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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY
(MACA)

June 10, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance

Joy Beasley
Jane Cox
Marian Creveling
Tom Forhan
Robert Wall

Staff in Attendance

Beth Cole
Jan Gowing
Charlie Hall
Dixie Henry
Elizabeth Hughes
Patricia Samford

The Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a. m. by Chairperson Cox.

Review of the minutes of

The minutes of the March 4, 2015 were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Marian Creveling and seconded by Joy Beasley. The motion was carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

MAC Lab Activities Report – P. Samford

The ASM's excavated Winslow Collection will be turned over to the Lab on Monday, June 15, 2015. Ed Chaney is out with his public archeology crew working at the Smith St. Leonard site. Kate

Schafer and Sara Rivers Cofield encouraged the Lab to do an exhibit with the artifacts in the lab that are being used to portray mid-18th century Scotland in the mini-series *Outlander*. Tricia suggested it should be exhibited in libraries because it is also a book series. It is now scheduled to go into 4 -5 libraries until the end of the year. The executive producer and costume designer of the show were very interested when they heard of the exhibit. They sent high resolution images for the exhibition. Also, the author of the book is doing a blog entry on the exhibit and has pasted photographs of the exhibit on her Face Book page. JPPM is hoping for more national and international attention and are preparing an on-line exhibit.

JPPM is still waiting to hear from the Maryland Historical Society as to whether the Baltimore City Urban Archeology collection will be sent to the Lab. Baltimore City is looking for the money to pay for the conservation of 400 boxes of materials.

Intern, Robin Martin, has been working with JPPM to update the prehistoric ceramics web page and has used the Synthesis Database to pull up better examples than are presently being used.

There were two Fellows that were awarded through the Gloria King Fellowship. Esther Rymer, a Masters student at the University of Tennessee, used the first four weeks of the fellowship to analyze collections from Addison's Plantation, in Oxon Hill. Laura Mather, a PhD. student at Boston University, is looking at Jesuit landscapes in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The database project that was funded by TEP, is hiring two people to work on it for a year and the selection process is going on at this time.

Nicole is expecting a large delivery of canons from a church in Pennsylvania. There are 60 canons that have been embedded in concrete which will be conserved.

As part of the 50th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act, each US state has been tasked with creating a 10-15 minute video that features two to three sites which convey important things about the State/Nation's history that has been learned as a result of Section 106 or the Federal 110. Tricia is in charge of the committee responsible for 10 states, as well as head of the Maryland committee. The State committee decided on Jackson Homestead and the Hermitage. In a meeting on the 23rd to discuss the production, the story idea, images, sound bites, interviews, etc., which The Archeology Channel will pull together in a video.

Underwater Activities Report – (Charlie Hall for Troy Nowak)

There are no updates on the nomination process on Mallows Bay, or the schedule on public scoping. Troy is assisting in today's PGIS workshop for the mapping of Mallows Bay at the College of Southern Maryland in LaPlata.

Matt and Troy began work at Janes Island State Park, funded by the Hurricane Sandy HPF grant. The inaugural NAS/MMAP Combined Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archeology and NAS Part I Course will begin on August 22nd and 29th and will be held at JPPM. The practical exercises are tentatively scheduled for September 12th and 13th. An official announcement and registration instructions will be posted on our website.

A Maryland Heritage Preservation Fund Project Proposal was submitted to the Board for funding the 2016 Internship in Archeology, for 10 weeks. The individual will be shared with both underwater and terrestrial archeology.

Susan has scheduled a site inspection of *Levin J. Marvel* for mid-June as part of her effort to prepare a National Register nomination for the shipwreck.

Terrestrial Activities Report – Charlie Hall

Joe Dent was unable to attend the Field Session due to health reasons and his absence was a great loss. The Field Session at Biggs Ford was successful. The strategy of the research is to find a Keyser house site. There was a minimum of six staff daily, as well as Bob Wall from Towson and Becca Peixotto from American University. Dennis planned the logistics for the session. The Towson Field School students excavated nine units. There was an average of 19 volunteers who excavated 17 units. Twenty-six features were found and 209 post molds were mapped and sectioned. We are unsure what time frame this Keyser component dates to. It is thought that a grant might be applied for in order to pay for the C-14 dating.

Charlie invited members of the MCIA to participate in the dig at Biggs Ford and two of them did. He also reported on the protocol regarding encounter with human remains, which is to not disturb them. This year three burials were encountered and were immediately covered over. Charlie sent an email to inform the MCIA.

