

MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY
(MACA)
June 11, 2014

Committee Members in Attendance

Jane Cox
Marian Creveling
Joe Dent
Bill Dudley
Tom Forhan
Bob Wall

Staff in Attendance

Dennis Curry
Jan Gowing
Charlie Hall
Dixie Henry
Tricia Samford

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

Review of the minutes of March 15, 2014

The minutes were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Tom Forhan and seconded by Bob Wall; the motion was passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Underwater Activities report -- S. Langley (Dennis)

Staff attended meetings of the Southern Maryland Delegation of the Charles County Executive with Dr. Julie King to promote and garner support for a joint terrestrial/marine maritime survey on the Wicomico River in June and July. These meetings will continue next summer. Staff also participated in the Annual Workshop in Archeology and presented a number of public lectures and undertook compliance site visits and field surveys. Susan has been working for a community based steering committee to prepare a nomination for Mallows Bay as NOAA's next National Marine Sanctuary. The reinvented nomination process is expected to be announced this week, as this is CHOW (Capitol Hill Ocean Week). It will be the first new sanctuary in more than two decades. NOAA has been encouraging the application and there is strong support throughout the State. Troy has been taking the Nautical Archeological Society Instructor

Training in order to be able to offer certified training opportunities for our volunteers. He's been working with NOAA and the Battle of Atlantic Research Organization on this. Susan attended the National Marine Sanctuary Chair Summit meeting in Galveston and chaired a Monitored Sanctuary advisory meeting in North Carolina. Troy participated in the Annual Field Session of the ASM. Dennis thanks him greatly for his assistance in the field session.

Terrestrial Activities report – Charlie Hall

Maryland Archeology Month with Julie King's involvement, and focused on Fort Zekiah, was a success. State Highway Administration again printed the booklets, and Consultants pitched in again contributing \$1900.00, which paid for the printing of the posters. With other contributions, from ASM, Cfma and Maryland Indian organizations, the Archeology Month budget ended in the black. We partnered with Baltimore Heritage and the ASM on the archeological investigation of the War of 1812, Patterson Park resources. Geophysical Archeologist, Tim Horsley conducted GPR survey of the site, and many volunteers were involved. The project attracted considerable positive press in Baltimore. The Field Session returned to the Biggs Ford site for a second year. Joe Dent again served as principal investigator, and we once again had the participation of Bob Wall and his Towson University field school. Seven staff members, including four active and one retired (Maureen Kavanagh) MHT archeologists were present every day, as were as many as fifty volunteers. Forty-five Cub Scouts attended on the last day. Very clear post hole patterns were discovered, as were clear palisade lines. MACA voted to approve the MHT Collections Policy at the last meeting and the MHT Board of Trustees approved it at its June 5th meeting. When our Director and the MDP Secretary have approved it, MHT will, for the first time, have an approved Collections Policy. The Archeological Site Location Site Location Policy was sent to MHT's Director and Deputy Director and was put into effect and used in the MHT library. The NAGPRA update will be completed within the next month and be sent to the tribes who are potentially interested in Maryland. MHT is authorized in our legislation to establish regulations for terrestrial permits and Charlie intends to come to the MACA with draft regulations this year.

Bill Dudley asked where the Trust stood on the Battle of Brooklyn. A letter was drafted for the Governor's office, and was sent to the land owner, requesting permission to do the investigation. The response received by the Governor's office was, "NO". The Governor then requested that a new revised budget be made to investigate an adjacent parking lot, owned by the American Legion Post. This revised lower budget has been forwarded to the Governor's office

