

**Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists  
Minutes of the Fall Meeting, September 9, 2016  
Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site, Laramie, Wyoming**

The meeting is called to order at 1:00 pm by President Marcia Peterson.

**Minutes**

- On Judy Wolf's motion, the reading of the Spring 2016 meeting minutes is waived.
- On Julie Francis' motion, the Spring 2016 minutes are approved.

**New Business**

Membership and Treasurer's Report, Jody Clauter

- The WAPA bank account has a balance of \$3734.07. Deposits totaled \$321.87. Expenditures since the last meeting include \$800 to Mike Bies for the rock art plaque.
- The Putnam account has a balance of \$12,865.64. Previously, we were invested in the Growth and Income Fund and the Money Market Fund. The latter no longer allows institutional investors, however, so the Board moved funds (\$1796.98) into the Putnam Dynamic Asset Conservative Fund. It has more bonds than stocks and for that reason is not very volatile. The 2016 ytd yield is 0.8%. More information can be forwarded to members, if requested.
- WAPA currently has 165 members. 139 members (84%) have paid their 2016 dues, and 26 members (16%) have not.

President's Report, Marcia Peterson

- Plans to send revocation letters for 2015 lapsed membership have been cancelled.
- The ongoing effort to change the by-laws has been abandoned for lack of sufficient votes.
- WAPA has funding available; email Marcia if you're interested. We have not turned anyone down yet, and it is not yet competitive.
- A request for such funding is made from the floor by Danny Walker to process an AMS date on the juniper bark fiber net recovered from Sheep Mountain. The original date of ca. 8800 BP was on wooden stakes associated with the net, and Beta Analytic thinks the original date may have reflected old wood. The most recent date was ca. 1300 BP on fibers from the net. Danny and colleagues would like to date fiber from the middle of the net and request WAPA funds to do so. On Dwight Hicks' motion and seconded by Julie Francis, WAPA funds will be used to process an AMS date on the net.
- We have three applications for membership. These will be reviewed by the Membership and Ethics Committee following the meeting, with Greg Pierce, Kelly Pool, Matt Landt, Gene Smith, and Julie Francis appointed as committee members for this meeting.

**Contractor and Agency Reports**

- Reports are presented by Nathan Fleming for TRC; Paul Burnett for SWCA; Danny Walker for WAS; Todd Surovell for University of Wyoming and the Frison Institute; Julie Francis for WYDOT; Kathy Boden for Wyoming BLM; Karina Bryan for Lander BLM; Kolleen Kralick for USFS; Gene Smith for Rock Springs BLM; Marcia Peterson and Greg Pierce for OWSA.

**Announcements**

- Ross Hilman reports the Wyoming Stock Growers Association wants to preserve old stock trails, so contact them if you know of old trails. They were inspired by the Green River Drift.
- Greg reminds us of the Archaeology Fair at this venue tomorrow. One thousand people attended last year.
- Preserve Wyoming Conference is Sept 22 to 24<sup>th</sup> in Rock Springs.
- Wyoming PBS' "Main Street, Wyoming" aired an episode on Trappers Point with Julie Francis, Nicole Waguespack, and Russell Richard. It is available online at pbs.org, specifically <http://video.wyomingpbs.org/video/2365784286/>. It is also posted online (click on Wyoming map) as part of Wyoming's celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHPA, <http://preservation50.org/mapp/>.

- Judy Wolf announces that the Historic Context Development Advisory Committee has reconvened. Currently contexts are being prepared on Paleoindian archaeology (Brigid Grund); high altitude archaeology (Marcia Peterson); and Wyoming house pits (Heather Rockwell).
- Greg Pierce announces that, as of a few weeks ago, a book is being prepared on different archaeological sites in Wyoming that are appropriate for visitation. The book will feature sites that have been tested or have been vandalized so that they can't be further damaged by visitation. If anyone has a suggestion for a site to include, please contact Greg.
- There is a GoFundMe site to buy 40 acres at the Powers site. The price is \$250,000, and they are 1 percent there.
- Chaz Evans no longer works at the Archaeological Conservancy.

The meeting is adjourned, following a motion by Danny Walker and a second by John Laughlin.

**Meeting Attendees**

Todd Surovell	Kelly Pool	Ross Hilman	Gene Smith	Dwight Hicks
Carmen Clayton	Nathan Fleming	Judy Wolf	Richard Currit	Danny Walker
William Scoggin	Julie Francis	James A. Lowe	John Laughlin	Heather Rockwell
Paul Burnett	Brian Waitkus	Kathy Boden	Karina Bryan	Rachael Shimek
Matt Landt	Dave Vlcek	Marcia Peterson	Jody Clauter	Greg Pierce
Kolleen Kralick	Brigid Grund			

**Post-Meeting Election Results**

Election results were announced on October 4, 2016. The new officers are:

President: Naomi Ollie

Vice President: Mike Bies

Secretary: Kelly Pool

Treasurer: Jason Bogstie

Members at Large: Richard Currit and Dave Vlcek