

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12th, 2018
APPROVED July 10 2018

Present: Paul Spencer, Aaron Lindberg, Sharon Hogan, Scott Escott, Madeline Logowitz, Tyson Swasey, Stephen Schultz, Rani Derasary, Marc Thomas, Russ von Koch, Brett Sutteer, Katie Stevens, Evan Clapper, Tif Miller

Absent: Kirstin Peterson, Kim Schappert, Brian Murdock, Michele Hill, Tom Dillon, Zacharia Levine

Guests: Rolf Hebenstreit

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am

Approval Of Minutes:

Sharon motioned to approve May minutes; Stephen seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income in 2018 through 5/31/18: \$10,237.39

Expenditures in 2018 through 5/31/18: \$33,956.94

General Fund Balance: \$45,978.94

Income since last report:

- \$2156.16 Donation from People for Bikes / Bicycle Product Suppliers Association. Tyson arranged donation to cover labor costs to produce the E-bike brochure for Moab area. The information in this brochure is designed to preserve our non-motorized trails by presenting e-bikers with legal motorized back country routes.
- Trail Mix is still waiting for Grand County to pay CNHA the \$10,000.00 for which they were invoiced in March. CNHA will remind them with a June statement.

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

Trail Mix was denied their funding request from the City of Moab in the upcoming regular budget. However, the budget includes an \$85,000 fund, for which organizations like Trail Mix can apply - when the application becomes available.

Trail Mix Business:

Paul wants to change Trail Mix's charter so Trail Mix can consult on paved city paths, with a focus on Non-motorized use. He will be presenting his revision soon to be voted upon. Evan says that cities and counties typically use expensive outside consultants that fail to grasp the intricacies of bike transit system. He continued to say that Trail Mix is better positioned to provide thorough, well thought-out, and economical option for the city.

Maddie and Scott say that Trail mix needs to stabilize budget. Most grants are for new projects, and Trail Mix is going to be doing more maintenance in the future. Scott continued in saying that Trail Mix needs to do a better job promoting to the Grand County citizens what we do; that we are not only a mountain bike trail organization, but in fact represent the skier, hiker, climber and equestrian user.

County Update:

The county Council authorized purchase of new F-250. Zacharia suggests that Trail Mix send a thank you letter.

Grand County settled the San Miguel bike path dispute. Construction will begin on path and the county requests Trail Mix's input of mitigation techniques for new path.

Trail Mix needs to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Courthouse Rock Campground Horse coral.

Zacharia will be announcing the Spanish Valley drive bid notice when he returns from vacation.

City Update:

The city will be we looking at bridge building with engineers on the San Miguel pathway.

The Bullick Creek Park bike bridge project is not complete, but the bridge is open and rideable. The remaining landscaping work will be done in the fall.

The bridge between the Sleep Inn on Main Street and the church on Kane Creek Road will be looked at by the City for improvement.

Sadly, Tif announced that he will be stepping down from Trail Mix and his city position at the end of month. He will be missed.

BLM Update:

National Public Lands Day project is scheduled for September 22nd. Open to suggested projects.

The Arth's Corner bypass Environmental Assessment is finished - Trail Mix can proceed to build (subject to guidelines in the EA).

The Jackson Bridge reroute on Amasa Back is waiting for Intrepid Potash to approve, then can be submitted for signature. All the other assessments are complete.

The Amasa back single-track-entrance-reroute needs a shape file.

The Red Onion trail is ready for archaeological assessment clearance.

Arches National Park is planning a paved trail connecting the Moab Valley bike path directly to the visitor's center (so that bicycles can avoid the long line of car traffic).

The BLM supports this effort. Paul has asked for zebra striping at intersection of park entrance and 191.

Corona Arch was designated a national trail last month. Katie reminds everyone that tickets are issued for roped actives at the arch and Gemini Bridges.

Thank you to the Travel Council for editing their promotional video so that illegal trails were not in the video. Wrong-way bike riding was also removed.

The BLM issued the permit for the NICA race. Paul and Scott both brought up problems with the race being run contrary to suggested route directions and will ask the Travel Council that county permit not be given until they alter the race course.

A meeting will be held in July between Trail Mix, BLM, and NICA.

Scott also asked that the dispersed campsites at Horsethief be closed and regulations enforced. These illegal campsites are leading to lots of trail braiding at the Rodeo trail.

Target shooting at the Brands trail was also discussed; although legal, it is ill advised to shoot there. There is a need for a shooting range somewhere in the county.

The BLM redid their business plan and will increase price of campgrounds. Restrictions on dispersed camping and a possible campground at North Klondike are being considered.

Trail Report

Trail maintenance on Navajo Rocks and Pipe Dream is finished. Also the crew finished projects on the Fisher Tower staircase, Granary, and Sylvester trail. Maddie attended a graffiti removal workshop with the BLM and learned the nuances of removing marking on rocks. Maddie is working with the new computer and is organizing Trail Mix's files. The Trail Mix crew met with the hotel construction manager near the Prospector trail.

Hiking report

Marc is continuing work on the Red Onion trail; a BLM clearance hike will happen in the near future.

Biking Report:

Aaron went to the Grand County Transit Authority advisory committee; the committee is looking at bikes as part of many solutions to traffic problems in Grand County and would like continued input from Trail Mix. Aaron suggests that Trail Mix can perhaps help develop infrastructure and coordinate with future projects.

Climbing Report:

Brett reports that the speed limit has been lowered on the one mile long Wall Street section of Potash Road to 40 miles per hour. There is no change on the rest of the road.

Brett and Katie discussed issues with bolts in the WSAs around Moab; the BLM would like help removing illegal bolts. Katie would also like that the local climbing community spread the word to visitors that bolt placement is prohibited in these areas.

Brett also talked of a possible new organization that would organize and fund the maintenance of anchors on Wall Street.

Equestrian:

Horse riding has moved toward the mountains.
The Book Cliffs work project may be postponed till July.

Bike Patrol :

Russ reports that the patrol will no longer be under the IMBA.
Russ reports that input on the UMTRA projects is being accepted; many trail and recreational opportunities will be possible on that site.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Evan, seconded by Brett and passed unanimously.