

# Grand County Trail Mix Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12 2022

Held outside the Grand Center

Meeting called to order at 11:10 am.

## Attendance

**Present:** Katie Stevens, Stephen Schultz, Paul Spencer, Dave Wilson, Sam Van Wetter, Kirstin Peterson, Colin Topper, Jacques Hadler, Kya Marienfeld, Madeline Logowitz, Jessica Backer, Luke Wojciechowski

**Absent:** Justin Ricks, Brian Murdock, Mike Baird, Brett Sutteer, Laura Harris, Jason Keith, Tyson Swasey, John Guenther, Brian Torgerson, Tim Smith, Kim Schappert

**Guests:** Elizabeth Wright, Lauren (last name?) (Americorp), Buzz Burrell, Anna Sprout, Annie McVey

## Approval Of Minutes - **March 8**

Change Paul to a voting member

With change, Kya moves to pass. Katie seconds.

9 aye, 2 abstention

## Citizens to be Heard

No comments were received.

Kya and Paul wished to share news of Marc Thomas passing.

## Member reports

**BLM:** Katie shares progress on Kestrel Run efforts. Speculation for future analysis and disclosure of loss of Wilderness Characteristics for a portion between trail and Sand Flats Roads. Witnessed positive ambassador interactions this past weekend. National Public Lands Day is last Saturday in September. Katie also reported on monitoring of Klondike camping and mountain biker interactions. There are also discussions of "Designated Dispersed" campsites in the area: Canyonlands to 10 Mile Point Road, Delores and Colorado River Basins. Environmental Assessments in preparation, TrailMix might want to act in support in "the next couple months".

**Forest Service:** (Absent)

**GCATT:** Maddie reports new hires: 6 positions and 6 staffers is the most they've ever had. Hired new Ambassador liaison Anna Sprout. Trailcrews have painted Navajo Rocks blazes and work at Klondike rock projects. Cattleguard on Rusty Spur fulfilled contract to bid by Colin Topper. New design is more easily installed. Maddie and Tyson have been attending conferences and meetings, including a trip to Bentonville, AR where they are dumping money into mountain bike infrastructure. Maddie also attended Work Week at the Creek. RTP Grant is

almost done and County helped to apply for a State UWork Grant for bikepath. Bike Utah Conference is coming up next week in Leighton. Spring volunteer groups are looking light. **Annie** is running the Trail Ambassador program. 3 (maybe 4) of 6 positions are hired and they need mountain bike trailhead reps. Focus on education with special considerations for each trailhead. Stickers, patches, pins, and Junior Ranger program are forthcoming.

**County:** Jacques reports on the large-scale SITLA land exchanges with Grand County, including two 1-square mile parcels on top of Horsethief and riparian areas in Upper 10-Mile. Perhaps TrailMix can support the Commission in these negotiations.

**City:** Luke had nothing to report.

**Chair:** TransRockies race gave TrailMix a generous grant and we should send them a thank-you note. Can we (gently) encourage other event organizers to donate? Nicolee (BLM Field Office Manager) was meant to attend but could not come today.

**Vice Chair:** (Absent)

**Secretary:** Sam had nothing to report.

**Biking:** (Absent)

**Climbing:** (Absent) But sounds like he's been busy!

**Equestrian:** Stephen has been busy! Monday, May 25 at 10am will install four horse silhouettes at MM1 of bike path. Canyon Rims Endurance Ride is Saturday-Sunday 4/16-17. There were issues with Recreation.gov group site reservations but that's been fixed. There's been work on plan for Old Spanish Trail, and Steve played with their Explorer App. Issues with National Park System: regulations make backcountry horse camping sites in Needles impossible. US FS Chainsaw certifications offered through Horsemen club,

**Hiking:** Kya has been enjoying spring hiking! Discussion of how to spread hikers between popular trailheads. A stretch of Druid Arch is closed due to ladder issues.

**Trail running:** (Absent)

**Skiing:** Kirstin reports that the grooming program is done for the season. Avalanche forecasts will continue weather- and travel-dependent.

**City:** Annie and the city are working to replace Pack Creek Footbridge to comply with flood plain regulations. It will happen this summer, supply and schedule dependent.

## Action items

### **Procedural checklist for trail proposals.**

Trail Mix and GCATT have been working on streamlining the process of proposing new trails. The end result will be a procedural checklist that recognizes all the relevant stake holders and provides a durable template to carry forward to future TM Committees.

Kya moved, Stephen seconded.

Passed with 9 votes yes and 1 abstention.

## Discussion items

(None)

Maddie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kirstin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 13:05.