



The Wyoming
Archaeological Society
Sublette County Chapter
“Green River Basin”

“Green River Basin” Sublette County Chapter of WAS held on Tuesday July 20, 2010 7:00 pm at the Mountain Man Museum in Pinedale.

Attendance:

Sam Drucker, Carson Hughes, Betty & Ralph Gifford, Dutch Daut, Clint Gilchrist, Dawn Ballou, Les Margo, Sandy Wise, Monte Skinner, Therese Hartman, Mike and Jeanette Cooney, Sandy Anderson, Jocelyn Moore, Kelly O’Kell, Sandy Bousman, Becky Thompson, Sami Hammer, Dennis Kuhnel, Mike Olson, Mike Hawkins.

At 7:00 PM Sam Drucker called the meeting to Order. Sam welcomed all members to the meeting of the “Green river Basin” - WAS Chapter.

Secretary Report was presented by Betty Gifford. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Treasurer Report was presented by Les Margo. There are 67 members at this time.

Sam then reviewed “Old Business.”

We will continue alternating of the meeting location between Big Piney and Pinedale for this first year. It has been very productive so far and this is the commitment we want to maintain. We will be holding the September 20, 2010 meeting in the Big Piney Museum as we will miss the August meeting by the Tour.

Discussion of the “plans” of field trips this summer were brought up as the “summer” is fast slipping by us in these Rocky Mountains.

It was proposed and voted that the August meeting will be cancelled as we are planning a Petroglyph Tour in the surrounding territories. We will meet at the County Fair Grounds on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. For the Pinedale members we will meet at 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at the Mountain Man Museum to car pool to the Fair Grounds to rendezvous at 9:00 a.m.

Please bring your own water and picnic lunch for the day as it will take the better part of the day to "tour" 3 different sites. It is suggested that you bring a camera, bug spray, hat, sun screen and comfortable shoes to walk on trails to the sites. This will be a pleasurable day out in the Artifacts of Wyoming.

Sam Drucker pointed out that it would be easier to have a "dig" on private land as the owner site would be able to control the site by closing the gate. It would be time and cost prohibitive to consider doing this on "public" land as the paper work required would be prohibitive. Sam will work on getting permission from a private land owner.

New Business:

Les Margo – Treasurer proposed that we pay for a post office box for the club as it has not worked well for the Mountain Man Museum to mail or get the mail to her. Some items did not reach her in time for processing. This was voted by majority to retain a post office box for the Society-Approximately \$30.00 expenditure at this time.

It was presented and discussed that we could have a Garage/Yard Sale as a fund raiser as we all have "stuff" to share for the purpose of raising money. It was also suggested that we each have our own yard sale and share/donate the proceeds. This idea was tabled until our next meeting in September.

Discussion of a budget of \$3,000 - \$4,000.00 for the club to run its business was proposed. We need to plan and fund a budget so we will be able to fund the guest speakers and their expenses to come to our Society for presentation. Sam shared that he has a contact from the Smithsonian Institute who will come and present to our club sometime this fall.

Sam Drucker, BLM Archaeologist, was the guest speaker with a slide presentation of the many projectile point types found in Sublette County. Many of the slides were points found in the Wyoming territories and the differences of the points were explained. Clovis (12,000-11,000 B.P.) – Folsom points (fluted)(11,000-10,500 B.P.) Agate Basin (10,500-10,000 B.P. – Hell Gap (10,000-9,500 B.P.) – Cody Complex-Knife (9,000-8,500 B.P.) –Scottsbluff and Eden points were explained as to the complicated value of each point made. Goshen points from Mill Iron site campsite area were shown. Chert, stone is the most common type of stone used. However, Obsidian, Quartzite, and Agate are other common stones for points. There is much to learn from these artifacts and many new ways of preserving them and sharing them with the public is part of the goal. Resin casts of each type are being formed for the posterity of each of these types of Paleo-Indian points. If anyone would like a copy of Sam's handout just let him know.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.


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Sam Drucker Sublette Co. WAS President


Betty Gifford Sublette Co., WAS Secretary