

Spring 2011 WAPA Minutes—Sheridan, WY April 15, 2011

Lynn Harrell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The WAPA board members who were present introduced themselves: Lynn Harrell (President), Joe Daniele (Vice President), Rory Becker (Member at Large), John Laughlin (Treasurer), and Ardy Hahn (Secretary).

Those present introduced themselves:

Sam Drucker, Scott McKern, Marty Rogers, Ross Hilman, Paul Sanders, Jennifer Black, Joe Wheeler, Dale Wedel, Bill Scoggin, Julie Francis, Dave Vlcek, Ben Fowler, Jillian Bechberger, Mary Lou Larson, Bob Kelly, Mary Hopkins, Steve Sutter, Denise Tugman, Patrick Walker, Cher Burgess, Barbara Nahas, Greg Pierce, Julian Sitters, Rick Laurent, Kierson Crume, Larry Richards, Chris Arthur, Jim Brechtel, Patrick Walker, Mark Miller, Russell Richard, Richard Currit, Bill Current, Elaine Hale, Danny Walker, Alan Culver, Norma Crumbley, Carolyn Buff, Dan Wolf, Judy Wolf, and at least three folks that I didn't hear their names.

Lynn discussed adding fieldwork to the fall meetings, as was done in Kemmerer. She asked folks to consider what kind of field element would be good for the coming fall meeting.

Fall 2010 meeting minutes are available online. Lynn moved and Marty Roger's seconded that the minutes be accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 4/13/2011 the WAPA checking account had \$5672.59 in funds. Of this, \$215.58 belongs to the BLMS's Project Archaeology thus making the WAPA checking balance \$5457.01. The Putnam account gained \$394.60 in the first quarter of 2011 making a balance of \$13787.88. Expenditures since the fall meeting total \$900.96 and consist of:

\$40.00—post office box rental

\$200—Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month donation

\$61.96—Kinkos (dues mailing)

\$105.60—USFS (dues mailing)

\$500.00—(Brad Humphey travel awards—to be awarded on 4/16/2011)

Upcoming expenses include \$100 for the Wyoming History Day award, spring meeting expenses, and \$250 for the Jensen Doctoral Travel award.

Joe Daniele reported that seven new members have joined WAPA since the fall meeting.

Agency/Contractor Reports:

Sam Drucker—BLM PFO: Several large ROW projects underway. Busy with oil and gas fieldwork. Dave Vlcek is retiring August 1st. Party is July 29th in Pinedale.

Marty Rogers—UWAR: problems with collections include they are not showing up in CRMTracker. Be sure to check the yes/no box for collections for sites correctly in Tracker. There have been 1, 248 “next number” requests. Folks need to get collections in to UWAR. Some are outstanding 5 to 7 years so need to get them done in a timely manner. Lynn commented that if Marty provides a list to Ranel at BLM WYSO that field offices would track down collection issues. Danny Walker commented that when you know you are entering a contact with a landowner find out up front if the landowner wants to deposit the artifacts at UWAR and get the agreement signed. Also, you still need to follow UWAR standards and guidelines.

Paul Sanders—OWSA: This is the second year of the Game Creek site excavations at Jackson Hole. The first year’s excavation covered 70 square meters and went down to Pleistocene cobbles. There have been Late Paleo-Indian levels.

Julie Francis—WYDOT: Game Creek Excavation will occur this summer. Trapper’s Point Project is underway. Survey work is happening but funding at both the State and Federal level is uncertain so there are less full reconstruction projects and more ROW surveys.

Rick Laurent—USFS Bighorn National Forest: Completed 2 PIT projects last year, both Late Archaic. One was a processing site and one was a campsite that was being impacted.

USUAS—contract firm, no current Wyoming projects.

Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA)—they didn’t have any applicants for scholarships this spring. \$750.00 in awards are open to UW students with May 1st and October 1st deadlines.

Mary Lou Larson—UW Frison Institute: There will be three 10-day sessions at Hell Gap between June 4th and July 11th.

Bob Kelly—UW Frison Institute: Fall 2010, there is an outstanding pledge from WAA and \$3494 will finish the pledge (matching funds).

Mary Hopkins—SHPO: May is National Historic Preservation Month (Natrona County High School is on the poster). The conference is in Casper, look online for details.

- May 27-28 is the Review Board Meeting. Working on general nominations, some with BLM and USFS. Several Contexts are out and will be available on the website.
- Fall is Archaeology Awareness Month
- New posters are available.
- Heart Mountain Foundation restoration project; grand opening is in August.
- Monuments and Markers Program—talk to Laura Nowlin

- Interstate pipeline project in Eastern Wyoming
- Wind Projects do go through review at SHPO (new legislative change)

Elaine Hale—NPS Yellowstone: Haven't replaced Ann Johnson; there is a new park superintendent;

- currently finishing the four year Nez Perce Trail project
- Data Recovery Projects for roads—currently finishing the last two projects
- Yellowstone Lake site excavation
- Rosenberg's trail context
- Northwestern Power—Powerline surveys for a large power project (currently working this out with the company)

Cher Burgess—Black Hills National Forest: IDIQ contract this fall (5 year contract); PIT project in Bearlodge District (Linnea Sundstrom, tool grooves in rock art)

Kierson Crume—BLM Cody FO: Bighorn Basin RMP revision is in the 90-day public comment period

Patrick Walker—BLM RFO: JO Ranch was listed on the NRHP in November (Rosenburgs and SHPO worked on this); Data recovery and Section 106 work continues; Now working on Wyoming Archaeologist articles for Data Recovery reports.

