

Draft Minutes

**Friends of the San Pedro River
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 6:01
2. ROLL CALL. Board Present: John Rose, Sally Rosén, Ted Mouras, Chris Long, Dutch Nagle, Anne Graf . Guests: Lori Kovash, Ron Serviss, Tom Clancy, Tom Arnold. BLM Staff: Jim Mahoney, Mark Rekshynskyj.
3. MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING. The minutes were approved as published.
4. PROGRAM PROPOSAL by LORI KOVASH. Lori presented her ideas for water conservation education for children. She wishes to teach the children in the community about all the information about “water”. The water table, ground water, % of it is drinkable, % that is not drinkable, the effects of well pumping and ways that they can help to save our river and water. Two goals are to get community children to use less water at home and to discontinue use of plastic water bottles. She also presented her scavenger hunt sheets for use at San Pedro House by children and their parents. The board expressed support for her programs.
5. TREASURER’S REPORT (Jann Weiss).
 - a. Review budget charts. Chris noted that we are not as far behind at this point as we thought we would be due to higher sales than expected in July and August.
 - b. Recent donations. A \$2500 donation has been received.
6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Chris Long).
 - a. Publications.
 - (1) BLM Bird List Interim – Still on hold for now.
 - (2) Color Brochure – This expense was authorized without the suggested changes to save on increased cost.
 - b. Elections. Ballots were sent out to all members last week. Family memberships get one vote only.
 - c. Discussion on Equestrian/Trail Ride Program. The program has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. The equestrian leaders are not willing to lead the rides under the restrictions that have recently been set. Discussions will continue.
 - d. Gutters and rain barrels for SPH. Contributions totaling \$5500 have come in for the system and the gutters and rain barrels have been ordered. There will be a plaque honoring the donor.
 - e. National Public Lands Day – September 26th. We have no special activities planned on the SPRNCA, but will encourage our members to support Coronado National Memorial in their trail day. An e-mail will be sent out to members.
 - f. Arizona Republic article on one-room schoolhouses in Arizona will include Fairbank. Should be published on September 19th. The author, Roger Naylor called for information last Friday. He will also mention the Schoolhouse in an article on Halloween activities around the state.
 - g. Special Donation-A donation was made requesting a bench, since we don’t to benches it was suggested that the money go for the much-needed microscope. There was further discussion of a commemorative walkway.
7. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT (BLM).
 - a. Site host mileage rate has been reduced to fourteen cents per mile. BLM will allow site hosts to use a BLM vehicle.

- b. Stimulus Funds. The technical package deadline has been moved forward to the end of September.
- c. Site Host Return. Richard Isman will return Nov. 1 to either San Pedro House or Fairbank.
- d. Ranger Relocation-Due to detection of lead and asbestos in the house at Boquillas, BLM will be locating Ranger Bob Steele into a trailer at either Fairbank or San Pedro House.
- e. Student Conservation Associates. Alex Howe and Mark Alba are with us now, there will be two more SCAs in FY2010
- f. BLM District Manager. Tom Dabbs has been assigned to the Upper San Pedro Partnership.
- g. Native Plants. It has been requested that we plant an Emory oak at San Pedro House. Ted asked BLM staff to find out if that is a tree that is native, and if not, what would be a suitable substitute.
- h. There was discussion of the need for a procedure to follow when BLM action is needed:
 - Step 1. Call SV office (520 439-6400)
 - If no resolution:
 - Step 2. Call Tucson Dispatch (Jim Mahoney will provide phone number)
 - If no resolution:
 - Step 3. Call Mark R on his cell phone (520 403-9411)

8. PROGRAM REPORTS.

- a. Docent Program (Ron Serviss). In late October-Early November, the next Cultural Docent training will be held.
- b. Education Program (John Rose). John reported that there have been a lot of requests for field trips to the San Pedro, Murray Springs and Fairbank.
- d. Maintenance Program (Ted Mouras). Landscaping for San Pedro House gardens has been done by DAR, Master Gardeners and FSPR members. This includes mapping, identification and non-native plant eradication.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- a. Membership Committee (Vacant). Gary Noonan has some new ideas for membership. We hear from him when he comes on the board in October.
- b. Education Committee (John Rose). Committee still is in need of microscope.
- c. Public Outreach (Ted Mouras). There will be a Nov. 21 potluck for volunteers from Huachuca Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, Friends of the San Pedro River and others. There will be a discussion of how to get involved in the Upper San Pedro Water District plan and a review of a comprehensive water plan for the area.

10. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. 2010 Photo Calendar (Gary Noonan). The calendar is at the printer.
- b. Fairbank Reunion/Fairbank Day – 14 November 2009 –The displays for NLCS are being designed by Lori Kovash.
- c. Update on Point of Sales System (Dutch Nagle). Laura continues to work on the implementation of the system.
- d. Phone/computer link at Fairbank? (Dutch Nagle and BLM). There has been no progress.
- e. Scavenger Hunt Pamphlet. These are ready for distribution to schools and visitors to San Pedro House
- f. Member's Only/Annual Meeting event. October 17th at Boquillas. Board members each contributed \$10 toward the meat. Ann Hartfiel will write up the shopping list for the event.
- g. Adopt a Highway (Dutch Nagle). A show of hands determined that we would have enough volunteers to do the highway clean up twice a year

11. NEW BUSINESS.
 - a. Participation in Holiday Parade (Dutch). This will be discussed at a later date
 - b. Membership cards (Dutch Nagle). It was determined that family memberships would be provided with two cards.
12. REVIEW 2009 FSPR ACTIVITY CALENDAR.
13. NEXT MEETING October 13th.
14. ADJOURN.