

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9th, 2018
APPROVED February 13th 2018

Present: Paul Spencer (Chair), Tif Miller (Vice Chair), Sharon Hogan (Treasurer), Aaron Lindberg (Secretary & Biking Representative), Brett Sutteer (Climbing/Canyoneering Representative), Kirsten Peterson (Skiing Representative), Marc Thomas (Hiking Representative), Zacharia Levine, Neal Clark, Kim Schappert (MTA), Tyson Swasey, Scott Escott, Tom Dillon, Katie Stevens (BLM), Zach Lowe (USFS), Russ von Koch, Paul Koski, Richard Lloyd (BLM)

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am

Special Guest: Richard Lloyd, BLM District Ranger gave a presentation to help Trail Mix better understand the challenges of our local BLM law enforcement and how Trail Mix employees and volunteers can help law enforcement protect our areas natural resources.

Approval of Minutes:

Correction of December minutes of "Kloszo" to Klonzo in December 2017 minutes. Tom Dillon moved to approve minutes as amended, Marc Thomas seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hogan

Total income in 2017 through 12/31/17: \$44,678
Expenditures in 2017 through 12/13/17 :\$66,455.59
General Fund Balance: \$69,345.64
Income since last report:
\$5,000.00 from BLM Challenge Cost Share grant
\$205.00 from our friends at Osprey Packs
\$100.00 from the Navajo Ridge HOA, a new donor

Trail Mix Business:

Candidates for 2018 Trail Mix offices were presented as follows: Paul Spencer – Chair, Tif Miller – Vice Chair, Biking Representative – Aaron Lindberg, Marc Thomas - Hiking Representative, Equestrian Representative – Steve Schultz, Kirsten Peterson - Skiing Representative, Brett Sutteer – Climbing/Canyoneering Representative. All positions were uncontested. Motion to approve: Russ von Koch. Kim Schappert seconded. Approved unanimously.
Appointed positions: Sharon Hogan graciously agreed to continue and was appointed as Treasurer. Aaron Lindberg volunteered and was appointed as Secretary.

County Update: Zacharia Levine

Spanish Valley District Organization for Active Transport is looking for locations to hold open house to discuss bike/equestrian path through Spanish Valley.
Evan Clapper is going to be County Council liaison to Trail Mix.
The project to redo the downtown section of Main Street may bring changes allowing for bike lanes. Project is in early planning stages.

City Update: Tif Miller

City is budgeting the upgrade to the Kane Creek to Main Street bike path and bridge. City is also budgeting Anonymous Park Bathroom in budget.

Travel Council report: Michelle Hill absent

BLM Update: Katie Stevens

Road maintenance is to be done on the Gemini Bridges switchbacks.

A work project has been proposed for off road mitigation for the Amasa Back/Cliffhanger jeep road. A new engineer has been hired for the BLM and will be helping with the Jackson Trail Bridge project. A list of special events was presented for 2018. The BLM has suggested that NICA use the new trails in Green River's new Area 53 trails for their championship. NICA is considering it.

Forest Service Update: Zach Lowe

Warner Lake and Oowah Lake roads have been officially closed. Grooming has started and on Gold Basin and Geyser pass. A new Law Enforcement Officer, Matthew Fox is coming to the Forest Service. The La Sal loop road will have a closure until March 5th. There has been no avalanche danger in the La Sals, but storms are coming soon to the mountains. There were issues in late fall with e-bikes on the Forest Service non-motorized trails. The Whole enchilada Trail is having work scheduled for 2018. Signs are missing and need replacing by the UPS trail head. Bridges on the Burro Creek stream crossings are wanted and the bypass at Warner lake will be completed. The Forest Service will also be examining the number of user days, traffic problems, and impact of visitation on the Burro Pass area. The South Mountain reroute will also continue in 2018.

Trail Report: Scott Escott

Gateway cattle guard was fixed. Gemini/Gold Bar/Little Canyon vehicle barriers are in need of service. The Granary Trails need work to fulfill grant. Two years of maintenance on all the area trails is being planned.

Hiking Report: Marc Thomas

Marc submitted the approved proposal for the Red Onion Trail to Katie Stevens.

Climbing/Canyoneering Report: Brett Sutteer

Brett had nothing to report.

Equestrian Report: Steven Schultz absent

Ski Report: Kirstin Peterson

Small base of snow has been groomed. All equipment is at Geyser trailhead and ready to use. Back country skiing is going to be late.

Bike Patrol: Russ Von Koch

The 2017 bike patrol had double their hours over 2016.

Citizens to be Heard:

Paul Koski from West End Trails Alliance (W.E.T.A.) was asking for members of Trail Mix to attend conference next month in Colorado. The southwest corner of Colorado is looking to diversify its economy due to shifts in the energy markets. They would really like advice on how to copy the success of the Trail Mix.