura, Jenny, Kathryn, and Jim M.** are meeting on this. Need to know the rules governing the presence of caterers, vendors. **Mark** will look into this and let the committee know.

g. Sierra Vista Tourism Commission. Anyone from FSPR interested in being on the Sierra Vista Tourism Commission? Dutch will attend, but not as a voting member. We'd like someone to attend and be a voting member.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cave Creek Friends Group-their presence was cancelled due to weather conditions, will reschedule for a future meeting.

b. Copies of Del Valle and Boquillas plats for sale in bookstores? Jim M. can print these if we pay for the paper. It was agreed to go ahead with some and see if there is sales interest

11. ADJOURN (7:10 P.M.)