

**Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists
Minutes of the Spring Meeting, May 3, 2019
Casper, Wyoming**

Before the meeting is called to order, Kathy Boden, the Wyoming BLM Deputy Preservation Officer, gives a report regarding Wyoming BLM's procedures for handling Fee/Fee/Fed projects (for both Section 106 and NEPA), which are Federal Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) proposing to drill into and produce leased Federal minerals from well pads on entirely non-Federal locations.

Wyoming BLM has broken Fee/Fee/Fed projects into 4 "Situations" (including 1, 2, 3a, & 3b):

- Situation 1: Pre-existing Well Pad with No New Surface Disturbance - BLM states that in this situation it is considered an undertaking but since the well bore is very deep below the surface it has no potential to effect historic properties.
- Situation 2: Pre-existing Well Pad with Additional New Surface Disturbance - Section 106
- Situation 3: New Proposed Well Pad for Federal Well(s), No Existing Surface Disturbance - Section 106
 - 3a. everything is done without approval
 - 3b. nothing done without approval...project specific to field offices

Dave Vlcek asks about reclamation and Kathy Boden responds "We don't touch that." Another member asks if there might be issues with continuity between field offices and Kathy Boden responds "Yes, our authority is limited." President Becca Mashak asks if a fieldwork authorization is still necessary in cases where the operator still wants to do due diligence surveys and Kathy Boden responds "That would be a field office decision."

The meeting is officially called to order at 2:15 pm by President Becca Mashak.

Minutes

RESOLUTION: On (member unknown) motion, the Fall 2018 minutes are approved as posted on the WAPA website. All in favor.

Executive Committee/Treasurer and Membership Report (Jason Bogstie):

- As of 5/2/2019, the balance of the WAPA checking account is \$5,172.66 and the balance of the Putnam account is \$16,865.69.
- Expenditures since the Fall 2018 meeting consist of:
 - \$600.00 to Jennifer Lemminger for C14 date
 - \$400.00 to Naomi Ollie for C14 date
 - \$595.00 to Beta Analytic for C14 date for sheep net (Danny Walker)
 - \$200.00 to SPCR for Wyoming Archaeological Awareness Month (WAAM) 2019
 - \$500.00 to Danny Walker for rock art manuscript ("Dinwoody Dissected: Looking at the Interrelationships Between Central Wyoming Petroglyphs") printing
 - \$120.00 to Wyoming Archaeological Society for Senators Boner and Ellis registration (including banquet tickets)
 - \$200.00 to Wyoming Archaeological Society for spring meeting contribution
 - \$100.00 to Hayley Pearson-Horner for History Day award (Horner Site)

- \$55.00 for Postage Stamps
 - \$500.00 to the Brad Humphrey Travel Award
- As of 5/2/2019, WAPA has a total of 129 members (plus 2 pending applications). The Membership and Ethics Committee (*Kelly Pool, Paul Burnett, Jody Clauter, Rachael Shimek, and Jason Bogstie*) will review two applications after this meeting. A total of 54 members are currently unpaid and will be dropped if payment is not received by the end of December.
- The WAPA Membership Database was transferred from Microsoft Access to Google Sheets because continued use of Access would have required a pricey purchase of Microsoft Word as well. Treasurer Jason Bogstie asks if the members have any other ideas for database software that would work well for membership. No additional suggestions are put forth.
- WAPA was gifted several new copies of Larry Lahren's book, *Homeland: An Archaeologist's View of Yellowstone Country's Past*. The members are asked for ideas on what should be done with them. Mike Bies suggested incorporating them into the WAS Silent Auction.
- A member asked if WAPA is still doing two notices of non-payment before dropping someone who has not paid the membership fees and the Treasurer confirmed this, reminding the group that it is stated as such in the bylaws.
- **RESOLUTION:** On (member name unknown) motion, the Spring 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in favor.

