

## MINUTES

### Friends of the San Pedro River Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Chris Long called the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL. All members present. Treasurer Jann Weiss sent her report via e-mail.
3. MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING. The minutes approved as published.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jann Weiss). Jann noted that we needed to put priorities on the nine expenses that had been approved lately. The Board reached consensus on the following:
  - 1 – \$290--BBQ Grills--Already expended.
  - 2 – \$165--Reptile pamphlets – Already expended.
  - 3 – \$100--FSPR portion of display case – Already expended, but \$200 less than approved.
  - 4 – \$250--food for Wet/Dry BBQ--Scheduled for June 12.
  - 5 – \$585--5000 Fairbank Brochures—Completed as of May 20.
  - 6 – \$1550--Reprint 2500 color brochure on SPRNCA—(Note: reduced cost for reduced number).
  - 7 – \$295--Interim bird List – Will check budget for May and see if we can afford to publish this summer.
  - 8 – \$650--Microscope for education program – postpone until September, also check on possible grant.
  - 9 – \$225--Replacements for Bone Box—will share cost with Huachuca Audubon, will not be ordered until fall.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
  - a. BLM Reptile List foldout – at printer, cost approved last month \$165. (*See above.*)
  - b. BLM Bird List Interim – ready to go to printer, cost approximately \$295. (*See above.*)
  - c. Display Case – Found a less expensive display case. Just under \$600 total. (*See above.*) No freight, BLM will pick up the cabinet and Tucson and deliver to SPH. Note: Delivered by BLM on 18 May. Set up in Docent Room at San Pedro House.
  - d. Letter to City of Sierra Vista about Murray Springs water issue. Draft reviewed by Board. It was decided to add information about the number of people visiting (Note: This information was not received, so letter sent without the added info.), the frequency of interpretive walks, and that it is being considered for designation as a national historic site
  - e. New BBQ grill for SPH – needed before Wet/Dry training on June 12, \$290. (*See above.*) We purchased this on 9 May. The grills will be stored and transported by BLM.
  - f. FSPR will fund the BBQ for Wet/Dry training – cost approximately \$250. (*See above.*)
  - g. Need to reprint color brochure, this one is expensive about \$1500 for 5000. (*See above.*)
  - h. Fairbank Brochure is almost completely out. Cost will be about \$585 for 5000. (*See above.*)
  - i. Three of our Docents (Alan Blixt, Ted Mouras, and Dutch Nagle) were nominated for the SV Convention and Visitor Center's U-Rock program "Volunteer of the Year." The ceremony took place at 2 PM on May 20 at the SV CVB. Please attend. The Center is very supportive of FSPR and always mentions us to visitors. Note: Dutch Nagle was the winner of this award. Congratulations!

6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
  - a. FSPR - Replacement of broken blind at FSH Chris Schragger is looking into this repair and it will be done.
  - b. Student Conservation Associate (SCA) Alex Howe will continue at the SPRNCA.
  - c. Stimulus Project money (Round 1) has been approved \$750,000. There will be more than 60 miles of trail maintenance and Trailhead improvements. Eleven trailheads will be improved, campgrounds will have pay station tubes installed, and solar power installed at Boquillas and Fairbank. The solar improvements at San Pedro House will come with Round 2
  - d. Mark was emphatic that ideas that had been presented and denied in the past should be brought up again and they might be approved. He is looking for progressive, income generating events. Insurance requirements could be waived if the programs have educational/scientific elements. Innovative Interpretive Fee Programs are needed. Docents on walks should suggest donations. BLM is extremely supportive of new income generating ideas.

