

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 12, 2021
Held via conference call only
APPROVED May 11 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am.

Present: Paul Spencer, Katie Stevens, Maddie Logowitz, Tyson Swasey, Steve Schultz, Jacques Hadler, Kya Marienfeld, Marc Thomas, Justin Ricks, Brian Murdock, Mila Dunbar-Irwin, Cory Shurtleff, Colin Topper, Brett Sutteer

Absent: Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Jacques Hadler

Guests: none

Approval Of Minutes: deferred to next month

Trail Mix Business: Chair presented the list of nominations; there were no positions being contested. After a call for nominations, and hearing none, Marc moved to approve the list of nominations, and Katie Stevens seconded. Motion passed, 9 ayes, 0 nays, one abstention.

County Update: New County representative Jacques Hadler gave a brief introduction; he is currently a County Commission member, and was previously GM of Moab Cyclery for 12 years. He is an active climber, hiker, and rides both on and off road.

Jacques reported on plans to make the Dalton Wells area into a State Park. It is unclear who would be in charge of trail building and maintenance. An interpretive trail on the Moab Internment Site has been previously discussed.

City Update: Cory reports that the restroom for Groff Park has been delayed but will check on progress. The Arches Hotspot project is still very early in the process, and will be open to public comment before any actual design work is done.

BLM Update: Katie reports that clearances for the middle section of the trail-previously-known-as-the-big-burrito are in progress. The bailout signs for the Whole Enchilada are also being worked on, as discussed in previous meetings.

The campground for the North Klondike area (to replace the dispersed camping currently there) will be published in the Federal Register soon. There is a grant to build the campground; construction will start in the spring. Once the campground is ready, dispersed camping will no longer be allowed. Initially there will be 25 sites, up to 60 when fully complete.

Marc asked about signage for the new Pinto Arch trail; Katie indicated that temporary signage was in place, and that permanent ones have been ordered and will be installed when received.

Forest Service Update: Brian reports that snow pack is only at 40% right now, but they are grooming ski trails 2 or 3 times a week. The ski trails have been extremely busy, most likely due to covid. Scoping for the new Forest plan will start within the next few weeks; Brian encourages everyone to look at the draft plan.

Trail Report: Maddie reports that things have been fairly quiet. Mud reports are being done regularly (and are being well received); signage and maintenance are continuing over the winter. A potential project to rebuild the OK Corral is being discussed with an external volunteer.

Biking Report: New biking representative Colin noted that the Red Devils team would be interested in working on the OK Corral redesign; Maddie noted that they could also be involved in planning. Katie noted that a new EA may or may not be needed, depending on the scope of work. Colin also volunteered to help out Tyson by submitting trail mud reports, preferably with photos, and a GPS point for any specific issues.

Climbing/Canyoneering Report: Brett is continuing to work with the BLM on tackling bolting issues at Morning Glory Arch. They are also working on group size issues and various different potential solutions, and other over-use issues.

Equestrian Report: Steve reminded people about the BLM's Mustang adoption program, a great opportunity to help save a wild animal, with financial assistance from the BLM. The Old Spanish Trail figurines is still waiting for approval from the US DOE.

Hiking Report: Marc asked whether Trail Mix should write a letter of support for the new Dalton Wells State Park; Trail Mix is in agreement, but a letter is already scheduled from the County.

Trail Running: Justin reports that the Arches Ultra will be run at the end of the month, on the Brands, Klono, and Klondike trail systems. There is a mud route in place in case the weather is bad.

Skiing: no report (other than what Brian reported on previously)

Citizens to be Heard: no comments received.

Marc moved to adjourn meeting at 12:01 PM. Steve seconded.