Old Business:

- **Listserve & Website** (*John Laughlin*): At the Fall 2018 meeting in Laramie, John Laughlin had mentioned that he is interested in someone else taking over the Listserve & Website. As of yet, no one has come forward. It is suggested that any members that might be interested should talk to John after the meeting. (Note: later in the meeting Mike Bies suggests that John put out a description of the duties of/how to do the Listserve job.)
- **History Day** (*Danny Walker*): Out of 180 entries for History Day, only one (1) was related to archaeology. (Horner Site. Pearl Horner, related to family history, from the family's point of view.) Larry Todd is bringing the display here and Haley Pearson-Horner, granddaughter of Pearl Horner, will be at the banquet.
- **Legend Rock Book** (*Danny Walker*): WAPA donated \$500 to Danny Walker for this rock art manuscript printing ("Dinwoody Dissected: Looking at the Interrelationships Between Central Wyoming Petroglyphs"). Larry Loendorf provided additional funding. All the money was spent on the increased price of paper/shipping. Danny is currently working on an E-book copy. All profits will go into further research on rock art in Wyoming.
- **Sheep Net Date** (*Danny Walker*): WAPA donated \$595.00 for a C14 date on the sheep net (Found at site 48PA202). The net was originally thought to be Paleoindian. The results of a second date were 1320 +/- 30 BP. Recently, a third date was run with the results being 1340 +/- 30 BP. As such, the net is likely Late Prehistoric, rather than Paleoindian. A manuscript is in progress.
- **Mammoth Bone Date** (*Marcia Peterson*): Marcia first confirms that Wyoming State Archaeologist Greg Pierce has resigned. Marcia continues by explaining that OWSA had submitted bone for a date on the mammoth (for which WAPA donated \$550), but there was not enough collagen left in the bone to get a date. OWSA spent \$100 on the failed date and will be refunding \$450 to WAPA. Marcia talked to the UW Department of Geology about the mammoth bone and they suggested that it might be possible to date enamel (isotope analysis); however, the Bureau of Reclamation will cover that cost. Marcia also states that seven (7) different

species were found in association with the mammoth but there were no artifacts. The mammoth will probably be accessioned through the Department of Geology. (Note: The mammoth site does not have a Smithsonian number. OWSA has not located any associated cultural material or bone modification. It is simply referred to as the Marquette Mammoth site.)

New Business:

Committees

The following committees were formed:

- **Membership and Ethics Committee:** Kelly Pool, Paul Burnett, Jody Clauter, Rachael Shimek, and Jason Bogstie
- **Book Awards:** Naomi Ollie and Allison Parrish

Fall 2019 Meeting Location

President Becca Mashak states that several WAPA members have suggested that we consider alternative locations for the Fall meeting (rather than continuing to hold it in Laramie). Prior to today's meeting, Vice President Kelly Pool looked over the attendance numbers for the last 5-6 years and determined that there is always a larger crowd in attendance when it is held in Laramie; however, there is a different (though smaller) crowd when it is held elsewhere. If WAPA chooses to hold the Fall meeting in a location other than Laramie, we need to be sure to schedule it on a different weekend than the Archaeology Fair. Several comments and suggestions were made in response, including:

- The historical reason for holding the Fall meeting in Laramie was to tie it in with the Frison Lecture and, later, the Archaeology Fair (*member name unknown*).
- Perhaps we can offer an online video conference possibility for those who can't travel to the location (*member name unknown*).
- Originally, the Fall meeting was supposed to include a field project the following day (such as the 2010 Bridger Antelope Trap survey south of Kemmerer) as well as a workshop style meeting (*Lynn Harrell*).
- We should put out a call on the WAPA Listserve and ask if anyone wants to host. If no one responds or has a good idea, then the meeting location could default back to Laramie (*Richard Currit*).
- If the Fall meeting is somewhere other than Laramie, it should be held on September 13-14, 2019. The Archaeology Fair is scheduled for September 7, 2019 (*Richard Currit*).
- It is determined that members should send their suggestions for projects/locations in before June 1, 2019. Otherwise, the Fall 2019 meeting will be held in Laramie.

