

Friends of the Tonto National Forest  
Minutes for Board Meeting 16 December 2019

Attendees: Ann Adkins, Pete Allard, Patti Fenner, Don Pike, John Matteson, Georgy Naimoli, Scott Wood, Eric Yamane, Elizabeth Butler

President John Matteson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**President's Report - John**

Brian is actively working on reorganization of the Google drive.

Brian wants to create Board emails like <name>@friendsofthetonto.org.

**Executive Director's Report - Patti**

Patti sent Christmas cards to everyone on our mailing list that has been active in some way. Lana Olsen, Traveling Volunteers, will attend the January Board meeting.

Kathy, Jerry, and Patti will meet on Friday, December 20 11:30am at Patti's house for process mapping. Patti had not yet but will inform David Blahnik. Elizabeth is unable to attend due to an allergy to cats.

**Ongoing Projects:**

**Website**

Eric asked about creating a folder for Boeing for pictures for the website. The Board referred Eric to Brian for folder location.

**Shoofly Adopt-a-Site agreement - Scott**

The process to agree on an Adopt-a-Site agreement started in 2018.

March 2019 - Scott and the Payson District Ranger started working on an agreement.

May 2019 - Scott & Payson DR agreed on Draft Adopt-a-Site agreement and the DR submitted it to the SO.

11/21/19 - Patti, John & Scott met with Brooke. Brooke said that Heritage had modified the agreement and that she would send it to them, but they never received it.

12/5/19 Clint Randall, Rec at Payson, sent a modified agreement to John and Brian, they forwarded it to Scott. All references to taking care of the ruin had been removed. Scott responded to Clint who indicated it was out of his hands and Scott needed to work with Brooke and/or Heritage.

12/09/19 Scott sent Heritage folks a note, and copied Brooke.

Brooke responded with actual draft, not what Clint had sent, but not what the Payson DR had proposed.

Since 12/09/19

Brooke has asked Heritage to resolve this – to meet, to look at the site, etc. Friends has not heard from Heritage.

During the process, Friends found out that Brooke hadn't seen agreement for Sears-Kay, upon which the Shoofly agreement is patterned. Scott provided the Sears-Kay agreement to Brooke.

John and Patti will meet with Brooke on 12/17 and hope to continue to move this issue to resolution.

#### **Arnett Creek grant with AWC - Patti**

Willie Sommers - AZ Dept of Forestry & Fire Mgmt. toured Arnett on December 3. He is enthusiastic about the project.

The SO got money for 12 weeks of Conservation Corp in Telegraph, Brian offered volunteers to pack out the Oleander.

#### **Grant for Campaign Trail and Reavis Gap**

John has not heard anything more from Brooke or about the funding.

John mentioned that ACE (American Conservation Experience) has done nice work on the AZT in Cottonwood Canyon.

#### **Tracking of restricted funds**

John still has some questions about reporting this.

#### **Recording volunteer hours (Volgistics) - Georgy**

The FS is not getting rid of Volgistics yet, but they are not using it for their reports. Friends is welcome to use it.

Matthew Quinn has created a database. He gets information from group leaders and enters it into the database from which the MRD pulls reports.

According to an email from Brooke to Georgy, partnership hours should be reported with quarterly report to the SO. Currently Friends provides yearly reports to the SO. Patti and John will clarify at the 12/17/19 meeting with Brooke.

After discussion it was decided to continue to use Volgistics for recording Friends' hours. Sign in sheets will be used for both meetings and projects. Patti will record Board meeting hours, other meeting or project leaders will record those hours. Others who work on other Friends' business should individually record those hours in Volgistics.

#### **Orientation**

Don asked Bec about using Goldfield, it was available when he asked. Patti will follow with written communication to confirm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Butler, Secretary