

**Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
January 12, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chris Long at 6:05
2. ROLL CALL. Board members present were: Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, John Rose, Tom Arnold, Tom Clancy, Robert Weissler, Ron Serviss, Sally Rosén, Anne Graf, Gary Noonan. For BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj, Jim Mahoney
3. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING. Approved as published
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom Arnold). Tom presented budget sheets and a month-to-month balance sheet covering September '09-December '09 and answered questions about the budget in general. Sales for December were less than last year, but that was anticipated in the FY 2010 budget. Tom stated that the Point of Sales system will allow us to keep an up to date inventory which will make the balance sheet more up to date.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Fairbank Special Events. Great event at Fairbank, at least 350 people to see B Troop, Spanish troop re-enactors, Train Robbery re-enactors and musicians, and to participate in the walks. (About 150 total on walks.) WE received lots of free advertising from SV Herald, Mountain View News, and Scout. There will be a follow up article in the Herald. February 13th is the next event. Will have local photographer display in addition to the tours, music, and reenactments. In March, Terrenate will be featured and a larger group of the Spanish re-enactors. In April, there will be a group of bi-national singers and dancers
 - b. Thanks to BLM for the "Dogs under control/on leash" sign at SPH.
 - c. Lots and lots of ideas being suggested by volunteers for changes/improvements in our programs. Please remember that ideas alone aren't enough. Need the implementation plan (i.e. you think of it, you execute it).
 - d. January is shaping up to be a very busy month for lectures, presentations, and education programs. February is also looking like it will be very busy with the same types of things.
 - e. We have a request from Ty Holland to present photo classes at SPH on a fee basis. Participants will make a contribution to FSPR, FSPR will provide an honorarium to Ty. It looks to be profitable for FSPR.
6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. FSPR item: USPP/In Lieu Fees (BLM & Chris Long). Need to plan meeting with Heather Swanson and Karen Whitlock. (Update: this has not yet happened.)
 - b. FSPR item: Cows still on the river – over a month. BLM continues to contact owners and efforts are being made to return cattle to their ranches.
 - c. FSPR item: Ginny Bealer starting correspondence with Marcia about the Herbarium. She works with the Cochise County Herbarium and is very knowledgeable on collecting, preserving, and storing herbarium specimens. We are concerned about duplication of effort. (Update: based on correspondence between Ginny and Marcia Radke, it appears that this herbarium collection would be for the use of BLM personnel only. We will need to check on this with Mark R.)
 - d. Jim Mahoney reported that:
 - i. There is a trail crew working in Fairbank starting today (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act' stimulus funds') recontouring trails, eliminating illegal

- short cuts, etc. They will be camping there one week with a focus on the loop trail.
- ii. Stimulus funds will also be used to place additional fee tubes, tables, trail counters and cameras at trailheads.
- iii. Denise Schultz of the National Park Service will be doing some environmental classes at the San Pedro River.
- e. Mark Rekshynskyj reported that
 - i. He is attending Ecosystems Planning meetings this week- they are looking to establish the value of individual resources.
 - ii. A Cooperative Management Agreement for FSPR is being drawn up by a BLM employee at Las Cienegas (Karen Sims). This type of agreements will allow for a better working arrangement between BLM and FSPR. FSPR will, of course, be reviewing and negotiating this agreement when the draft is prepared.
 - iii. NCLS reports are done and will be seen at the March board meeting.
- f. FSPR requested a copy of the grave map for the Fairbank Cemetery. Jim Mahoney said they one would be provided.

7. PROGRAM REPORTS.

- a. Docent Program.
 - i. Cultural Docents (Ron Serviss). Ron is already setting up the speakers for the next Cultural Docent training starting with Deni Seymour in October.
 - ii. Natural History Docents. Tom Clancy will arrange for the speakers for the April class. Chris Long will provide the roster to him.
- b. Education Program (John Rose).
 - i. (John Rose). SPH River Program There will be a group of 50 first graders in March-Will try to split that into two groups
 - ii. (Ron Serviss) History Program. Several classes will visit Murray Springs this month
- c. Maintenance Program (Vacant). Need a program lead. Ted Mouras will update on the various garden efforts. Master Gardeners continue to work around the San Pedro House grounds and things are really looking good.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- a. Membership Committee (Gary Noonan) –There will be an hour set aside in next month’s meeting to discuss membership matters
 - i. Facebook-having a networking site would be a way of communicating with younger members
 - ii. Membership Survey-was sent out, only one response so far.
 - iii. New Membership Brochure (Chris Long). We are getting toward the end of the current one. We need a new, attractive design within the next six weeks.
 - iv. Ads in SV Herald like the one Elks Lodge had in the “year in Review” section. Laura checking on cost. Discussion in February meeting

9. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle). Most stock has been tagged. We will need an additional license for the computer at the front desk. Cost to be discussed.
- b. Update on “Dedication Walk” as a fund raiser (Dutch Nagle). There was discussion about the type of brick/stone to use and the cost of each. Need final coordination with BLM in order to move forward with this. There seems to be a difference of opinion on the value of this effort between FSPR and BLM.
- c. DVD program (Dutch Nagle).

- i. There is a need for two volunteers to help with storage of data. Bette Ford has offered to assist with this as has Ann Walker. The names were referred to Mike Foster.
 - ii. There has been a request for DVDs of the cultural walks. This would be very difficult because of all the work in gathering the photos and historical data necessary to make the videos worthwhile.
10. NEW BUSINESS.
 - a. Tourism Partnering (Dutch Nagle). what we can do, if anything, to partner with the Hotel/Motel/B&B people? After much discussion the BOD agreed that travel packages could include gift certificate/DVDs/information on walks, but a special, free, docent led tour would be difficult to guarantee on short notice.
 - b. Newspaper Articles (Dutch Nagle). What articles could Angel Rutherford do for us? Suggest she participate in a river walk to give her ideas. (Update: Angel has agreed to prepare an article on Woodhouse Toads for May.)
11. REVIEW 2009/2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
12. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9th. We will include a one-hour discussion on membership and volunteers. PLEASE NOTE: Because of the extra one hour, the meeting will start at 5:00 instead of 6:00. We will keep the remaining agenda to a minimum.
13. ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.