

**Friends of the San Pedro River  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
February 9, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chris Long at 5:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL. Members present: Tom Arnold, Dutch Nagle, John Rose, Gary Noonan, Tom Clancy, Robert Weissler, Ron Serviss, Sally Rosén, Chris Long. Guest: Sandy Kunzer. BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj
3. MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING. The minutes were accepted as published.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT. (Tom Arnold). Review budget charts. Tom suggested that to improve tracking of grant/donation funds that are given for a specific purpose, we maintain a separate checking account. That way, the funds would be separated from the general funds and only moved to the regular account when needed. This process would allow better tracking of these special purpose funds.
5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT. (Gary Noonan).
  - a. PowerPoint presentation on membership by Gary showed some of the reasons for declining membership and the need for new members.
  - b. Of the many suggestions made by the membership committee the following were chosen for immediate implementation:
    - i. Quarterly social events
    - ii. talks or classes for members about human and natural history
    - iii. book discussion groups
    - iv. a photo club (run by Perrie Barnes)
    - v. Presidential awards system for volunteers.
    - vi. Membership should be mentioned at all events and membership brochures offered to participants.
  - c. New membership brochures and a poster presented and approved by the board.
  - d. Also, there was discussion of ways to increase membership through recruitment.
  - e. The Board approved the cost of a new banner for the FSPR Information Booth to emphasize membership. This will be done prior to Springfest on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. An improved website was also agreed to. Robert Weissler working on this.
  - g. The Board approved a one-time half price membership signup during Springfest.
  - h. The Board thanked the Membership Committee (Gary Noonan, Sandy Kunzer, and Ron Serviss) for all the effort that went into the presentation and recommendations. WE will continue to make a priority of membership.
6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
  - a. Fairbank Special Events.-There will be publicity in print media and television
    - i. February 13<sup>th</sup> – Photo exhibit, music, walks, Train Robbery re-enactment.
    - ii. March 20<sup>th</sup> – Arizona Archaeology Month – Hike to Terrenate, walk to Terrenate, music, Train Robbery re-enactment.
    - iii. April 10<sup>th</sup> – Bi-national dancers have cancelled. Singers are still scheduled. These performers cancelled as of 1 March. Will most likely not have an April event at Fairbank, especially since Springfest is coming on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Do we wish to continue some kind of Fairbank events in the summer? There was discussion of possibly having Friday evening events in the warmer months and an additional event at San Pedro House.
  - b. Cochise Community Foundation Grant – Application due 22 Feb. Only a few days to apply if we are going to. There was discussion of having grant proposals ready to go when these opportunities are made available.

- c. FSPR Bylaws-Chris distributed copies to all the board members and asked them to look them over for possible future revisions.
  - d. New Displays at Fairbank-There is a volunteer to help with this project. FSPR will provide computer access and support. The first projects will be railroads, SPR stamp mills, and Train Robbery.
7. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
- a. Dedication Walkway-Mark told the committee (Dutch) to go with whatever materials will work best
  - b. Safety inspection is coming up. Need to clean up storage areas.
  - c. There will be an IG audit on trail funding on February 10.
  - d. There will be annual work plan meetings next week-all projects were approved in budget.
  - e. We have three new SCA personnel.
  - f. Karen Sims of BLM is working on a draft Cooperative Management Agreement to replace the FSPR 1987 Memorandum of Agreement. When the BLM draft is complete, the FSPR Board will review and negotiate on the final version.
  - g. Mark R. when asked about FSPR leading walks to Contention, stated that FSPR may lead walks to that historic site.
8. OLD BUSINESS.
- a. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle) The Excel conversion license has been obtained and we are moving forward.
  - b. Update on "Dedication Walk" as a fund raiser (Dutch Nagle). Progress continues to be made. Based on Mark R's approval to move forward, we will proceed to get the first 10 linear feet installed prior to Springfest.
  - c. Newsletter. (Chris Long). The February newsletter input was rather skimpy. The next issue will be in May. Chris asked Board members to think of articles for the next issue. Gary suggested serializing the FSPR history in the newsletter. Many people prefer to get the newsletter in printed form. This is expensive, but is a good membership perk.
9. REVIEW 2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
10. NEXT MEETING March 9. This will be at the regular 6 PM time.
11. ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.