

TRAIL MIX MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
NOON AT THE GRAND CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Sandy Freethey, Vice chair Paul Spencer, Geoff Freethey, Treasurer Sharon Hogan, Temporary Secretary Kim Schappert, Kirstin Peterson, Marc Thomas, Anna V. Smith, Brett Sutteer, Neal Clark, Tom Dillon, Kaitlin Myers, Katie Stevens, Autumn Ela, Tif Miller, Zacharia Levine, Russ Von Koch, Madeline Logowitz

Meeting was called to order at 12:05

- 1. September 13, 2016 minutes – vote to approve:** Motion was made by Geoff and seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes from the August 9 meeting. Motion passes
- 2. Treasurers Report – Sharon Hogan**

Income since August 9, 2016: None

MTA Maps for Trails (and maintenance) \$2500 came in at this meeting

Total Income 2016: \$27,215.00

Expenditures: \$30,303.28

General Fund \$98045.73

3. County/City updates:

SAR-Search and Rescue – Mt. Bike map request: Jim Webster/Kim Schappert

Maps were donated to SAR and will be distributed to all members encouraging them to get out and familiarize themselves with trails.

Scott Escott/Tom Adams/Gov. Herbert/ Mayor Dave....Outdoor Summit

Scott is on the road with the Outdoor Summit put on by the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). He spent an hour with Chris Haller, the Utah State Parks Trails Coordinator (Recreational and Off Road Vehicle), and who Trail Mix works with for all our Recreational Trails grant applications .

The next Summit is in Moab. A Meet and Greet is scheduled for 5pm, October 4th at Lions Park and the main event is at Red Cliffs Lodge the next day. Tickets are \$51 in advance.

Misc

A big thanks came from the Backcountry Horseman of Utah for the new parking areas that Trail Mix has worked so hard with BLM and interested parties to make happen. A special thanks to Sandy for her persistent follow up with all those parties. She has probably logged a record number of river road miles with all the recon trips.

Tif- Kim mentioned the big cottonwood tree that blew down across one of the check dams along the Mill Creek Parkway. There is grant money the city has for more work on hazard trees along the parkway. The 5th West bridge project has private property issues so no resolution is in site to connect that bridge up to the roadway. The bridge site next to the Dreamrides headquarters is in the planning stages for re-installation.

High Country News-Mt. Biker and BLM working together Anna Smith wrote an article on trail development with user created trails where the BLM and mountain bikers are working together to resolve conflict. Trail Mix, as a government sponsored

organization, is unique compared to other areas that might have one small group of random folks. She has not seen another example of better collaboration anywhere else. The article may be found online at "BLM Partners with Mountain Bikers to Combat Illegal Trails".

Gunnison Trails group/BLM working together: gunnisontrails.com/connecting-

Jen Jones encourages everyone to check out this video from Gunnison County, CO to see another example of BLM and mtn bikers working together

RTP Grants/State Parks-Trail Mix to County – BLM The Recreational Trails Program of Utah State parks awarded trail Mix \$12,000 to do maintenance for another 2 years on a variety of projects. The total Grant is for \$34,000, which will need to be spent by Trail Mix to receive \$12,000 that was awarded. The BLM was awarded 2 more toilets to go in at the Navajo Rocks TH and the Mill Canyon Dino tracks site. Everyone should check out the new style toilets at the new North Klondike parking area and TH which was also funded by this same program last year.

Active Transportation Group– Zacharia has changed the meeting time for this group to the last Wednesday of each month, noon-1pm, in the County Council chambers. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28. The next one after that will be October 26. The Spanish Valley Trail is estimated to cost \$2.64 million for the 5 miles that will link Moab City to Grand County areas south. That does not include money to purchase private property.

Zacharia is working with Diana, the county clerk, to buy a 4x4 vehicle to use for trail work. That is long overdue since all of our trail workers are presently using their own vehicles to access work sites and to haul materials.

There is \$200,000 in the paved path fund with another \$100,000 coming in this year. Bill Jackson will be contacted to discuss the seal coat needs of the pathway.

Kaitlin Myers was introduced as the new VISTA volunteer who will be working on affordable housing, economic development, and Trail Mix stuff. She is here for a year. Welcome!

