

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Grand Center, Moab, Utah
APPROVED May 8 2018

Present: Paul Spencer, Tif Miller, Aaron Lindberg, Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Tyson Swasey, Brett Sutteer, Maddie Logowitz, Michele Hill, Rani Derasary, Tom Dillon, Russ von Koch, Kirstin Peterson, Katie Stevens, Evan Clapper, Zacharia Levine, Kim Schappert

Absent: Marc Thomas, Stephen Schultz, Brian Murdock

Guests: Elizabeth Eliason, David Olsen, Darcey Brown, Sheri Griffith

Meeting Called to Order at 11:05 am

We Acknowledged Kim Schappert's many years of service of the community; sadly, she will be leaving the area soon. She has been a driving force behind the creation, growth, and funding of Trail Mix. She leaves by saying "I hope you continue to protect and improve our trails and keep them in world class condition." Thanks Kim!

Approval Of Minutes:

Correction of March minutes on treasures report of income saying "2017" to "2018"

Tyson motioned to approve minutes as amended, Maddie seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: (Sharon Hogan)

Total income in 2018 through 3/31/18 is \$6,281.23

Expenditures in 2018 through 3/31/18 is \$13,299.00

General Fund Balance: \$62,689.24

Income since last report: \$250 from anonymous donation from IBM employee. \$209.98 from City of Green River in appreciation for educational signs Trail Mix has made for Athena Trail Kiosk. \$275 from Osprey Packs at the Poison Spider Thaw event fundraiser. \$3,000 from Moab Trail Alliance from map sales.

Correction of Mad moose events donation in February from \$600.00 to \$500.00: error in CNHA's first report to us.

All figures are subject to change pending CNHA verification of income and expenditures.

Trail Mix Business:

The city is in discussion for making budget and has received Trail Mix's request; there will be public hearings on budget in May. Zacharia will promote to city for funding for because of our positive impact on economic development.

Maddie is applying for grant money from the Recreation Trails Program.

County Update: (Zacharia Levine, Evan Clapper)

The county is beginning maintenance of the paved, non-motorized paths.

The Spanish Valley drive path is going forward with a center line survey to determine right of way.

Zacharia is seeking space and potential locations for a Trail Mix office. Also has submitted a request to County for a replacement truck.

Parking proposal for down town plan is still open to community input. There are several parallel plans with access to funding through Utah Transportation Commission.

The 191 north expansion project has been delayed a year.

The Courthouse Rock horse corral has just several small items to finish for the completion of grant process.

City Update: (Tif Miller, Rani Derasary)

The city is moving forward with its projects on trails and bridges and hopes to be done before June 1.
Final Planning for the bathroom at anonymous park is scheduled.

Travel Council:

The Travel Council would like to know from the horsemen if they would like the Hollywood trail, and Courthouse Rock Corral posted in the Discover Moab website.
Travel Council also wants to know when to post closure on Jacksons trail for bridge project.
The new Discover Moab website has been modified to be more accommodating for mobile users.
Council is producing videos on educating trail users that can be used as marketing videos as well.

BLM: (Katie Stevens)

The county is asking the BLM for retention walls on Jackson Street to mitigate flooding. The Pipe Dream trail will be affected and the BLM will share an archaeological survey to reroute the trail around the walls.
The BLM thanks Trail Mix for the rapid response in fixing of cattle guards on various trails on the Big Mesa. The cattle ranchers are also pleased.
There will be a reroute needed on Chisholm at the Horsethief campground. The campground is being expanded and will be located on top of the current trail. The BLM will also share their archaeological survey to Trail Mix for this project.
The BLM is going to be placing a toilet in the lower Navajo Rocks parking area.
The Moab BLM office has requested funding for Trail Mix.
There is a preview hike scheduled for late April for the Red Onion trail; hoping to find a final route with Marc Thomas that will satisfy all needs.

Forest Service: (absent)

Ski Report: (Kirstin)

Snow pack at 80%. Everything west of Loop Rd is soggy.

Hiking Report: (absent)

Trail Report: (Maddie and Tyson)

Maddie reports that they are working on two open grants for maintenance. They had several school groups helping in past month with trail work. Navajo Rocks was one project, and was painted and improved.
The Outerbike outreach booth was a success.
Motion to approve the Jacksons Trail Reroute and bridge proposal submission to BLM by Evan, seconded by Paul and unanimously approved. It is asking for a 100 meter reroute that incorporates a boardwalk and retaining wall structures on the eastern end of the Jackson Trail. This is done to make the trail sustainable against seasonal flooding.
Motion to approve the Little Canyon Sand Bypass and Connector Trail proposal submission to BLM by Sharon, seconded by Scott, and passed unanimously. This proposal creates two short new sections of trail in the Magnificent 7 trail network. The reroutes will improved user safety and experience by avoiding a section of deep sand, and by separating bicycle and motor vehicle traffic.

Biking Report: (Aaron Lindberg)

Reports of conflict between mountain bike traffic and hikers on the porcupine single-track.
Many mountain bikers have positive view of the revision of the Mat Martin turnoff/single track entrance on Porcupine Rim.

Local BMXers would like to see a new skate park at Swanny Park - they note that it is dated, and really could be improved.

Climbing Report: (Brett)

Brett has meet with UDOT officials about the Potash Road speed limits.

Equestrian Report: (Sherri)

New corrals are seeing frequent use. Social media for horsemen has reached 4000 likes. There was discussion on conflict with motorized used and plans where to redirect equestrian traffic.

Elizabeth Eliason presented information on the Old Spanish Trail project and the cutout silhouette artwork present in several other areas of the trail.

Citizens to Be Heard:

Tom Dillon asked about the Prospector Trail. Scott explained that the trail will be rebuilt after hotel construction, but could be a lengthy process. Both Upper and Lower Prospector are open and accessible from the south end (by the rock shop), and can be ridden or hiked as a loop; it is only the northernmost entrance (off the Sunset Grill road) that is closed due to construction.

Motion to adjourn by Sharon, seconded by Tyson, unanimously approved.