7. PROGRAM REPORTS.

- a. Docent Program
  - (1) Natural History Docent Program (Chris Long). Eleven graduates, several look very promising.
  - (2) Cultural History Docent Program (Ron Serviss). No one except five docents came to the Presidio walk. Probably a result of lack of advertising. Nothing appeared in the Herald and the Mountain View News had the wrong date. Perhaps we will change it to the second Sunday of the month and maybe do a second one on a weekday.
- b. Education Program (John Rose). There were 650 students this school year. Some classes had to be turned down.
  - (a) \$650 for new stereoscopic microscope. *(See above.)*
  - (b) Share cost of new skulls for bone box with Audubon approximately \$225 from FSPR. *(See above.)*
- c. Equestrian Program (Nancy Doolittle) – No report.
- d. Maintenance Program (Vacant – Report from Ted Mouras) Teri Metzger is back from Iraq and will be helping again.
  - (1) The DAR has formally adopted the wildlife landscape around San Pedro House. They have over 100 volunteer hours.
  - (2) Xeric Landscape and Descriptive Booklet (Ted Mouras). The booklet is in its final editing and will be published in 1-2 weeks at a cost of \$1700 dollars which is what we have left from the grant. A before-and-after booklet is planned, as well as a Spanish version.
  - (3) OBERON has \$750 grants available for project that are environmentally related. **Note:** Terri Metzger has completed the grant application form.
  - (4) The new pond and bench have been completed by Lori Kovash. The feeder near the pond will be lowered so that volunteers don't need to climb on the stump to refill it. **Note:** Ted Mouras took care of this on 18 May.
  - (5) We need to find a way to recognize the volunteerism of Cochise Master Gardeners, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and others.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- a. Membership Committee (Vacant).
- b. Education Committee (John Rose). No report.
- c. Public Outreach (Ted Mouras)
  - (1) Cochise County Conservation Council has formed and is focused on habitat protection and the wildlife corridor-Ted will brief Marcia Radke of BLM on this effort.
  - (2) Fort Huachuca Public Access Channel. Jane Chambers is taping the monthly events for the channel. Ted will work on the replacement of the lost information in June.

(3) A “San Pedro Alliance” is forming. Perspective will be on the entire river not just the “upper” San Pedro.

9. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Report on IMBD (Dutch Nagle). The event was very successful. It is estimated that approximately 200 were in attendance. Enough money in donations was raised to pay for the food. The bookstore had \$1800 in sales. The Master Gardeners sold 160 of the 190 plants they brought. The “Big Hits” were the wagon rides, solar talk, animals from Gray Hawk and Liberty Wildlife, and the plant sales.

b. Trail Guide Illustrated Booklet (Ted Mouras). Illustrations are complete, text authors are needed. The biodiversity information from Gary Noonan should be mentioned.

c. 2010 Photo Calendar (Gary Noonan). Angel Rutherford and Mary McCulloch have submitted photos. June 30 is the deadline for events to be included in the calendar. July 15 is the deadline for photos.

d. FSPR History (Gary Noonan). The history is out and 22 copies have been distributed. The others are on sale in the bookstore.

e. Fairbank Reunion/Fairbank Day – 14 November 2009 – (Laura Mackin). Will review available dates. **Note:** Laura, Chris, and Dawk are working a new proposal for events at Fairbank. Based on the BLM assurance that events like concerts and art shows are acceptable, FSPR is looking at a series of smaller events this fall and winter instead of one big event. FSPR will, of course, still support the annual Fairbank Reunion.

f. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle) The coding system needs to be developed. Laura Mackin will be working on this, now that IMBD is over.

g. Fundraising – Arizona License Plate for FSPR/SPRNCA? (John Rose) There are thoughts of doing our own front license plate to avoid the high start-up costs of the State License Plate. Anne Graf suggested a SPRNCA postage stamp, but no one assigned to investigate the cost or income potential.

h. FSPR Camera Club (Gary Noonan) We are looking for some really good photographers to meet several times a year.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Phone/computer link at Fairbank? (Dutch Nagle and BLM) Problems continue despite three checks by Qwest. They will be back on May 14. Note: As of 28 May, the connection is still not functional.

b. Monthly articles for SV Herald (Dutch Nagle). We are good through August, but need a few backup articles. Assignments were made for articles through the end of the calendar year.

c. Huachuca Scout will also publish our articles (Dutch Nagle). We will recycle some of our previous articles

d. Ted Mouras will be leaving the FSPR Board after serving for 10 years. The Board expressed profound thanks for his many activities and services to FSPR. A replacement needs to be sought to put on the September BOD ballot.

11. REVIEW 2009 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.

12. NEXT MEETING June 9<sup>th</sup>.

13. ADJOURN.