



FBRA NEWSLETTER JULY 1, 2012

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Hello FBRA Members,

This will be the last newsletter before rendezvous, so here is what's happening.

A. On April 12th two days before the April 14th board meeting an e-mail was sent to the board from Traci Hardy resigning as FBRA secretary. Traci wrote that she has taken a promotion at her work and feels that she can no longer fulfill her duties as the FBRA secretary. The board would like to wish Traci well on her promotion and thank her for nearly 12 years of dedication to the Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association.

At the April meeting the board discussed the hiring process for a new secretary/treasurer. The board decided to make this a priority and a job description and qualifications were drawn up and posted on the FBRA website and emailed to all FBRA members. The position was open to all FBRA members in good standing. The position was voted on at the May 14th board meeting held at Fort Bridger. Four applicants were interviewed

and Mica Stark was selected by the board to be the new secretary/treasurer. Congratulations Mica. The board asks all members to have patience during this new transition.



Hello! I am Mica Stark, the new Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association Secretary/Treasurer. I have been a primitive camper at the rendezvous for 28 years and have spent time in the past collecting prizes, assisting with the children's games, and helping with work meetings. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and help make the Fort Bridger Rendezvous an enjoyable experience for all who participate. It is a great pleasure to represent the Fort Bridger Rendezvous Association and I look forward to being a part of the organization for years to come.

B. On May 14th after the meeting the board took on the job of cleaning out the Registration Building. After obtaining permission from Park Manager, Linda Beyer, we were allowed to clean out and organize the back room in registration. By cleaning out the back room of



registration we were able to make more room up front. The board's goal is to make the registration area more visitor friendly.

Visitors to the registration building will be



able to enter through the front door, make any purchases and then exit through the side door. The board is excited about this re-organization.

C. The June 2nd Board meeting was also held at Fort Bridger. The board has been working closely with the state in developing a map of the Fort grounds in identifying historical foundations and areas that we can use for the Rendezvous. As noted in previous letters to members, the flood of 2010 uncovered previously unseen foundations and those areas identified are now off limits to camping or driving upon. In working with the state we have had to change the layout of Trader's Row. A new map has been made of the layout of Trader's Row and after the board meeting we did an physical layout measuring and marking off each trade spot. The good news is that we will have plenty of room for the traders who are currently registered and maybe a few more. Todd Thibodeau, from the state, will finish up on the map and print us out several large copies. We have finished assigning trade spots and the map with the trade spot numbers will be posted on the website. The list of trader's names will also be posted on the web site with their trade spot number. If you are a trader and have not registered for this year, please contact us if you are interested in a trade spot for the upcoming rendezvous. Our website address is www.fortbridgerrendezvous.net . We anticipate that by July campers will get their confirmation letters and camp spot numbers. The board asks that all members be patient with these changes.

D. At the first of this year the State asked that the FBRA send a couple of board members to participate in a Steering Committee that would deal with providing input for the implementation of a 5-year plan for the Fort Bridger Historical

site. The Chairman, Jeff Malan, and Segundo, Mike Chatelain, have attended two meetings and Booshway, Eugene Fowels, has attend one. The meetings have dealt with improving the Fort Bridger site by providing better access and parking, visitor flow, site recognition and site protection. It was brought up at the last meeting that there is no funding for these changes but the committee felt it was important to have a 5-year plan in place. The next meeting will be at Fort Bridger on June 25th and the public is invited to attend and provide their input concerning future plans. We encourage all members to attend this meeting and provide their input.

E. The board has done a review of the FBRA by-laws and has made some changes. These changes need to be voted on by the general membership. We encourage FBRA members to attend the general membership meeting and give their input and vote on the changes. The meeting will be at Fort Bridger (picnic bowery) on July 7th at noon.

The Board would like to thank all its members and all those who attend the Fort Bridger Rendezvous for being patient with all the new changes. I am aware of the old saying “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it”, but I know for a fact that change is always good as long as the change is an improvement. The FBRA Board of Director’s are committed and dedicated to the future of the Fort Bridger Rendezvous and believe that the 40th Anniversary Rendezvous will be the one to remember.

Jeff Malan
Chairman, FBRA