

TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday Jan 10 2017

APPROVED Feb 14 2017

PRESENT- Kim Schappert, Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Tom Dillon, Stephen Schultz, Kya Marienfeld, Rani Derasary, Geoff Freethy, Chris Baird, Katie Stevens, Tif Miller, Kirstin Peterson, Marc Thomas, Paul Spencer, Sandy Freethy

Dec 13, 2016 MINUTES – vote to approve: Submitted by Mimi Trudeau who will be sorely missed! Motion to approve by Marc and second by Kim. Motion passes.

TREASURERS REPORT- Income since last report is \$700 from enthusiastic rider Robert Barker, from Incline Village and another \$200 from Don and Denice at Canyon Voyages. Thanks to all of them! Total income in 2016 is \$34,753 with total expenditures of \$50,348.73. Gen Fund balance is \$85,538.28.

BLM - Sandy shared her get well card sent from 25 folks at the BLM showing just how many people it takes in the agency to get trail work done. So even though Katie, and Russ before her, are our heroes, there are others to be recognized too. BLM is granting ROW on all trail corridors so that they will be protected if or when future development takes place. New toilets will be installed at Navajo Rocks and the Mill Canyon Dino Site sometime in the spring, hopefully not when the place is crazytown with riders.

MAINTENANCE- Scot has given packs of No E-Bikes stickers to Forest Service for Jimmy Keen Flat. Benches have been picked up from the city to be recycled at the OK Corral at the Moab Brands. Tyson is here and hired til mid February to work on Ahab repairing. Gemini is looking good after BLM travel management guys installed signage directing traffic. The \$2000 sign order is in and installation will begin. These consist of maps, E-bike signs that are larger than the stickers, and lots of other topics. Sandy awards Scott a 5th of Horsethief Rum in celebration of the new trail to be constructed soon. He is going to share it with all the volunteers at the first build day. Marc will supply the Coke.

The new Juniper Trail Proposal has all paperwork submitted to DC. A vote was held to support the project as it is in the Grand County Non-motorized Trails Master Plan. Marc motions and Tom seconds. Motion passes.

FOREST SERVICE- We are sad to see Autumn Ela gone to bigger and better things although have no idea where could be bigger or better than here with us. Her replacement might be in house already? Let's hope so because there is a hiring freeze in DC now. FS needs more seasonal help.

LUNA - The road plowing is going well and there is LOTS of snow. All equipment is working so far and Matt Heberd and Travis are knocking it out of the park with their dedication to the grooming job. Check the avalanche report for updates on road closures, grooming reports, and who got caught in a slide.

COUNTY UPDATES- Chris Baird is still our rep and the main reason we have a maintenance budget. He keeps steady watch over the budget process for us and we are forever grateful.

Greg Halliday is the Transportation Special Service District Rep

A sub-committee needs to form and address issues of TM sustainability.

Zacharia is submitting a grant to fund a study on the Spanish Valley multi-modal trail project.

Sandy appreciated the send off from the county at their December meeting and sends her thanks.

New meeting time for Trail Mix is 11:00am, still the 2nd Tuesday of every month. BTW that is the 2nd Tuesday of every month since December 1999!!!

Tif Miller was elected Vice-Chair, the Equestrian position will be shared by Jones and Smith, and the secretary is up for grabs. Actually that's not a good way to put that. The secretary position is waiting to be filled. Anyone???

Scott gave favorable reviews to all the TM employees and recommended raises that include 2% COLA increases and .50/hr. He will also be receiving a raise. Kim motioned to pass, Tom seconded and the motion passed.

CITY UPDATES- Trail behind Los Giliertos should be designated. Engineering to replace the 2nd South bridge is underway. The 1st West easement needs checking for the property owner's OK.

BIKING- Tom is hanging with his cats and hasn't had time for any biking, much less biking news. Just so you know Tom, the paved paths are awesome on a sunny day so kiss your uh... Kitties goodbye for an hour and get out there.

There's a new bike shop in town called the Double Down, run by Kathy and Dustin. Good Luck with your new business!!

HIKING- The Red Onion received good reviews by members of TM who checked out the proposed route in December. Another possibility is a trail above 191 at the 313 turnoff.

EQUESTRIANS- The Old Spanish Trail proponents are trying to identify a decent route through Grand County. San Juan County had lots of good options. There will be a meeting at the end of the month for interested parties.

Steve suggested having separated overnight horse areas at the Mill Canyon TH.