

## **Fall 2012 WAPA Minutes—Pinedale, WY, September 7, 2012**

Lynn Harrell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Fall 2012 meeting was a very short business meeting, allowing everyone to attend the afternoon sessions of the Fur Trade Symposium.

Spring 2012 Minutes—copies were handed out at the meeting and they are available at the WAPA website. There was a motion to accept the Spring 2012 Minutes as written.

### **Treasurer's Report (presented by John Laughlin):**

No change in accounts as nothing has been spent since the spring meeting.

**New Members:** Unsure of the exact numbers, but two new members, Casey Dukeman and Jody Clauter, were present at the meeting and one new member, Breelyn Van Fleet, was not present.

### **Danny Walker introduced Jody Clauter, the new UWAR curator.**

**Contractor's reports:** Two were received before the meeting and are attached to the end of the minutes. Paul Burnett of SWCA gave a brief overview of SWCA's activities in the last six months (see attached report). Contractor reports will continue to be accepted during the month of September and will be attached to the minutes.

### **Old Business:**

1. Memorial Fund: John Laughlin reported that the \$5,000 from the Putnam Funds could be given to the Frison Institute, which would double the amount and generate funds every year (possibly \$400/year) to be used by WAPA. Todd Surovell is Acting Director of the Frison Institute as Bob Kelly is on sabbatical. The Frison Institute has a goal of raising \$100K and is currently at \$65K, so the WAPA \$5K would contribute to this goal.
  - John is in favor of moving the \$5K to the Frison Institute.
  - Mark Miller asked if the interest could be used by WAPA for whatever it wants to spend it on even though it is Institute money, and Lynn reminded that WAPA would need to have a formal agreement with the Frison Institute to ensure this.
  - John will remind Julie Francis about getting a Brad Humphries biography ready to be posted on the WAPA website.
  - In the spring, it was moved that the Project Archaeology money be donated to a memorial and this has been done.
  - Dave Vlcek asked if a memorial plaque with names tied to the Memorial Fund could be placed at UW. Danny Walker and Mark Miller will check on having the plaque in the UW Anthropology Building.
  - Both Mike Bies and Mark Miller asked who would be on the plaque and what would be the list of criteria for inclusion? Also, would this replace the Brad Humphries travel award? No, this would be a separate thing, and the Brad Humphries award will continue to be awarded for student travel and will come from the WAPA checking account.
  - This would also not replace the Putnam Account—the \$5K would come from the Putnam Account but the Putnam Account would still be available.

- Mark Miller suggested that the new memorial money be used for something other than student travel as the Brad Humphries award covers that.
  - There was discussion about a student paper award.
  - Richard Currit suggested the money should be more flexible and could be used for a variety of things such as sending students to the Plains Conference or SAAs, research for a C14 date or other student proposal, and the WAPA membership votes on the student proposals.
  - Casey Dukeman spoke about the Alice Hamilton scholarship in Colorado which is a small amount of money available for students.
  - Mark Miller suggested that the awards be specific for Wyoming archaeology.
  - Jody Clauter suggested that instead of a money award the student paper award could be a book.
  - Sam Drucker suggested ballots with the dues, and Richard Currit suggested it be open to discussion at the spring meeting.
  - A Committee composed of Mark Miller and Dave Vlcek will report at the Spring 2013 meeting and bring to a vote the following:
    - a. Who is eligible for nomination to be on the plaque?
    - b. How the funds will be used.
2. Ceramic Studies, John Laughlin:
- A section on ceramics will be added to the WAPA website very soon. John has it built and it is nearly ready to go and received help from Mark Miller, Danny Walker, and especially Michael Page.
  - Judy Wolf has an undergraduate student, Jennifer Black, working on a ceramics handbook that will be printed and suitable for the field.
  - Sam Drucker reported that Bill Current will report soon on the Raven Nest Site where four different types of ceramics were discovered.
  - Several members asked if a draft of Jennifer Black's handbook would be available for comment, and the answer is yes, Judy is planning on sending out a draft for comment before the final is published.
  - Look for a status report at the Spring 2013 meeting on the progress of the ceramics website and handbook

### **New Business:**

1. Spring 2013 meeting will be in Laramie along with the WAS conference at the Hilton Garden Inn, April 26 through 28, 2013. David Whitley will be the Banquet Speaker.
  - Nick Freeland and Judy Wolf should be contacted to make arrangements for the Spring WAPA meeting. Mark Miller will speak to them.
2. Discussion topic at Spring meeting:
  - Mike Bies suggested blades, blade cores, and production. Mike will pull together references. John will speak to Todd Surovell about leading the discussion and Casey Dukeman will add references and work on a PowerPoint.
3. Field Trip for Spring Meeting
  - Check with Judy Wolf if WAS is planning on a field trip.