Extra Banquet Tickets

- President Becca Mashak informs the members that Mary Hopkins (Wyoming SHPO) had asked the WAPA Executive Committee to put together some awards for Senators Brian Boner and Affie Ellis for all their hard work on the SF0079 Human Remains Bill that just passed. She suggested we invite them to the WAS spring meeting banquet. The Executive Committee followed through with this request. However, Senator Ellis will not be able to attend (due to a scheduling conflict), and Senator Boner is unlikely to attend (due to the birth of a child). Consequently, WAPA has four extra banquet tickets that the committee suggests should be passed on to any students who would like to attend.

- Additionally, WAPA invited Senator Von Flatern of Campbell County, who co-sponsored the SF101 bill. He will be at the social tonight.

WAPA Advocacy, MOAs and PAs:

- A meeting is scheduled for later this month for the **Coal Draw MOA** with SHPO, BLM, and Wyo-Ben Inc. (but excluding interested parties); however, it is questionable as to whether or not it will actually happen. The company is going to "explore other/all of their options". Apparently, the company has been arguing against the monitoring requirement.
- Dave Vlcek requests a status update in regards to the **Moneta Divide Programmatic Agreement**. Becca Mashak states that during the most recent meeting they broke into several working groups to work on the various appendices (APE, Historic Era, Linear Resources, etc). The groups are trying to get into the details of each before they come back together for another meeting.
 - Jarrod Kellog is leading this PA out of the Casper FO instead of the Lander FO due to more staff in the CFO to handle this PA- so the project area is actually in the LFO district.
- The **Alkali Creek MOA** has been signed.
- The **Programmatic Agreement Among The Wyoming Military Department, National Guard Bureau, Wyoming SHPO, and the ACHP Regarding The Manner In Which Wyoming Military Department Will Meet Its Responsibilities Under Section 106 of the NHPA** was signed by the ACHP in March. A post doc position will be advertised.

Memorials

Members are interested in memorializing some of the major contributors to Wyoming archaeology that have passed away recently; in particular, Dennis Stanford. Dave Vlcek states there will be a memorial service for Dennis Stanford in Washington DC on May 13th, but suggests we talk with Peggy Jodry, Stanford's wife, about ways in which we can recognize his specific contribution. Danny Walker says that WAPA used to have a committee in place whose task was to make a memorial plaque for members who pass away and wonders what happened with that committee. Mike Page explains that the committee had difficulty agreeing on what kind of plaque should ultimately be created. Mike Bies states that the committee had discussed putting some sort of serial memorial on the WAPA webpage for all Wyoming archaeologists lost and also some other special kind of plaque for particularly esteemed archaeologists. Members agree that the website should at least be updated. It is also suggested that WAPA puts out an email calling for people who need to be added to the memorial list; someone will need to write out the bios. Danny Walker states that, as editor of *Wyoming Archaeologist*, he can publish obituaries when they are sent to him (and then he can send them to John and Dan to post on the website).

- **RESOLUTION:** On Mike Page's motion, WAPA approves the purchase of a condolence card for Peggy Jodry for the members to sign over the weekend. All in favor.

Book Award

(Note: signed books by Frison are awarded to students who win best presentation at the WAS meeting.) John Laughlin states that we only have two more signed books available. Jason Bogstie says we need to get more and suggests we look into buying another 20 copies.

- **RESOLUTION:** On (member name unknown) motion, WAPA approves the purchase of 20 additional copies of Frison's book, "Survival By Hunting". All in favor.

Proposed Changes to the National Register:

The comment period has already closed on the Department of the Interior, National Park Service's proposed rule regarding the National Register of Historic Places. Changes proposed include 1) Federal Agencies could deny nominations for the National Register, and 2) If a majority of land owners do not want something listed on the National Register, then it wouldn't be listed. If anyone wants to see the comments on the proposed changes, Richard Currit is willing to send them out. Federal Agencies are currently mandated to list properties; if the proposed new changes are accepted, it could be troublesome.

