

## **Fall WAPA Meeting-Kemmerer, Wyoming-November 10, 2010**

Jana called the meeting to order and announced that minutes from the spring meeting are available online. Jana suggested that we go around the room introducing ourselves and also use the time to give updates about what is going on.

Lynn Harrell (BLM Kemmerer)-introduced Leanna Flaherty who holds a student position with BLM Kemmerer. Lynn also noted that plenty of work associated with construction of the Ruby Pipeline is now underway.

Todd Guenther (CWC) - has spent the last couple years documenting sites along the Oregon Trail for the National Park Service.

Chris Rohe (USFS-Saratoga) - working mainly with hazardous tree removal.

Mark Miller (OWSA) - continues to work on a draft military context.

Marcia Peterson (Entrix) - has been excavating a house pit site in Crook's Gap.

Bob Kelly (UW anthropology) - will talk about the Frison Institute.

Julie Francis (WYDOT) – WYDOT will be building one game overpass at Trappers Point.

Ranel Capron (BLM State Office) - has finished the annual report-Pinedale field office found original route of Lander Road as designed and built by Crook and Lander. An 82-acre parcel was obtained as mitigation that contains the route of the national historic trails, some intact immigrant campsites, and a crossing of the New Fork river. The parcel will be owned by the Sublette County Historical Society. Rawlins Field Office-Wyoming's Atlantic Rim trails video won two bronze Telly awards for "use of HD" and "TV documentary." The Buffalo field office hosted a PIT project. Cody field office – continued work and protection at the Oregon Basin Petroglyph site. Newcastle field office-Alice continued the photogrammetry work at Whoopup Canyon. Danny Walker and Mike Bies helped out at the new Washakie County Museum. Section 106 numbers - There were 4496 literature searches this year, and over 2000 undertakings. More than 140,000 acres of BLM land and over 74,000 acres of non-BLM land were surveyed for Section 106 purposes. These numbers place Wyoming BLM third of all BLM states in acres surveyed; however, Wyoming is first once again in total number of undertakings. BLM Section 106 undertakings resulted in the recordation of 1700 sites on BLM land, and 600 on non-BLM lands. Of these, 520 sites were determined eligible, and over 1000 were determined not eligible.

Danny WALKER (OWSA)-Danny spent his summer working at Ft. Laramie on the 1866 barracks. He also submitted the draft nomination for the Wardell NHL nomination.

Steve Sutter (SHPO)-SHPO has a new internet map service, and SHPO would appreciate any comments. A new feature of the map service is that the GIS will be updated every night instead

of every few months. Judy Wolf is working with two students who are writing National Register nominations (this is part of an internship where students earn college credit). One is on trading posts, and the other is on the Muddy Creek Site.

**Treasurer's Report-** The WAPA checking account has \$6083.45 in funds. Project Archaeology funds that are held by WAPA for the BLM total \$215.58 thus making the WAPA balance \$5867.87. WAPA has paid out \$929 in Project Archaeology funds in the last few weeks. The Putnam account lost \$360.23 since the spring meeting leaving a balance of \$12647.81. WAPA has spent \$1004.83 since the spring meeting: \$250 for WAF Jensen travel award, \$100 for WY History Day, and \$654.83 to WAS for spring meeting expenses and website fees.

**Membership Report-** four new members since the spring meeting.

**National Register Update-**Russ Tanner- The state National Register board is giving a courtesy review to the USFS for the proposed boundary expansion at the Medicine Wheel NHL. The Finley site nomination was forwarded on to Washington D.C. (formally listed on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010). A lot of ranches and urban districts have been nominated over the last couple years.

Jana Pastor - asked for a list of suggested sites that should be nominated to the NRHP. Please come to the spring meeting with suggestions for Judy Wolf who is supervising the University of Wyoming students.

**Old Business:** Website. Not much new to report. Dan Bach and John Laughlin have added additional content, and continue to work on design. All past issues of the Wyoming Archaeologist (except for the last ten years) are available on the website. If you have any comments/suggestions, then please direct them towards Dan Bach or John Laughlin.

Steve Sutter-The gentleman who was working on Obsidian research in SW Wyoming wanted to thank everyone who helped him out. He had solicited help from WAPA members through the list serve and received a great number of responses.

John Laughlin- Dan Bach and I are still working on a new list serve and hope to have one picked out and running soon.

**New Business:** Elections. Ballots are available. Please vote and turn in your ballot to Steve.

Bob Kelly-Talked about the direction that the Frison Institute will take under new leadership.

Russ Tanner- RMAC will be held in Missoula, MT

Mark Miller- Spring WAS meeting will be held April 15-17. Dr. Jason LaBelle will be the banquet speaker.

Discussion regarding a topic and moderator for the spring meeting. Lynn Harrell suggested ornaments. Danny Walker volunteered to be the moderator.

Lynn Harrell discussed the logistics regarding the intensive survey at the Bridger Antelope Trap scheduled for the following day.

### **Closing Comments-**

Jana-This is the last meeting for me as a WAPA executive board member, and it has been a pleasure. My goal was to promote WAPA as a dynamic organization and I hope that we continue to move in this direction. The addition of discussion topics has been a success. Lynn's fieldwork is good idea and I hope that we incorporate something similar into future WAPA meetings. There has been talk about how crew chiefs are unable to attend fall WAPA meetings due to fieldwork, and maybe we should consider holding the fall meeting in a location close to where an excavation is taking place. It has been a pleasure to be a WAPA officer.

Russel Richard- Mark your calendar for May 27-29 in Saratoga Wyoming. We will be hosting the World atlatl open. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **New WAPA officers:**

President - Lynn Harrell  
Vice President – Joseph Daniele  
Treasurer – John Laughlin  
Secretary – Ardy Hahn  
Member-at-Large – Anne McKibbin  
Member-at-Large – Rory “Freight Train” Becker

### **Attendance:**

Russell Richard	Justin Garrison	Rachael Grandpre
Marcia Peterson	Debbie Braithwaite	Lynn Harrell
Lance McNees	Julie Francis	Leanna Flaherty
Mark Miller	Rory Becker	Robert Kelly
Russ Tanner	Ranel Capron	Jana Pastor
Brain Waitkus	Danny Walker	Steve Sutter
Clara Copp-LaRocque	Marty Rogers	John Laughlin
Chris Rohe	Andrew McKay	Ashley Rooney
Gale Brow	Rachel Borges	Gene Smith
Todd Guenther	Richard Currit	