- Should be on Sunday so that WAS papers aren't missed on Saturday.
4. Nominations for new officers: President—Mike Bies, Vice President—Michael Page, Treasurer—John Laughlin, Secretary—Ardy Hahn, Member-at-large—Kierson Crume, Member-at-large—Paul Burnett, ex-officio President—Lynn Harrell
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
    - Danny had 16 ballots from members not present, all in favor of the nominations made.
    - Members present voted and accepted the nominations as presented.
    - Lynn Harrell turned the meeting over to new president, Mike Bies.
  5. Lynn Harrell suggested that the Fall 2013 meeting be held in Worland, and Mike Bies will look into this.
  6. Sam Drucker told the membership about 3D photography at Holden Hill, which was a very successful BLM and WAS volunteer effort.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted 9/13/2012, Ardy Hahn

**Attendees**

Dave Vlcek  
Sam Drucker  
Mark Miller  
Paul Burnett  
Casey Dukeman  
Danny Walker  
Jody Clauter  
Mike Bies  
Scott McKern  
Richard Currit  
Lynn Harrell  
Kierson Crume  
Ardeth Hahn  
John Laughlin

**Contractor's Reports (submitted via email):**

**From Painted Bear Archaeology / Chris Arthur**

first, I would like to say thank, you, belatedly, for the get well wishes from WAPA after my motorcycle crash last spring. Your kindness and remembrance helped a lot. Sorry I can't be there to thank you all in person, but tomorrow we start the nine-day motorcycle tour through Scotland, and it is kind of a long haul to nip back for the meeting.

Painted Bear is a kind of partially formed company whose role thus far has been to conduct post-burn inventories for Alice Tratebas in BLM Newcastle Field Office. Job one was surveying 1120 acres of reseeded areas for critical sage grouse habitat restoration for the 2011 Thompson Fire in the Little Cow Creek drainage; job two was looking at about 30 miles of dozer line to assess any site damage that line construction may have caused. The area is about midway between the hamlets of Bill and Lance Creek, north of the Lightning Creek drainage basin. The two inventories yielded very little cultural material: four historic cairns and a dozen or so isolates, about half of which were historic (tins, lantern parts: typical stock raising debris), and the other half prehistoric primarily flakes with a couple of biface fragments and a very nice nearly circular pale tan sandstone mano. Interestingly, the historic items seemed to be slightly more common to ridge top locations, and the prehistoric materials to midslope locations. The small sample size, and no sampling of drainage bottom localities limits conclusions, but it did seem interesting to see more apparent prehistoric interest in midslope areas. No temporally or culturally diagnostic artifacts were found.

Job three was inventorying dozer lines resulting from fires last summer in the Whoopup Canyon area, generally in the upland area around the canyon proper. Although a few isolates were found exposed on the natural ground surface, the bulk of the materials found ( a couple of 48WE33 localities, a couple of new sites and nearly a dozen flakes and a few biface- type tools as IFs were found in road/ dozerline disturbance maybe 3 to 5 cm below the surface. While this makes interpretation very difficult, especially at the inventory level, it does suggest the potential for a possible huge expansion of the archaeological landscape in the northern end of the area, and the possible establishment of additional landscape areas elsewhere.

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Sent from my iPad

## **Contractor Update: SWCA Environmental Consultants**

SWCA has several ongoing projects in Wyoming. The larger and more notable projects include survey and monitoring for the Greencore and Riley Ridge CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines, which collectively extend across middle and northeastern Wyoming. Construction monitoring is in progress for the second year on the Greencore pipeline, and a Class III inventory is ongoing for Riley Ridge.

Pre-construction data recovery for Greencore involved two sites that were excavated in the summer of 2012. At the first (48NA4838), a sparse buried campsite with hearths, flaked stone, and butchered bone was recovered from a sand shadow in the vicinity of Arminto. This site was dated during the testing phase to 1710 ± 40 RCBP. The second site was the previously excavated Carter Site (48NA1425) near Hell's Half Acre. These excavations did not reveal a continuation of the abundant ceramic assemblage recovered by TRC from their excavations in 1999, but did uncover fairly diverse remains of a campsite including hearths with associated butchered fauna. Previous dating indicates the excavated component dates to approximately 600 RCBP. The report for these excavations will be completed over the winter. Excavation will begin in late 2012 or early 2013 at two Johnson County sites identified during the 2011 construction.

SWCA has completed its work on the Rockies Express/Entrega pipeline with a research context for southern Wyoming and a digital public outreach document. Both are expected to be available online in the near future.

Continued work on the Chokecherry & Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project south of Rawlins currently involves surveys for limited facilities and haul roads.

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Dan Eakin, with the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist accomplished cleaning up some unfinished field work on the Nez Perce Trail archeological project and this should be the last year of field work although there is still some archival information concerning the trail east of Pelican Creek that has yet to be field checked. Funding is currently depleted for further work on this project.

The University of Montana has completed NR testing of archeological sites on the south end of Yellowstone Lake and will be in the field for another year next season. They have been working in 5 and 10 day sessions, accessing the sites by canoes and working late into the season to access sites in grizzly bear management areas. I will have more details at the spring meeting.

Paul Sanders is finishing up the data recovery reports on the last two excavations of sites associated with Obsidian Cliff National Historic Landmark sites bisected by the 1930s alignment of the Grand Loop Road. Paul and Elaine are presenting some of the information from these excavations at the 11 Biennial Scientific Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in October. Elaine will also be presenting a discussion of two of the sites located in thermal areas at the Plains Archeological Conference in Saskatoon.

With some much needed and appreciated help from Richard Collier and Nancy Weidel and other staff from the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office the park was able to bring the draft Beartooth Highway National Register Nomination current with photographs and hopefully maps. The goal is to get the nomination to the National Register review before the end of the year. Wish us luck!

Other projects in the park continue to be centered around Powerline survey and trail re-routes. Rosenberg Historical Associates are completing the historic context for the parks trails and we are continuing to work on the historic context for the parks Mission 66 program.