

**Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA)
Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday at 3:14 pm, July 7th, 2022
Sand Flats Office 156 East 100 North**

In Attendance:

SFRA Staff:

- Andrea Brand (AB) Director

Grand County Commission:

- Evan Clapper (EC)

BLM:

- Jennifer Jones, (JJ) Assistant Field Manager

Stewardship Committee Members:

- Mike Kelso (MK)
- Tom Dillon (TD)
- Dale Parriott (DP)

Call to Order

3:14 pm

Approval of Minutes

March 10th, 2022 approved. MK made a motion to approve and TD seconded it, passes unanimously.

Agency Reports

2022 Budget

AB shows remit graph- Through June we are down 13% compared to last year but 5% up compared to 2019. JJ camping is down 10% from last year. Dead Horse Pt. is down 13%. Balance sheet- Fees total \$433,000 and I show \$429,000. Off \$4,000 but that is most like timing of remit entries. Rec.gov totals are off so I need to talk with Clerk's office but overall total is correct.

EC- Restoration? AB- We seeded along Pinion Trail and also the new parking lot but that part came out of Capital improvement budget. We removed many plants out of the area before construction that we put up at Pinion Trail.

Fee increase-Needed to bring it back to a vote because BLM suggested we ask for a range JJ recommended \$30 camping for SFRA. Moab BLM is authorized to \$25, \$100 group site and \$50 annual pass.

AB- would not have to go to the top number for 5 years.

Commission approved the dropping of the day pass.

EC- Trying to think if anything is planned out for 5 years.

AB- Commission did approve that when we had the shade structures

EC- Action today is for the RAC.

Citizens to be Heard

No citizens

Presentation

Consent Agenda

General Business- Action Items

Fee Change Proposal

EC made a motion to approve fee change proposals up to the amounts referenced in slide two of the presentation. DP seconded it. Passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Follow up from previous meeting with PowerPoint presentation:

- Video- Introduction to Sand Flats
- Parking lot expansion project update
- Sand Flats entrance area and Sand Flats road
- Sand Flats application for International Dark Sky Park update
- Responsible Recreation program update
- Hell's Revenge trail- MTC proposed routes implemented
- New videos funded by the Travel Council on biological soil crusts and potholes will be produced by Mark Finley
- MTC June volunteer work day planned on the Porcupine Rim trail

New Topics

- Grand County/State partnership on HB180 UTV test

AB and compliance officer Josh Green, have been working with GCATT, Travel Council and Utah State to develop an OHV test for all Utah registered UTV owners, visitors to the state with UTVs and UTV rental customers for 2023. The test will include three edited videos from Sand Flats' "5 Tips for an Awesome Moab Adventure" video.

- Noise committee meeting updates
- Painting contract
AB- Cornerstone painting was the lowest bidder for the painting project for Hell's Revenge and Slickrock trailheads and campground B toilet buildings.
- Office pollinator garden
- Grand County Commission updates
EC reads commission letter for the BLM to the group concerning closing Sand Flats 4x4 trails at night. Members expressed their support.
- BLM updates
JJ- Scan and pay feature on hold with Rec.gov

Adjourn