

Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
March 9, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER.
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3. ROLL CALL. Members Present: Chris Long, Tom Arnold, Tom Clancy, Gary Noonan, Robert Weissler, Dutch Nagle, Ron Serviss, Sally Rosén For BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj, Jim Mahoney
4. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING. The minutes were accepted as published
5. TREASURER'S REPORT. **Tom Arnold** reviewed and explained the budget spreadsheets. Net sales were down, but only about \$500. Procedures for reviewing employee time sheets have been implemented. Tom also recommended that there be a procedure for reviewing invoices for inventory purchases. He also recommended that FSPR open a second checking account to be used specifically for tracking donations and grants. (Update: This was accomplished on March 22, 2010.) This account will allow the "profit and loss" charts to more accurately represent funds coming in and going out. **Ron Serviss** volunteered to work with Laura Mackin to better understand the Point of Sale system, so that a Board member fully understand the system.
6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Fairbank Special Events.
 - i. March 20th – Arizona Archaeology Month – Hike to Terrenate, walk to Terrenate, music, Train Robbery re-enactment. (Update: This event was very successful with over 250 visitors. The Re-enactment was excellent as the actors had studied the reports of the actual robbery.)
 - ii. The April "Fairbank Day" event is cancelled. Springfest/IMBD is on May 8th and will require considerable work.
 - iii. Do we wish to continue some kind of Fairbank events in the summer? There was discussion, but no decision.
 - b. Special Potluck as "Thank You" to the gardening groups will be held April 3rd at San Pedro House
 - c. Camera Club.
 - i. **Perrie Barnes** will organize the Camera Club.
 - ii. Kickoff meeting will be held on 10 April at San Pedro House. There will be light refreshments and a questionnaire for participants.
 - iii. **Ty Holland** Seminar at SPH April 24th. Fee Event, we will pay him for his time, the rest is for us. The fee is \$45, limit 15 people Flyer is available. Will also put in e-mail to membership/volunteers.
 - d. **Hannah Sherman**, volunteer, working on new displays for FSH. Will only be here for six weeks. The emphasis of the display will be on railroads, mills, and the Fairbank train robbery.
7. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. Dedication Walkway-BLM will purchase enough block to do the entire walk between the flagpole and the walkway (135 feet in length). Samples of brick sizes were shown to the board members. Proceeds from the sales of dedicated bricks will go to FSPR. There was a brief discussion of how those funds might be spent. Funds generated may not be spent on water, food, or donations to other organizations. FSPR will need specific guidelines in writing from BLM. FSPR must account to BLM on funds raised and exactly how they are used. Details of

this accounting need to be finalized – monthly/annual, level of detail, etc. **Tom Arnold** will need to coordinate with BLM on this.

- b. BLM Budget Planning System. Specialized Project funding for one-time projects for the FY2010-2011. Forty-five thousand dollars a year for next five years was allocated for fencing. Ideas for other projects are being solicited from staff, etc. It was suggested that some attention be paid to the area around the bridge/trailhead at the Charleston access point and the steep steps down the bank at Murray Springs.
 - c. BLM will not change the telephone access at Fairbank. At the present time, it is not cost effective for FSPR to install satellite or wireless access to that location. FSPR will simply not have internet access at the Schoolhouse, since dialup from that location is unreliable.
 - d. The announcement of the monitoring projects in need of volunteers has been sent out. We received several responses for the Bird Transects and Beaver Monitoring. Names will be passed on to Marcia Radke. (Update: This was done on March 23, 2010.)
 - e. Emergency Procedures for SPH/FSH.-In the case of a life threatening situation, the volunteer should call 9-1-1. For all others BLM office should be called first and then BLM Law enforcement. FSPR will need to work with BLM to prepare a set of emergency instructions for both SPH and FSH.
 - f. When contracts are awarded for the trailhead projects (end of March), BLM can buy the brick for the walkway.
 - g. **Karen Sims** of BLM is working on a draft a new cooperative agreement between FSPR and BLM. FSPR will most likely not be able to accept any funds from the walkway until that agreement is complete. This agreement will be put out for bids on grants.gov. FSPR will then need to submit a bid on the agreement in order to continue as the authorized “Friends” group for SPRNCA. (**Chris Long** to check with Kathryn Ojiero to make sure that FSPR is registered on grants.gov.)
8. Committee Reports
- a. Membership (Gary Noonan) The new membership brochure is at the printer, posters are on disc in Mahoney’s mailbox. The Springfest is a work in progress. **Robert Weissler** is working on updating the website. Gary Noonan will provide articles on the history of FSPR to be posted on the website. The booth at Springfest will have information on membership and reduced membership fee if someone signs upon the spot. Gary will contact “someone” about the volunteer coordinator position. Chris will contact “someone” about taking over the membership list/renewals.
 - b. Docent Classes
 - i. Natural History – beginning April 1- Tom Clancy organizing. All classes are arranged except the April 22 class.
 - ii. Cultural History – Fall – Ron Service organizing. Two walks in February were quite successful. A group is working on curriculum for fourth grade field trips. There is a question of liability in candle-making portion BLM will check. Ron put forth the idea of a family camp at the San Pedro.
9. OLD BUSINESS.
- a. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle). Ron and Chris will work with Laura to get an understanding of how the POS system works.
 - b. Update on “Dedication Walk” as a fund raiser (Dutch Nagle) (see above 7a)
 - c. Springfest/IMBD (Dutch Nagle). The schedule is nearly firm.
10. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. Wheel chair for SPH for “rescues”? This is not needed, see above 7e

- b. Funding for BLM burrowing owl boxes? This was a request from Marcia Radke (BLM wildlife biologist). It was tabled until further information is available.
 - c. Need to select dates for “members/volunteers” only walks to Charleston and Contention. Richard Bauer/ Tom Clancy (walk leaders) to work on date selection. (Update: Charleston Walk is Sunday April 18th at 9AM, Contention Walk is Saturday May 1st at 8 AM.)
 - d. Need to select date for first “members/volunteers” social event.
11. REVIEW 2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
 12. NEXT MEETING April 13th. This meeting will start at 5:30 to allow more time for discussion of bylaws.
 13. ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.