MAC Lab Activities report – Tricia Samford

Tricia is mostly working on the War of 1812 activities to be held at JPPM. Two scholars have come in for the summer for the Gloria S. King Research Fellowship; Lindsey Black, from UNC at Chapel Hill worked on material analysis of locally made earthenware; and Jenna Carlson, College of William and Mary was looking at cattle bones to determine if the animals were being used as draft animals or food. Also, Valerie Hall will come in for a week to do a gender study on Native American, prehistoric ceramics. The Diagnostic Artifacts webpage on bottle seals has been completed and gone live. Updates to the projectile webpage are currently being worked on. Thanks to Dennis Curry and Carol Ebright, JPPM has been able to expand the part of the webpage that deals with rocks and minerals. Ed Chaney and his crew are out for their 11th

season of public archeology which began in May. The CACE project will apply for an Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant in December to be able to get a vehicle to use to go to public venues, Community Colleges to train and create educational modules to loan to the classrooms, and the Chapters of ASM to work out a partnership to help at fairs and county events. Becky has received a large collection from the ICC Anderson Branch Quartz Quarry. JPPM has been approached by the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Chesapeake Conservancy to place some or all of the Bald Friar petroglyphs in the Susquehanna State park on a permanent loan basis. They will be coming to the MAC Lab to decide exactly what they would be interested in having at the park. JPPM received about 200 19th century Chinese coins from Dead Wood, South Dakota and the Western Maryland affiliate of Public Television did a lengthy TV segment on the coins and their treatment at the MAC Lab, and then aired in South Dakota.

Review and Compliance Activities report – (B. Cole, D. Henry)

The Compliance program continues to see a high volume of projects per month. The compliance division participated in two webinars presented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; “Managing Confidential Information” and “Disaster Response and Emergencies”. Beth attended the annual coordination meeting with the Navy’s new Washington office, regarding Consultation for all Navy Installations in Maryland and the Bi-annual Coordination meeting with the U.S. Naval Academy. The Navy continues to be a sound steward of its archeological heritage through its Section 110 surveys and sited evaluations. They also participated in the review 2014 Certified Local Government grant applications. Out of the five received, two were for local archeology programs (Charles and St. Mary’s Counties). The Board voted to fund both of those projects, but the announcement hasn’t been made yet. We’ve had a lot of testing of the new databases that IT is setting up and there are still a lot of problems with it. You may want to request a demo of the new database for the next meeting. One of the latest projects being worked on is Keys Energy Facility in both Prince George’s and Charles counties. It is a multi-component project involving a large energy facility in Prince George’s County, several utility lines and a wetland mitigation site. They are going to be doing some survey work for all of the components, but the most sensitive one is the wetland mitigation site, which is in Zekiah Swamp.

Research and Synthesis Project report – Dennis Curry

On the Synthesis Project, Matt is working on going through the entire state again, doing the reports that have come in in the past five years. Our online database has been pushed back because of the problems with the other databases. Dennis gave a public talk at the Frederick library in the middle of the Field School and was surprised at the large attendance. Since we no longer have Non-Capital Grants, Charlie and Dennis are going to try to put together a proposal for the MHT Board for \$5000/7500 that would pay for a PI/lab assistant to aid the Field School next year, with the hopes that it can be continued. This year’s Field School cost around \$10,000. Another consideration is for ASM to raise their fees for the Field School. Julie King and crew are at Zekiah Fort testing Tim Horsley’s remote sensing results and doing other surveys. This is a project for the Zekiah Fort Heritage Trail that the legislature provided special funding for. They have some great features and are hoping to have an open house at the end of July. The last issue of *Maryland Archeology* that Dennis will be editing is now at the printer and is a special

Pig Point issue. ASM has put together a committee to take over for Dennis. The Society for American Archaeology is beginning a project called, "Making Archaeology Public", which is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. They would like to prepare a ten to fifteen minute video on how NHPA benefitted archeology and what we've learned because of this new act. Dennis feels like Pig Point would be the ideal candidate for this video. Dennis pointed out that chances are we won't be able to use this present building for next year's archeology workshop, or ASM's spring symposium, because they will be closing it. We need to look at alternatives.

Other Business

The Council for Maryland Archeology meeting will be held on Friday, June 13, 2014, at Montpelier Mansion, in Laurel.

Selection of next meeting date – Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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