

Grand County TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, JULY 12, 2016

Grand Center, 182 N. 500 W., Moab, Utah

Attendees: Sandy Freethey, Geoff Freethey, Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Zacharia Levine, Tif Miller, Chris Baird, Paul Spencer, Kim Schappert, Mimi Trudeau, Neal Clark, Kirstin Peterson, Russ Von Koch, Rani Derasary, Maddie Logowitz, Tom Dillon, Richard Coffinberry, Jennifer Jones, Don Wiseman, Autumn Ela, Katie Stevens, Brett Suteer, Tracy Reed, 21 people attended

Call to Order: Chair Sandy Freethey called the meeting to order at 12:03PM

Approval of minutes from June 14, 2016: *Mimi Trudeau*

Sharon moved to approve the minutes and Geoff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Under Forest Service Updates - "Bark" park was supposed to be "Bike" park. It was also noted that Kim wrote the minutes for the last meeting, not Kirstin.

Treasurer's report: *Sharon Hogan*

- a. Expenditures through 6/30/16: \$22,555.81
- b. Total income in 2016: \$27,215.00
- c. General Fund Balance: \$105,793.20

\$4000 received from MTA Maps for Trails

County/City updates: *Chris Baird, Zacharia Levine, Sandy Freethey and Tif Miller.*

- Utah Outdoor Recreation Waypoint Grant – The process is just getting started. The city has ideas about infrastructure within the parks (\$75,000), and a youth grant (\$75,000).
- UDOT – Sandy and Kim went to the vision meeting on the Hwy 128 corridor/from Dewey Bridge to Hwy 191. Some of the ideas being considered are resurfacing pavement and guardrails. Perhaps UDOT can match funds with the Gap grant to complete the part of the bike path that is on the highway. BLM would like to expand parking downstream of Take Out Beach, and improve the traffic flow. They also are considering moving the parking lot upstream for the bouldering area. Ideas will be compiled and a proposal will be made. Available money will limit what can be done. If you go to the UDOT website you can see all the areas being addressed and you are able to comment. This project is "#128 Restoration." Updates will be posted after each meeting.
- New hotel in planning stage, location is below the Prospector Trail down from Sunset Grill.
- Sandpoint, Idaho inquired about Trail Mix organization and how they operate and get things done.
- Sandy cleaned out her files and presented lots of interesting "dated" information on Moab from early 90's. Some great articles and quotes were shared.

Active Transportation Group: *Zacharia*

- “The Big Jump Project – Through a mix of on-the-ground infrastructure, smart outreach and community engagement, The Big Jump will partner with community leaders in the U.S. to identify opportunities for improvements specifically tailored to each community's needs.” The Active Transportation Group is considering applying for this money to help facilitate the creation of a 5.2-mile bike path from Mill Creek Drive to the county line along Spanish Valley Drive. The application period opened in June and is due in October. Rather than being direct funds, the money would pay for support services such as leadership training, technical resources, and education about what places, such as Copenhagen, have successfully done in the past. The group will reconvene and decide if they want to pursue an application. Kim supports this plan; she feels it will bring new eyes to help us work through the project. It was noted that Spanish Valley Drive is a difficult area with lots of property ownership issues - nevertheless, we need urban trails. This would be a three-year commitment, if they pick our topic.
- Sandy requested that the meeting day for the Active Transportation Group be changed from the same day as Trail Mix. This will allow time for issues to be reviewed and placed on the agenda. Zacharia was agreeable and a new day will be found.

Forest Service updates: *Autumn Ela*

- New Forest Plan work underway - the current plan is dated 1986! It will be a four-year year project. The current travel plan will be rolled over. There is link on the Manti La Sal website to all the information.
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mantilasal/landmanagement/planning>
Or, you can send an email to mlnplanrevision@fs.fe.us to get on the mailing list, make comments etc.
- MMBA – Medicine Lake campout and trail work planned for August 27-28th. Join the fun! Contact Tracy Reed at Chile Bikes for more info.
- Trail Mix and FS crews working on Brumley Arch trail, and have now cleared Burro Pass, Hazard, and the Whole Enchilada.
- There was a discussion about cattle guards vs. gates and Katie pointed out cattle guards don't work when they fill up with snow. In the forest, the cattle are off before the winter, however in an area like Horsethief, where they get snow, it can be a problem.
- Geoff obtained the no ebike stickers and gave them to Neal Clark to post on the Jimmy Keen trail.
- There will be an open House, talking about paleontology, at the Bull Canyon Interpretive Trail on July 26th.

- The Loop Rd, from Castle Valley to Miners Basin turnoff, will be closed to all traffic starting in September. Construction will continue through snowfall and resume in the spring. It is still under consideration whether or not the road will be open on weekends and whether or not cyclists will be allowed. Cyclists however will be able to cross the road.

