

Fall 2013 WAPA Meeting Minutes

Ten Sleep Nature Preserve, September 20, 2013, 1:00 pm

Attendees: Mike Bies, Michael Page, Ardy Hahn, Paul Burnett, Kierson Crume, Marit Bovee, Dave Vlcek, and Tami Sorenson

Approved the minutes from the Spring 2013 meeting.

Old Business:

1. Ethics Amendment (Michael Page)—The resolution to changes to the by-laws will be sent to every member with an absentee ballot to be done by the Spring WAPA meeting. There is a need to clarify the ethics and voting—problems with no documentation of previous by-law amendment changes and amendment processes
 - Ethics—Code of Conduct adopted from RPA without portions that specifically related to the RPA.
 - Voted to send the by-laws with a ballot to all of the membership. Ballots will be returned to Ardy Hahn by no later than one week before the Spring Meeting. Motion by Ardy Hahn, seconded by Dave Vlcek, passed.
2. Memorial Plaque—Mark Miller's report was read by Mike Bies.
 - 36 individual names plates
 - 35 letters come with the plaque, 15 cents per letter after reach 35 letters, cost was \$200
 - Will hang near the repository in the UW Anthropology Building and will have the WAPA logo on it.
 - The committee came up with 11 people in the first listing and used a membership list from 1979.
 - List includes John Liddle, Steve Sickstad, John Slay, Dave Reiss, Rhoda Lewis, Mary Ellen Hendry, Leslie Shaw, James Harrel, Tim Novak, and Huston Rogers.
 - Note—Brad Humphries is not on the list of WAPA members but was added to the list for the plaque.
 - Discussion—should this be based on a contribution or should it just include any deceased WAPA members? Those present discussed that it should be based on contributions to Wyoming archaeology over time.
 - Dave Vlcek moved to send the list back to the committee and request that they provide background and contribution information on each of the 11 individuals, as well as their service in WAPA or years of service in Wyoming. Michael Page seconded. Further discussion: Paul added that this information needs to be on the website as well (added to resolution). Passed.
3. Jonah/48SU4000—WAPA was not part of the discussion for the new PA. The PFO Assistant Field Manager Kyle hadn't received a copy of WAPA's request for interested party status at the time of Mike Bies' field visit. Mike Bies followed up last week on September 13th with an email asking

about WAPA's status and hadn't received a response. Ardy pointed out that the week between the 13th and the 20th had been problematic for BLM Wyoming's phone and email access. Dave Vlcek reiterated that WAPA should be part of the PA revision discussion, and that there would be more PAs for specific projects and sites, and recommended that WAPA stay involved. Michael Page asked if there was a public comment period for the Jonah PA and was there anything yet published in the Federal Register? Mike Bies answered that it is not a renewal because the PA lapsed, but Vlcek thought it didn't lapse. The consensus was that WAPA should maintain a place at the table. Michael Page said if there is a public comment period then WAPA would need to comment if we aren't involved in the preparation.

New Business:

1. Who can the Executive Board tap to serve on the Interested Party Subcommittee?
 - There should be a standing list of individuals available with an interest and a declaration of no conflict of interest.
 - Public Education and Outreach is the part of any PA or agreement that WAPA can help with.
 - Post employment restrictions for BLM go away after two years post retirement but if an individual was substantially involved with the decision making process then he/she must not represent any other entity.
 - Michael Page—has to be a case by case basis.
 - Mike Bies—cannot be a firm commitment but should be able to bow out if a conflict arises.
 - Mike Bies—we need a subcommittee of the Executive Board that can put forth projects that WAPA should be involved with.
 - Paul—good idea to do a subcommittee.
 - Vlcek—membership should be watching and bringing things forward as they are noticed. Comments from WAPA are important and we need a 2 to 3 person subcommittee to head that.
 - Mike Bies volunteered to compose a short message to the list serve to ask for help.
2. Attack at the server company brought down the WAS/WAPA website and the WAPA section of the site hasn't functioned since. Therefore WAPA may have to move to another provider. John Laughlin and Mike Bies will spend the money to set up the new website. John sent the following information:

Website news – About 6 weeks ago Network Solutions, the company that hosts the WAPA/WAS website, experienced a denial of service attack and also installed new servers. Since that time the website has not functioned properly if at all. The site is now active again, but it appears that some things were lost or are now not functional. After speaking with Mike Bies and Carolyn Buff, we decided to find a new web host. Starting next week, Dan Bach and John Laughlin will begin the process of re-building the WAPA/WAS website. We do not have a set date for when the site will be live, but we do not anticipate taking more than 30 days.
3. Treasurer's Report (prepared by John Laughlin):

WAPA Treasurer's Report – Fall 2013

Checking: As of 9/19/2013 the WAPA checking account had \$2880.15 in funds.

Putnam: As of 9/19/2013 the Putnam account had a total of \$11,240.86. The WAPA Putnam account is split into a Growth & Income Fund and a Money Market fund. After the spring meeting, WAPA donated \$5000 to the Frison Institute. This \$5000 was withdrawn from the Money Market fund. The Money Market fund earns very little interest, but the Growth & Income fund has increased by \$1981.05 in 2013.

WAPA funds grand total = **\$14121.01**

Expenditures since the fall meeting (not including the WAPA donation to the Frison Institute) total \$657.16 and consist of:

\$139.40 – Payment to Dan Bach for website renewal

\$117.76 – Gas reimbursement for Mike Bies to travel on WAPA business.

\$200 – Donation to UW Field School for support on the Wold Ranch project.

\$200 – Donation to Mary Prasciunas in support of work at UP Mammoth Site.

4. Prior to the regular meeting Ardy told the membership about a phone call from Mark Miller. He has some original WAPA membership documents and meeting minutes, as do some others around the state. He thought we should talk to Jody Clauter at UWAR about storing WAPA documents there. Michael Page offered to speak to Jody about cost and availability of this option.
5. Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Spring WAS meeting in Pinedale, the first weekend in May 2014. The speaker for the WAS banquet is Dennis Stanford. WAPA will be the first Friday in May, in the afternoon in Pinedale. Dave Vlcek volunteered to set up a place for WAPA to meet and to make a hotel block reservation as well. Vlcek also asked that if any of the WAPA membership wished to submit items to the WAS silent auction they could do so through Vlcek—please mail items to PO BOX 184, Pinedale, WY 82941, and call Vlcek at 307-231-9067 with any questions.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ardy Hahn, Secretary