A Mayor's Working Group has been formulated to consider the fate of the Mount Clare collection. Having an easement on the collection, Charlie plans to task the group with coming up with a policy for access, storage and curation of the collection.

The Chesapeake Conservancy and DNR are continuing with us to facilitate a loan of the Bald Friar stones for an exhibit. Charlie has been asked to participate in a TV special for a nationally broadcast kids TV show called *Aqua Kids*.

Terrestrial Permitting for State Highway Administration – Charlie Hall

Our attorney has put together an opinion to SHA that states that the extension to the permit is fair and reasonable reading of the law, so that's our policy at this point. We do feel that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the three agencies that are involved is important to clarify roles. Beth Cole will be drafting the first draft.

Review and Compliance Activities Report – Beth Cole

Beth just recently revised our Request for Proposals to do an archeological assessment of the Annapolis Post Office parcel. The State may be building an addition to the building and DGS is currently contracting for a Condition Assessment of the building and as part, they want to include the archeological assessment. That assessment would include an archival study, disturbance assessment, limited shovel test pitting of the yard area and coming up with a defensible plan to see if Phase I will be needed if the project moves forward for an addition.

State Highway just recently completed their data recovery for the Maryland 331/Dover Bridge project; 18TA315, a late 17, early-18th century site. A number of MHT archeologists participated in a meet and greet with DBM analyst, who wanted to learn more about our programs.

Beth has participated in a number of meetings with Calvert Co., who is being given a CLG grant toward developing the NPS Survey Collector app for archeological sites, which is probably being driven by emergency response situations. Calvert Co. will be developing the app for archeology, so hopefully the information that gets developed in the field can be input into our site update forms. Kirstie Uunila will be testing the app as part of the county's look at sea level rise which can be applied to new sites that are discovered.

The annual coordination meeting was held with the U.S. Naval Academy, who is continuing getting up to date on their Section 110 work by going back and doing Phase II evaluations.

Dixie reports that we've seen a lot coordination policy outreach going on. There have been three meetings with NRCS. The USDA has developed a prototype PA for all the states to see, to help streamline 106 reviews.

Jonathan Sager and Dixie Henry did a successful training session with DNR's internal review team. They were given a course on 106 and discussed our joint stewardship of cultural resources. MHT is coordinating with DNR on an all-day training session with land managers.

We continue to have our quarterly coordination meetings with the Corps of Engineers, who have been very helpful in helping to increase our coordination.

Review and Compliance reviewed the final draft of SHA's Umbrella Mitigation Banking instrument that's about to roll out pretty soon and they did incorporate our comments regarding cultural resources for when they are doing their site selection process. They also reviewed DNR's master plan for the Point Lookout Lighthouse property.

Research and Synthesis Project – (Charlie Hall for Dennis Curry)

The Research and Synthesis project launched its searchable online database on March 25, 2015. Two versions are available: public and professional.

Greg Brown represented MHT archeologist at the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference in mid-March.

The Annual Workshop in Archeology was held March 28, 2015, at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, with a large turnout of 120 people. For Archeology Month, the staff prepared a series of articles for MHT's blog, "Our History, Our Heritage". Matt wrote one called, "Maryland's Archeological Synthesis Project, which was re-blogged on SHA's site.

Dennis offered a special thanks to Charlie, Matt and Troy for their tremendous efforts in ensuring a very successful field session. Together with Bob Wall and Becca Peixotto, they filled in the gap left by Joe Dent's absence.

Dennis prepared a poster showing artifacts from the Heater's Island site to be displayed at two public functions involving the Piscataway Indians: the Sugarloaf Regional Trails festival at Monacacy Aqueduct and the 375th Anniversary Celebration of Kittamaqua's Baptism at St. Mary's Church in Piscataway.

The move of DHCD has opened the opportunity for MHT to rearrange and expand its office space. Two possibilities are: ORSR archeology staff will be more consolidated into an "archeology area" that will also afford public space for the ASM Library and a secure, safe storage for portable field equipment will be available in the basement of the building.

Other Business

Joy Beasley asked if the Committee was aware of the plan to reorganize the Northeast region and the National Capitol region of the NCPPC. In April, an email went out to the regions under the joint signature of the two regional directors, that at the directors' request, they were looking at reorganizing the regions based on State boundaries. It has been heard that Virginia is coming to the National Capitol Region. They are still considering Maryland. The Northeast Region is not happy about the change. The change is supposed to happen at the end of the fiscal year.

Selection of the next meeting date: Wednesday, September 2, 2015

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. in a motion made by Tom Forhan and seconded by Jane Cox; the motion was carried unanimously.