SITLA: Bryan Torgerson reports:

- New 3-mile bike trail created near the Needles Outpost.
- Two new toilets in Willow Springs camping area. First toilet is the Pinyon Juniper area and the 2nd is right before the wash. In the future, the area may go to the state park and there may be a charge for camping.

MMBA – *Tracy Reed/Tom Dillon*- trailheads, toilets and fund raising.

BLM applied for State Park Grants for trailheads and toilets at Navajo rocks and Mega Steps mt. bike trails.

Other areas that need toilets include South Klondike, and Gemini Bridges are located on SITLA land; South Klondike is a problem for servicing toilets because trucks don't go out there. A discussion followed about the costs of building and operating toilets. They cost about \$16,000 to build, and \$500 each time you pump. The frequency of pumping depends upon how much traffic you get. There is a \$45 per instance cost to change paper and clean. In total, it probably costs between \$1500 and \$3000/ year to service a toilet depending upon how popular it is. A private company will be servicing the new toilets at Willow Springs.

Tracy – planning to do a bike raffle to raise funds.

SITLAs priority is toilets at Willow Springs, then toilets in the mountains (replace porta potties there with permanent ones).

Don Wiseman - Looking at a way IMBA club can reach out and find a way for the bikers using the trail system to contribute money to help support infrastructure, toilets, trail building, etc. Zacharia suggested donation boxes in bike shops. Paul suggested having donations with shuttle companies -will need to get drivers to agree to this. Per Autumn - Donations need to be collected before the drivers are on the forest. BLM and Forest Service would be glad to cooperate with this venture and receive the money! Don has drafted a letter to send to sponsors.

BLM info and Trail updates: *Katie Stevens, Sandy Freethy, Scott Escott*

- Seven Mile Canyon Equestrian Trailhead – ready to build!
- Dellenbaugh Tunnel Hiking Trail – ready to build!
- North Klondike - new parking lots, gravel, toilet coming, should be done this week. Need to put in post and cable to outline parking lot, and trail connectors are need to re-configure the area. Archeo and Paleo have approved these connectors. Geoff suggested adding a sign 'no overnight parking in the parking lot'.
- Maintenance: Pipedream, Gravitron, Chisholm, Coney Island, ICP, Klondike 4x4.

- Trailheads/Parking areas to see delineation work this summer
- Moab Brands – New bike maintenance stand with tools on cables has been installed near kiosk. There is no pump at this time.
- Horsethief Campground hiking trails – people are getting lost on this 1 1/3 mile loop. More lining, arrows and maps are needed. We now have GPS coordinates of the cairned area.
- Trail Maintenance –some ATV damage. Scott will be adding signs at Bull Run that indicate that it is a dead end. Klondike Classic 4x4 and Baby Steps Loop were painted and signed better.
- New maps, signs and paint at LPS. Signage is needed at UPS - should include Jimmy Keen. Autumn and Geoff will work together on this.

Equestrian update: *Richard Coffinberry*

Turn arounds and pullouts have been blocked on Professor Valley Rd. This continues to be a problem. Entrance into CFI is beginning to wash out - this is a county road, and needs to be repaired. Both equestrian trailheads could use improved entryways when UDOT is doing the Highway work next year.

Climbing/Canyoneering Access update: *Brett Suteer*

Outside Magazine highlighted Fruit Bowl- SITLA land off Mineral Bottom Road. There were some positive and some negative comments. Headline - "Lawless Moab, Inside The Last Bastion of Outdoor Outlaws"

BLM doesn't disallow slack lining, but prohibits it on Gemini Bridges, Corona Arch, and WSAs (since you can't put new bolts in WSA). They ask people not to slack line across Fisher Towers rock

Hiking update:

In light of our discussion of potential new trails at the last meeting, Sandy shared an interesting 2009 advertisement on sierraclubtrails.org: "A new social network for people who are willing to swap secrets. Find trails to extraordinary places, insider tips and a welcoming community of passionate hikers."

Bike Patrol update: *Russ Von Koch*

- Sticker added to new Trail Mix shed "New Bike Patrol Office."
- Sat. Sept 10th there will be a training for new members. They would like to have a presentation from Trail Mix on topics such as dealing with issues that arise on the trail, where members should patrol, what they should focus on, etc. They were reminded not to "dumb down the trails."
- Doing more work on website.

Trail Articles, Bits, Photos, Events:

- New self-filling water bottles via solar power and pedal power – They work but are not very effective in Moab!
- Moab Happenings:
 - Maddie Logowitz- Artist in the Parks - rapidly gaining, notoriety and photos
 - Pathways to Discovering Urban Art in Moab– *Michele Hill, Sandy Freethy.*
 - Hiking Trails: Pole and Doe: *Marcy Hafner*
 - Hiking Trails: Tower Arch: *Laurie Schmidt*

Citizens to be heard/Subjects not on the agenda:

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Trudeau

Trail Mix Secretary

Sandy Freethey

Trail Mix Chair signature: _____