

**Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes - October 13, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting began on time at 6 PM.
2. ROLL CALL. Board Members – Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, John Rose, Tom Clancy, Robert Weissler, Gary Noonan, Sally Rosen, Anne Graf, Ron Serviss. FSPR Treasurer, Tom Arnold. BLM, Jim Mahoney.
3. PRESENTATION BY SAN PEDRO RIVER ALLIANCE. **Holly Richter**, a member of the organizing board for the proposed Sierra Vista/Upper San Pedro Water District, requested FSPR sponsorship for an information meeting to be held at San Pedro House on November 21st to present information to the public. This would not be a political meeting, but rather a chance to present information about the proposed water district, information on how to find out about the details of the proposal, how to contact local representatives, and where and how express comments and opinions. This issue will be coming up for a public vote in November 2010. FSPR agreed to assist in this informational meeting and **Dutch Nagle** will be the FSPR Contact.
4. MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING. The BOD accepted the September minutes.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT.
 - a. Review budget charts. **Tom Arnold** presented the Fiscal Year 2009 Profit and Loss statement. The year was good for sales but the gross margin was lower than we would like (i.e. less profit). The Board discussed some ideas for improving gross profit – raise prices, use fewer paid salary hours, lower inventory, etc.
 - b. FY 2010 Budget Estimate Discussion. **Tom Arnold** requested that the Board review a proposed budget for next Fiscal Year. He has projected a small increase in sales of about 2% overall. In FY09, donations were good, but cannot be counted on. He projects that the Point of Sales system will help keep excellent control of inventory to allow for a slightly higher turnover (that is, fewer items on the shelves that don't sell.) Board members are requested to review the proposed budget and make suggestions and recommendations.
6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Election results and BOD position elections. John Rose, Robert Weissler, and Dutch Nagle were re-elected to the Board. Ron Serviss, Tom Clancy, and Gary Noonan were appointed to the Board to fill the remaining terms of Board members who resigned prior to the end of their terms. Chris Long was elected President for a second year, Dutch Nagle will serve as Vice President. Tom Arnold will be the FSPR Treasurer. During this discussion the Board also voted to issue debit cards to Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, Laura Mackin, and Kathryn Ojerio. The debit cards will greatly facilitate purchase of both office supplies and giftshop/bookstore inventory. Robert Weissler, will also be authorized to sign checks.
 - b. Visit by Cal Polytech – Pomona, 18-20 October, 70-80 Landscape Architecture students. (Update: This visit went very well. About 50 students actually came. They visited San Pedro House, Murray Springs, and Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate. Many Thanks to **Sandy Kunzer, Tricia Gerrodette, Ginny Bealer, Ron Serviss, Dutch Nagle, and Dwight Long** who escorted the students and presented information on the SPRNCA.
 - c. Car Club request for next fall. Chris Long has contacted this group for additional information.

- d. Request for visit to Contention and Drew Station by travel/history writer. BLM approved this visit.
 - e. FSPR offered a donation – an specific need?
7. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
- a. BLM requested that FSPR work with them to revise the 1987 Memorandum of Agreement. The new agreement will be Cooperative Assistance Agreement. This will allow for transfer of funds in both directions. **Chris Long** will meet with **Mark Rekshynskyj** on October 15th to begin work on this. As part of this agreement, FSPR will register on the government www.grants.gov website.
 - b. **Jim Mahoney** reported that BLM is working tamarisk eradication along the river. They are starting from the south and working north.
 - c. Richard Isman will return to San Pedro house as the site host for the winter.
 - d. Contracts for trail maintenance have been awarded. 58 miles of trail will be covered, including the trail north of Fairbank.
 - e. FSPR requested that BLM post “Dogs on Leash” signs for the San Pedro House trails. Much discussion ensued but no agreement reached.
8. PROGRAM REPORTS.
- a. Docent Program. **Ron Serviss** is contacting speakers for Cultural Docent Training. (Update: Deni Seymour will speak on Terrenate on Wednesday November 4th and lead a tour to the site on November 7th. Murray Springs will be covered on November 11th and 14th. Other dates are in the works.)
 - b. Education Program.
 - 1) John Rose reported 323 students attended the education programs this Fiscal Year.
 - 2) The Board approved the purchase of a binocular microscope. Cost expected to be about \$500.
 - c. Equestrian Program. Currently inactive.
 - d. Maintenance Program (Vacant). Need a program lead. Ted Mouras will update on the various garden efforts.
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
- a. Membership Committee. Gary Noonan volunteered to lead the membership committee. He presented several charts showing how membership has declined over the last years. He recommended that the Board refocus on membership and presented suggestions on ways to improve membership. Those suggestions included: improving the membership application form to make it more eye-catching, printing several colorful posters about membership (BLM agreed that these could be printed on their large plotter), provide more members only activities, survey the membership on their needs and desires, provide more recognition of volunteers, and find out what other Friends organizations do to improve membership.
 - b. Education Committee. No report.
10. OLD BUSINESS.
- a. Fairbank Reunion.
 - 1) Date: 14 November 2009
 - 2) BLM sent out the announcement
 - 3) Lori Kovash working on NLCS poster
 - 4) FSPR will provide entertainment, cake, and soft drinks.
 - b. Update on Point of Sales System. Dutch Nagle reported that this is moving forward slowly.
 - c. Gutters at San Pedro House. These are complete. Many thanks to **Nadine Holder!**

- d. Phone/computer link at Fairbank? Nothing new. We will drop this item.
 - e. ADOT starting planning for Highway 90 bridge replacement. ADOT called San Pedro House to ask about electricity. **Dutch** notified them that SPH is “off the grid.”
 - f. Member’s Only/Annual Meeting event. October 17th at Boquillas. (Update: **Dutch** did a great job organizing this event. WE had about 45 participants and a good time was had by all.)
 - g. Adopt a Highway. At this time, ADOT is not accepting new volunteers. **Dutch Nagle** will check with them again later in the Fiscal Year.
 - h. Halloween Hike. **John Rose** reported that this is ready to go. The event starts at 6:30 PM, but all preprinted info says 7 PM. In the future, we need to ensure that materials printed early (like the Monthly Events and the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs announcements accurately reflect the time of the event. (Update: There were about 45 participants. Good going John! This event is always a very exciting one and is always well attended. Many thanks to all the folks who make it so successful.)
 - i. Update on “Dedication Walk” as a fund raiser. **Dutch Nagle** researched this way of fundraising. It looks to be very promising. He will continue to coordinate with BLM on where a walkway would be appropriate and what type of bricks would be best to keep the ambiance of the San Pedro House.
11. NEW BUSINESS.
- a. Need an organizer for Saturday Interpretive Walks. **Tom Clancy** volunteered to take on this effort. Thanks Tom! He will be sending out the requests for docents. Please don’t forget to report how many folks show up for the walks to either Tom or Chris Long.
 - b. Need an organizer for the Birder at Large program. Sally Rosen will do this.
12. REVIEW 2009 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
13. NEXT MEETING November 10th.
14. ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.