4. **Forest Service updates:** Autumn Ela reports that the Skyline Trail in the Abajos, and the Brumley Arch and Mill Creek trails in the La Sals have been worked on with the trail crew. There was a good work day at Medicine Lake and the Loop Road closure dates have not been set yet. The FS is waiting on the bids and any info will be posted online sometime in October. the FS revision plan comment mtg is scheduled for tonight, Sept 13. Come and talk about any issues you might have for consideration. Topics of interest are wilderness, general issues, and species concerns. Timber sleds and salt licks next to lakes, as well as restricting cows in heavy recreation use areas was mentioned.
5. **MMBA** The Medicine Lake camp out was rainy but very productive. There was a good turn out and a new section of trail was finished. The reroute did not get archeology sign off so that will happen next year. Horse riders were on the trail and thought the tree canopy needed to be raised to accommodate their height. They would like horse decals added to the signs also.
6. **BLM National Public Lands Day** Saturday Sept 17th at the Dinosaur Bone Trail at Mill Canyon off of Hwy 191. Meet at the site 8:30-9:00. Bring gloves Remove old signs, add new ones, work on the trail. Paleo Project head is Rebecca Hunt Foster/BLM. The BLM and the Sierra Club need help with trail work and restoration in Negro Bill Canyon. They will be

hauling dirtbags (haha), fixing washouts, and eliminating social trails. Contact Par Rasmussen, 702-215-9119 – parasmussen@gmail for more info.

- Seven Mile Canyon Equestrian Trailhead – New Gate, New Kiosk/photo of the single trailer that blocked the entrance to the trailhead
- Dellenbaugh Tunnel Hiking Trail: Trail building/ restoration on 4x4 road begins with installation of carcinite posts, paint and map signing for jeepers.
- North Klondike: Delineator posts & trail connectors have been added along with a fancy new toilet at the expanded and improved parking area.
- West Horsethief Mt. Bike trail proposal: The archaeo clearance hike was completed with Tom and Paul from TM handling the GPS. Maddie leads the charge on this trail project. Go Maddie, you are doing great work!!!
- Professor Valley Road rocks will remain blocking “turn-outs” as the turn outs are not legally designated. A sign is needed at 128 turn offs to let people know where and what parking is available for large trailers. Names are needed for the new equestrian trailheads. The berms at the Professor Creek, aka CFI, aka Richardson, M.P. 19 TH need to be monitored for destruction.
- The Moab Epic Mountain Bike Ride, put on by Will Newcomer will be held October 15 at the Bar M, Mag7 and Gemini Bridges areas. Plan your activities accordingly.
- Maintenance Trail Mix: Borderline, the Edge and Topspin have been worked on. Signs are being stolen. Telluride Adaptive Sports wants wider trails. Paul is communicating with the organization and addressing their questions.

Do we need more signage? Doggie care? Mill Creek routing?

7. **New Equestrian Representative needed.** If anyone knows someone who might be interested please let them know. There have been many improvements for equestrians due to TM efforts so the position should have representation.
8. **Climbing/Canyoneering Access update:** Brett says the Canyoneering Coalition of American Canyoneers have a rep, John_____, coming to Moab Oct 5 to assess needs in our area for signage, managing canyoneering traffic, numbers of participants, sanitation facilities, etc.

Discussion about the need to limit permits to smaller groups in areas of high use such as Morning Glory Arch where random articles may fall from the patio staging area onto unsuspecting hikers below. A guide book has been published that may help to disperse crowds and the group wants to be involved with policies that may be adopted in the future.

The Intertribal Council rep, Charles Wilkerson, met with the Access Committee, AAC, SUWA, and Friends of Indian Creek to discuss issues with climbers on tribal lands. The tribes like the stewardship shown by climbers and do not want to disenfranchise them as their people have been in the past.

9. **Hiking update:** Marc Thomas puts out ideas for new hikes including Fisher Towers to Onion Creek, Bootlegger Canyon, Tusher-Lone Mesa, Rainbow Rocks, and Tombstone Rock to Pritchett Canyon. He also thanked the Freethey’s and Maddie for the wonderful work on the Dellenbaugh Tunnel trail.
10. **Bike Patrol update:** Russ Von Koch gives the website for the bike patrol, moabbikepatrol.com or org. They have 6 new crew members and will have training in November if anyone is interested in joining and attending. He would also like to have MTA trail maps for the members.

Submitted by acting Secretary: Kimberly Schappert

Chair: Sandy Freethey _____ date: _____