

DRAFT MINUTES
Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting came to order at 6:00 PM.
2. ROLL CALL. Chris Long, Robert Weissler, Tom Arnold, Dutch Nagle, Gary Noonan, Tom Clancy, Ron Serviss, Sally Rosen. BLM: Mark Rekshynskyj
3. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING. Approved.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom Arnold). Review of budget charts. October bookstore/gift shop income was above the budget estimate but quite a bit below last year. Gross margin was better than projected. Fairbank barely breaks even and ties up quite a bit of inventory. **Laura Mackin and Dawk Bianchi** completed the annual inventory and will move some items from FSH to SPH. FSH will continue to carry the Western items that sell the best.
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Letter received from Goldberg & Osborne. FSPR attorney working with BLM attorney. As payment to Pete Kelly, the attorney who represents FSPR in this action, FSPR will make a \$400 contribution to CANTER. WE will receive in exchange 10 tickets to the annual CANTER dinner. We can resell these, auction them off, or use them as we wish.
 - b. BLM Group Volunteer Services Agreement. BLM Form 1114-5, FSPR fills out this form annually and attaches a list of current volunteers. This year it does not include trail rides. It does include venues other than SPRNCA, so when we do presentations, etc. in town or other locations that is included.
 - c. Water District Information Meeting. Request that as many BOD members as possible support the non-political Water District Information Meeting held at San Pedro House on November 21st at 11:30 AM. RSVPs are required.
 - d. Newsletter – **Jann Weiss** will continue to format the newsletter for FSPR. Items are due to **Chris Long** no later than 13 November.
 - e. Rendezvous of Friends. Sponsored by National Landscape System Foundation on behalf of the National Landscape Conservation System. This was an excellent chance to meet with other BLM Friends groups, discuss how different groups work, how they work with BLM, and also get information on the NLCS and what's going on in Washington. During this discussion, we mentioned the difficulty of using the long San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area title in advertisings and publications. Mark Rekshynskyj said that it was okay just to use "The River" or the "San Pedro."
 - f. Fee Programs. The answer to our questions about fee programs is: In general, if the program is "interpretive" in nature, the individual or group can sign a BLM volunteer form, have BLM sign it, and all is well. Other types of programs most likely need a Special Recreation Permit and would need to apply through BLM.
 - g. Stanley Grant. This \$500 grant from Terri Metzger's employer will be used to partially fund the reprinting of the FSPR/SPRNCA color brochure.
6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. Trail Maintenance. Due to scheduling conflicts with the group doing the maintenance, this effort will most likely begin in March. All 58 miles of trails will be covered. Information on the Trailhead portion of the stimulus package can be found at recovery.com.
 - b. SPRNCA Fees. BLM is considering charging an "amenity fee" to the SPRNCA to cover expenses like toilets, parking areas, etc. Mark R> passed around BLM

Info Bulletin 99-033 which discusses the reasons for and against the use of these types of fees.

- c. Budget. BLM is currently working a number of budget issues which affect SPRNCA.
- d. Dogs on SPH Trails. FSPR brought up the issue of dogs off leash on the San Pedro House Trails. Mark can take administrative action if he receives complaints from the public. Jim Mahoney has the one complaint that we referred to him last month.
- e. Charleston Hike? BLM will check on the possibility of an FSPR sponsored hike to Charleston. This could either be for the public or a “members only” event.

7. PROGRAM REPORTS.

- a. Docent Program. (Ron Serviss). Cultural Docent training began last week, will continue for the next few weeks. We have six people attending.
- b. Education Program (John Rose).
- c. Equestrian Program. Currently inactive and not included in our Volunteer Agreement for FY 2010. Could change as current issues get resolved.
- d. Maintenance Program (Vacant). Need a program lead. Ted Mouras will update on the various garden efforts.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- a. Membership Committee (Gary Noonan) – Membership is declining not only in FSPR, but in organizations all over the country. **Gary** will be working with **Sandy Kunzer and Ron Serviss** on ideas to build up our membership. Gary is contacting other Friends organizations and looking for ways to interest younger people in joining.
- b. Education Committee (John Rose).
 - 1) **John Rose** has a great response this fall. Two schools last week for almost 100 children. Two more are scheduled for the coming week, probably 55 children. Then things will taper off for the winter.
 - 2) Transportation Expenses. FSPR used to provide transportation funding for school field trips to SPRNCA sites, should we restart that service. Discussion showed that this offer was not used very much in the past, but **Ron Serviss** will check with the public schools to see if it would be more useful this year based on all the recent budget cuts. The charter schools might also find the cost reimbursement useful.
 - 3) Grants. We have a number of opportunities to apply for grants, especially educational grants. What should we be asking for? **Ron Serviss and John Rose** will look over these available grants to see what might be appropriate for us.

9. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Fairbank Reunion/Fairbank Day (Chris Long). 14 November 2009 – On track for our portion of the event. **Lori Kovash** prepared NLCS poster, FSPR will provide entertainment, cake, and soft drinks.
- b. Update on Point of Sales System. **Dutch Nagle** reported that progress is being made. **Laura Mackin** expects to have everything coded by the end of the month, will do major inventory in December, and expect to be on-line in January.
- c. Update on “Dedication Walk” as a fund raiser. **Dutch Nagle** has all the info on the bricks, the engraving etc. Still need to decide exactly where the walkway will be. We will request BLM input on this.
- d. Hike Schedule. **Chris Long** is finalizing the hike Schedule for calendar year 2010. Since we are doing Millville several times as a History Walk, we will do a Clanton Ranch Hike in August. Also, we have changed the date of the Halloween hike to Saturday 23 October at 6:30 PM.

- e. DVD Player. **Robert Weissler** investigated appropriate setups for a DVD player for SPH. He turned this information over to **Dutch** to decide on the purchase.
10. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. Holiday Potluck at SPH. The BOD decided to continue our tradition of an informal Holiday Party for members, docents, volunteers, and BLM at SPH. It will be a potluck on Friday, December 11th between 5 PM and 8 PM.
 - b. Monthly Articles for the SV Herald. **Dutch Nagle** is scheduling the 2010 articles. He has items scheduled through March. If you have an idea for an article, anything related to the SPRNCA, please contact him.
 - c. Volunteer Hours. Should we publish the monthly and total number of volunteer hours. The general feeling was that this would not be a big incentive to put in more hours. But it is certainly feasible, if desired.
 - d. Photo Website. The FSPR photo website gets many visitors. Gary has coordinated with **Bob Herrmann** to take over this project.
 - e. Volunteer Awards. Gary mentioned that we have very few awards and appreciation events for our volunteers. We give them a BLM hat at 50-hours and then nothing until 500-hours. Both of these are “officially” BLM awards. **Chris** will work with **Gary** on ideas for additional appreciation acknowledgement.
11. REVIEW 2009/2010 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR. Changed the Halloween Hike date.
12. NEXT MEETING December 8th.
13. ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM