

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
PRELIMINARY

Present: Paul Spencer, Sharon Hogan, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Anna Sprout, Kirstin Peterson, Katie Stevens, Tyson Swasey, Maddie Logowitz, Kim Schappert, Brett Sutteer, Aaron Lindberg

Absent: Scott Escott, Marc Thomas, Steven Schultz, Evan Clapper, Zacharia Levine, Rani Derasary, Brian Murdock

Guests: Elaine Gizler (Travel Council), Keri Frandsen (Travel Council), Spencer Stokes (Dead Horse State Park)

Minutes: Paul corrected a few typos (Justin referred to as Dustin) in the April 2019 minutes. Sharon motioned to approve, Tyson seconded, passed unanimously.

Trail Mix Business: Tyson motioned for the addition of a trail running representative on the board. Kirsten seconded motion, and was approved. A call for nomination of candidates followed with only one person, Justin Ricks, who was then unanimously approved as the Trail Running Representative. Justin explained that many people that come to visit ask his organization for running advice, and hopes he can be a liaison between Moab and recreational runners.

City Update: Rani was absent but Paul reported that a section of bike path on 100 West was waiting on legal matters with city, and this item would be on the next city council meeting. The City is also promoting a bike to work month - Tyson and Maddie will participate by offering free coffee and outreach kiosk at Swanny Park for commuters.

BLM Update: Katie reminded Trail Mix that the National Public Lands Day was quickly approaching. She asked that Trail Mix apply for work day with a general location and activity. Maddie suggested Saturday September 28th and to work on the Big Burrito.

Katie reports that the on the ground archeological survey had been completed for the proposed Bijoux Horse trails. She is now waiting for an environmental assessment on the project.

The Chisholm trail connection through the newly expanded campground was repaired; the area has more group sites planned.

Katie continued by saying that the Forest Service approved the last 800 feet of the Big Burrito trail. Discussion ensued about the feasibility of bringing trail to the Slick Rock trail head- difficulty of terrain would be the largest obstacle, but Katie said could be done and the current proposed trail was a start.

Katie concluded by saying that the proposed Klondike camping area was awaiting final signature.

Trail report: Maddie started by reporting that their seasonal workers have returned. Trail Mix's grant for expanded infrastructure on the Mill Creek Parkway was also approved; awaiting a finalization of paperwork. A contractor will be hired to install bathrooms and a bike skill park. Paul asked if commercial outfitters will be able to use facilities. Maddie and Kirsten replied that they will be allowed with a special use permit.

Maddie also reports that the Amasa Back connector and Jackson's Trail bridge were being worked on, though work has been delayed due to the high water of the Colorado River. The

Grand County Red Devils and Colorado Rocky Mountain School have volunteered for these projects.

Maddie concluded by saying that Fred Wilkinson, a seasonal employee of Trail Mix, has been doing a pilot program of outreach at busy trail heads during the weekends.

Tyson reported that he finished re-decking the Pipe Dream Bridge at Aspen street.

Paul reported that no ebike signage may need to be done in the Klondike Bluffs area. He has also marked trail rules for ebikes for all local trails on TrailForks. Kim asked about MTBProject; Paul said that he would look into it.

Hiking Report: Marc was absent but Justin, the newly elected running representative, reported that all running events were done until late summer. Kim brought up issues of possible user conflict between runners and bikes. Though all agreed that there isn't much conflict now, increased usage could bring conflict and will be something that Trail Mix will have to think about and help to mitigate.

Biking Report: Aaron asked if the pathway between the Baptist church and Solgear was marked on the Grand County Non-Motorized Master Plan.

Tyson added that he has created a Grand County Active Transportation facebook page.

Climbing/Canyoneering Report: Brett reported that the climbing community had a meeting last month. Discussions centered on regulations of group sizes for commercial canyoneering, the ethics of bolting certain routes, and the use of particular hardware to use in the bolting of routes. It was stressed that the bolting of routes in Wilderness Study Areas is prohibited, unethical, and visually unappealing.

Equestrian Report: Stephen was absent.

Ski Report: Kirsten said that grooming was finished for the season. The grant for a new snow machine was not yet submitted and she hopes to apply for one by June 1st.

Citizens to be heard: Spencer Stokes, a Ranger at Dead Horse Point State Park, reports that the park wants to add two to three miles of more advanced trail. This would allow the park to qualify for a IMBA epic designation. He says that a cultural resource study was needed, but after that, all funding is secured.

Maddie moved to adjourn meeting. Tyson Seconded, unanimously approved.