Mark Miller—State Archaeologists Office: Policies and procedures to deal with coroners statewide with human remains. The Coroner's Association has two proposals to facilitate this process. WAPA members have been participating in the UW Public Archaeology class that Mark teaches.

Richard Russell—TRC: Wind energy work in Wyoming; finished excavations at 48FR5928 and wrote an article for the Wyoming Archaeologist (this was a COA from Craig Bromley at BLM LFO for this project).

Richard Currit—SHPO: The JO Ranch nomination is the first Rural Historic Landscape to be listed in Wyoming.

Bill Current—Current Archaeology: staying busy with excavations

Danny Walker—State Archaeologist's Office: The Wyoming Archaeologist articles based on mitigation reports are coming in. They should be 10 to 12 pages and these are getting into the journal. SHPO is putting this in every MOA.

Ardy Hahn—BLM BFO: The BFO RMP will be up for public review this coming September.

Old Business

1. Suggested sites for National Register nominations—March email, have graduate students write up the nominations. WYCRO has two paid internships with the Department of Anthropology to write up nominations.
2. New SHPO map server—any comments? All are positive.

3. WYCRO—Ross Hilman: data sharing with shapefiles between WYCRO and contractors is fairly cheap and a good resource.
4. WAPA donation to the Frison Institute—John Laughlin brought this up in the fall 2010 meeting. WAPA brings in money but we don't spend a lot so we could make a donation out of the \$6K currently available. There is \$3494 left on the matching funds pledge.
 - Mark Miller: how much money can WAPA donate without an entire membership vote?
 - Julie Francis: no bylaw limit for donations or large expenditures
 - Patrick Walker: What would the Frison Institute use the money for?
 - Bob Kelly: The endowment money supports the Fall Institute speaker (costs about \$2K), some for the Rhoda Lewis scholarship, supports student international travel, specific research needs of individuals who apply to the Institute.
 - Bill Scoggin—the Frison Institute Board is working hard to bring in the money and working on fundraisers, etc.
 - Richard Russell—we belong to a Non Profit Organization so we should spend the money we can to support things like the Institute.
 - Mark Miller—we should consider covering the balance in recognition of George and June Frison.
 - Julie Francis—the Putnam Fund—we should consider having the Institute manage the scholarship money along with the Rhoda Lewis scholarship.
 - Julie Francis moved and Mark Miller seconded to provide the entire amount to the Frison Institute, all but one in favor, and motion passed.
5. Brad Humphries Memorial Scholarship (Chris Arthur and John Laughlin): \$500 and \$100 amounts to five students for travel costs to the spring meeting.
6. Caroline Buff read a message from Milward Simpson, Director of State Parks and Cultural Resources

New Business

1. Mary Hopkins—Recognitions from the State of Wyoming:
 - Richard Currit—15 Years of Service Award
 - Dale Wedel—25 Years of Service Award
 - Danny Walker—40 Years of Service Award
 - Mark Miller—30 Years of Service Award
 - Dan Wolf—25 Years of Service Award
2. Mary Hopkins—need membership volunteers for two groups:
 - Landscape Workshop: Elaine Hale, Sam Drucker, Mary Hopkins, Laura Nowlin, Kara Hahn; September 15-15, 2011 suggested for a WAPA meeting for Landscape purposes
 - Report and Photo Standards Revisions: Julie Francis, Chris Arthur, Bill Current
3. Commercial Ads on the WAPA website: should WAPA allow ads to be posted and make money this way?

- Both Beta Analytic and Moore Digital have approached us.
 - WAPA is a 501c3 so we should consult an attorney and see if it is possible.
 - Julie Francis—ethical concerns, is WAPA endorsing some businesses over others?
 - Bill Current—would be time consuming to keep up with and we don't need the money.
 - CCPA has had multiple problems with having ads and they are not pursuing it at this time.
 - Sam Drucker—links to websites is good but ad lead to endorsements
 - WAPA/WAS should have a joint agreement for or against ads as they share a site.
 - Another idea is to list Donor's on the site, as there is a difference between donations and paid ads.
 - Julie Francis moves for WAPA to not allow paid ads and Marty Rogers's seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
4. Fall 2011 Meeting: venue, topics, field opportunity
- Topic of ceramics is suggested. Marty says that UWAR could provide examples.
 - Fall 2012 meeting should be in Pinedale with the Fur Trade Symposium.
 - The fall 2011 meeting could be scheduled with a meeting already arranged.
 - The Frison Institute lecture is Thursday September 22 in Laramie, Mary Steiner from the University of Arizona will be speaking about faunal analysis.
 - Mary Hopkins suggests that WAPA be the next day (September 23rd) in Laramie.
 - Field opportunity could be USFS survey; Joe Wheeler suggests Fort Sanders as a field trip; the Landscape workshop could take advantage of Pole Mountain or the Ames Monument.
 - Friday September 23rd is a UW and Huskers Football game so may be hard to get motels. Saratoga is suggested as an alternative location.
 - Elaine Hale moves to hold WAPA in the fall along with the Frison Institute and details to come later; Bill Current seconds; motion passes.
 - Committee to organize the meeting: Judy Wolf, Julie Francis, Mary Hopkins, Jillian Bechberger
5. Richard Russell—don't forget the Atl Atl Symposium coming up in Saratoga on May 21, 2011

Business meeting adjourned.