Requests for Funding:

- **Archaeology Fair** (*Marcia Peterson*) - For the last four years WAPA has donated \$500 for the performers at the Fair. OWSA asks for the same amount this year for the same purpose.
 - **RESOLUTION:** On Dave Vlcek's motion, \$500 funding to OWSA for the 2019 Archaeology Fair was approved. All in favor.
- **Internships** (*Marcia Peterson for Greg Pierce*) OWSA wants to hire college students (graduate and undergraduate students from UW) as interns to work in the Vore site area this summer (surveying, excavation, and cataloguing). The Vore Foundation has pledged \$750 towards the total cost of the interns. OWSA has asked the Frison Institute for an annual contribution of \$2000, and is asking WAPA for an annual \$2000 as well in order to get students proper training. The students selected will have to present what they learned during their internship at some point. Discussion: President Becca Mashak suggests that students from any college in Wyoming should be eligible for these internships, rather than only UW students. Dave Vlcek suggests that the students should specifically be Anthropology/Archaeology majors, whichever school they attend. Mike Bies makes a motion to provide the funding that is requested. The motion is seconded, but the vote is postponed due to a need for further discussion. Questions are asked regarding who these students would be and how many students would be needed each year. Becca Mashak reads the letter WAPA received from Greg Pierce regarding the request. The letter states that two students would be funded for their summer work in the field and lab. A discussion regarding WAPA's finances ensues; specifically, whether or not \$2000 (annually) would be a stretch for the WAPA budget. Danny Walker suggests that we table the motion until we have more information and have an opportunity to look into the budget more carefully. Richard Currit expresses concern with it being an annual commitment and with the large amount requested. Mike Bies withdraws his motion. The discussion is tabled until the Fall meeting so that further information can be gathered.

Other Announcements:

Marcia Peterson has donated a book (Bob Kelly's *The Fifth Beginning*) as an award for best student poster at the WAS meeting. It is decided that the same student presentation committee (Book Award) will take care of it.

Contractor/Agency Reports:

- Patrick Walker from Casper BLM states that they were able to purchase the land that the Red Buttes Battle Site.
- Grand Teton National Park archaeologist, Kate Birmingham, shares that the park was able to purchase a private in-holding that is part of the Mormon Row Historic District.

- Becca Mashak suggests that we ask for contractor and agency updates prior to the meeting so they can be compiled, printed, and ready for distribution during the meeting. It may also be a good idea to post updates on the Listserve.
 - **RESOLUTION:** On Mike Page's motion, it is decided that for future meetings , we will have contractor/agency updates written out to pass around. All in favor.

RESOLUTION: On John Greer's motion, the Spring 2019 WAPA Meeting is adjourned. All in favor.

Meeting Attendees (from the sign-in sheet):

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| 1. Dave Vlcek | 37. Todd Guenther |
| 2. Lance McNees | 38. Shane McCreary |
| 3. Lynn Harrell | 39. Melissa Benner |
| 4. Scott McKern | 40. Cheryl Burgess |
| 5. Mike Bies | 41. Alice Tratebas |
| 6. Brigid Grund | 42. Danny Walker |
| 7. Carmen Clayton | 43. Larry Todd |
| 8. Bill Scoggin | 44. Tara Hamilton |
| 9. Allison Parrish | 45. Bill Eckerle |
| 10. Naomi Ollie | 46. Marcia Peterson |
| 11. Christine Varah | 47. Becca Mashak |
| 12. Bonnie Lawrence-Smith | 48. Kelly Pool |
| 13. John Greer | 49. Jason Bogstie |
| 14. Mavis Greer | 50. Leanna Flaherty |
| 15. Kayla Bradshaw | 51. Rachael Shimek |
| 16. Paul Burnett | 52. Richard Currit |
| 17. Kay Harmon | |
| 18. John M. Scott | |
| 19. Nathan Fleming | |
| 20. Nick Freeland | |
| 21. Kate Birmingham | |
| 22. Kierson Crume | |
| 23. Sam Levin | |
| 24. Matthew Landt | |
| 25. Beth Horton | |
| 26. Spencer Pelton | |
| 27. Paul Sanders | |
| 28. Bob Kelly | |
| 29. JD (Sam) Drucker | |
| 30. John Laughlin | |
| 31. Patrick Walker | |
| 32. Donna Kenney | |
| 33. Jody Clauter | |
| 34. William Elder | |
| 35. Michael Page | |
| 36. Judy Wolf | |