

**Friends of the San Pedro River  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda  
July 13, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting came to order at 6 PM
2. ROLL CALL. Present: Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, Sally Rosén, John Rose, Robert Weissler, Gary Noonan, Tom Clancy, Tom Arnold, Ron Serviss. Representing BLM : Mark Rekshynskyj
3. MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING. Approved.
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOD entered executive session 6:15 to discuss personnel matters. We ended the executive session at 6:30.
5. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
  - a. Site host announcements will be placed on several web sites. BLM thanked Laura Mackin for providing appropriate locations for this announcement. The vacancy will not be posted on [www.volunteers.gov](http://www.volunteers.gov)
  - b. August 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day BLM can make purchases for Fiscal Year 2010.
  - c. BLM continues to work on a new Assistance Agreement for FSPR. BLM would like to have it in place by 1 October which is the start of Fiscal Year 2011.
  - d. There are two new SCAs – Andy and Scott. There are now four Student Conservation Associates for the SPRNCA.
  - e. The water pump at San Pedro House has been replaced.
  - f. **Marcia Radke** is working on Environmental Assessments for several monitoring projects. Once these are complete, she will contact the volunteers who have offered to assist with the monitoring.
  - g. BLM offered training for FSPR volunteers on how to deal with “unusual” visitors. FSPR accepted this offer and BLM will contact us to find a mutually agreeable date.
  - h. BLM will purchase a slide scanner and external storage disk. Then an FSPR volunteer will start to digitize many of the existing BLM slides.
  - i. Mark R. reiterated that when the new Assistance Agreement is in place, BLM will be able to assist with funding for brochures and other educational materials.
  - j. Posters are needed for FSH. Update: The “Pioneers” poster is complete and now at FSH. The Railroads poster has an error that was not caught in review and must be reprinted. Jim Mahoney as the revised file for printing.
  - k. UA group study-there is a group seeking to do a study on beavers and plants, this would duplicate another study and does not need to be done.
6. TREASURER’S REPORT (**Tom Arnold**). Review budget charts. The bank balance is decreasing due to lower summer sales at the SPH and FSH. This is expected during the summer months, but if it drops too low, we will need to reduce our purchases.
7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (**Chris Long**).
  - a. FSPR Statistics.
    - i. Current Membership: 186 (4 new members , 2 renewals, 15 reminders mailed)
    - ii. Active Volunteers/Docents (at least 1 hour in FY10): 97 (plus 3 DAR)
    - iii. YTD Events: 178
    - iv. YTD Participation: 3,959
    - v. Volunteer Hours YTD: 8,319

- vi. Youth Events (Education Programs): 22
- vii. Youth Participation (estimate): 971
- b. President's Duties. **Chris Long** will send out a list of things that current and past President's do. She asked the Board to see if some of these duties can be parceled out to other board members or volunteers.
- c. Water Sentinel's Program. FSPR agreed to support this program. **Ted Mouras** will be providing additional information. 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.
- d. Solar System at SPH – upgrade? **Chris Long** will call several solar system providers and get an estimate of what repairs/upgrades to the existing system would cost. She will also ask the providers if it is possible to incrementally upgrade the system. Chris will ask **Kathryn Ojiero** to start looking for possible sources of grant funds to support this upgrade.
- e. Seed & seed feeders at FSH? Since FSH is only open three days a week and seed is expensive, the board did not feel that this warranted at this time.
- f. Security at FSH? BLM will post a “No guns in building” sign at FSH. They will also ask the Law Enforcement Rangers to stop in and introduce themselves to the volunteers on duty.
- g. Internet Access at FSH. BLM support our desire to have Internet access at FSH. **Robert Weissler** will investigate possible alternatives. If it is possible to put the antenna in the Site Host Compound, the site hosts could also use the service.

## 8. BOD REPORTS

- a. Membership (**Gary Noonan**)
- b. Docent Classes
  - i. Natural History. Will be offered next April.
  - ii. Cultural History (**Ron Serviss**). Thursdays – October 14, 21, 28, November 4, and 11. Saturdays October 16, 23, 30, and November 6
- c. Grants (**Dutch Nagle**). A committee is formed to prepare generic/boilerplate grant applications. (**Dutch Nagle, Alex Kosmider, Mary Beth Sutor, Ginny Bealer, John Rose, Jane Chambers, Ken Charters**) They will prepare small (possibly office supplies), medium(probably DVD program), and large (probably solar system) requests so that we can be ready when the opportunities arise.
- d. Green Facility – **Tom Arnold** is going to check on what would be required for SPH to be considered a Green Facility. This designation might be a good advertising point as well as being a good thing to do.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Update on Point of Sales System (**Dutch Nagle**).
  - i. It's up and running and really easy to use. The Point of Sales system is up and running at San Pedro House. It is easy to use for normal transactions. Volunteers will pick it up easily. Laura will work on instructions for what to do when errors or special cases occur.
  - ii. We will try to implement POS at FSH with as little drain on Laura as possible. **Ron, Chris, and Sally** will do as much as possible using

Laura's experience and guidance, but (we hope) will not take her hands-on time.

- b. Update on "Dedication Walk" as a fund raiser (**Dutch Nagle**). No new information. When the BLM contract is in place, work will begin, but no date at this time.
  - c. Newsletter articles due by 28 July. The following assignments were made:
    - i. **Chris Long** – President's letter, Sonoran Institute article
    - ii. **Tom Arnold** – what's new and interesting for sale at SPH
    - iii. **Contention Walk** success and September Contention walk for docents/volunteers
    - iv. **Alan Blixt** – Birds (Chris will contact and see if he will do this)
    - v. **Lori Kovash** – Kids at the river (Chris will check if she has time for this)
    - vi. **Ron Serviss** – Cultural Docents & Cultural Docent Class
    - vii. **Ron Serviss and Sally Rosén** – New history program for students at FSH
    - viii. **Gary Noonan** – Membership drive and new awards
    - ix. **Dutch Nagle** – Bequest and Point of Sales
    - x. **Richard Bauer** – Millville and Clanton Ranch (Chris will contact and see if he can do this)
    - xi. **Bob Herrmann** – Photography on the river (Chris will contact and see if he can do this)
  - d. Fairbank Days(**Chris Long**). Need POC for events in Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar. Ensure re-enactors, arrange other events, coordinate walks, arrange catering/food vending. **Chris** will contact **Anne Graf** and see if she is willing to take this on.
10. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. BOD Retreat (**Ron Serviss**). Would the Board be willing to take a Saturday or Sunday to have in depth discussions on our mission and charter. The Board members expressed a willingness to do this. **Ron** will coordinate a date, time, and place.
  - b. President Nominating Committee (**Ron Serviss**). Ron recommended that a small group of BOD members get together to form a nominating committee for the next president. The election will take place in September, so action is required now.
  - c. **Chris Long** asked for volunteers to attend the NLCS Rendezvous in Las Vegas in November. She will reserve two places.
11. REVIEW 2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
12. NEXT MEETING August 10th.
13. ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.