

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Grand Center, Moab, Utah
APPROVED March 13 2018

Present: Paul Spencer (Chair), Tif Miller (Vice Chair), Sharon Hogan (Treasurer), Aaron Lindberg (Secretary & Biking Representative), Scott Escott, Tyson Swasey, Tom Dillon, Rani Derasary, Denise Ricks, Justin Ricks, Jaylyn Hawks, Vladimir Petrov, Wyn Smith, Zachary Lowe, Todd Murdock, Katie Stevens, Kirsten Peterson (Skiing Representative), Michele Hill

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am

Approval of Minutes:

Sharon Hogan moved to approve January minutes, Scott Escott seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hogan

Total income in 2018 through 1/31/2018: \$1900.00

Expenditures in 2018 through 1/31/2018: \$2095.97

General Fund Balance: \$69,502.52

Income since last report:

\$1,500 donation from Poison Spider Bicycles

\$200.00 donation from Denise Canby, friend of Trail Mix

\$100 donation from Don and Vicky Wiseman, friends of trail mix.

Trail Mix Business:

No new Trail Mix business.

County Update:

Spanish Trail Pathway project scheduled for February 26th.

City Update: Tif Miller

RFP is scheduled to be submitted for the Crossroad Park pathway project by June 1st.

The Anonymous Park bathroom project has been submitted to planning commission.

City is working on signage about non-motorized use on bike paths.

Travel Council report: Michele Hill

Travel Council has received application for for the Trans Rockies race series.

A coordinated event calendar is to be sent to local businesses.

BLM Update: Katie Stevens and Todd Murdock

The grazing allotment in the 313 area has had problems with the cattleguard design on several spots. Input from grazing experts on cattleguard design

was presented; the recommendations could also help the passage of hand cyclists. A few other trails have had problems with cattle guards and a list of problem areas will be made and given to Trail Mix.

Future events will have more monitoring on how to improve participant experience, and reduce impact to land and infrastructure. Overnight camping is being clarified during Bar M events, like THAW, Outerbike, and NICA championships - guards will be permitted to overnight but not participants. NICA is seen as working extremely well with BLM and Trail Mix and will use their experience here in Moab as an example in other areas where their races are run.

BLM asked about who will maintain the Athena trail in Green River. Scott Escott believes that it will need very light annual maintenance after and that the trail is located in Grand County and deserves Trail Mix resources.

The Jackson Trail bridge project has a BLM engineer assigned to project. This engineer will meet with Trail Mix workers and the BLM will work on the environmental assessment. This is required before construction can be done, and is needed to fulfill a Trail Mix grant.

The Courthouse Rock steel pipe corral will be built by the Backcountry Horsemen in early March.

There is an increase in budget for grants by the state; BLM encourages Trail Mix to apply for these.

The volunteer work agreement for the BLM is need to be updated and renewed.

There are a few issues with the grazing allotment at the end of the Killer B trail. People have been parking their cars off of 191 and cross over to the bike path/Killer B trail. The cattle fence has been cut/washed away and needs to be replaced in case of cattle being placed one this area. The trail enters the UDOT right of way. There is concern that a cow can escape and cause accident on 191. BLM is asking if we want to legalize/ make/maintain trail. This would require permission by UDOT. If UDOT denies permission there needs to be no parking signs and boulders placed where people are parking.

BLM is doing construction at the power dam at Mill Creek. Parking lot will be closed for week.

UDOT needs to be contacted about placing no parking signs off of 313 at the Navajo Rocks trails in several spots that interfere with bike lane and shoulder.

Forest Service Update: Zachary Lowe

The La Sal Mountain Loop road will be open on March 15th and construction done by June 15th. San Juan county section of road will begin construction in 2019.

Permits for Outfitters and events will be done by March 1st.

Forest Service is hiring for trail crew.

Trail Report: Tyson Swasey and Scott Escott
Lower Captain Ahab has been painted. Maintenance for painting other trails planned.
Ebike brochure is almost completed

Hiking Report: Marc Thomas absent, no report

Climbing/Canyoneering Report: Brett Sutteer absent, no report

Equestrian Report: Stephen Schultz absent, no report

Ski Report: Kirstin Peterson
Grooming planned in next week with recent storms. Little backcountry skiing opportunities so far this year. Low snow levels, but still avalanche danger. Low usage reported this year from snowmobiles/timbersleds.

Bike Patrol: Russ von Koch absent, no report

Citizens to be Heard: none

Motion to adjourn: Kirsten motioned, Tyson seconded. All approved.