

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 10, 2018**  
**Grand Center, Moab, Utah**  
**APPROVED August 14 2018**

**Present:** Paul Spencer (Chair), Sharon Hogan (Treasurer), Scott Escott, Marc Thomas (Hiking Rep), Stephen Schultz (Equestrian Rep), Rani Derasary (Moab City Council), Brett Sutteer (Canyoneering/Climbing Rep), Katie Stevens (BLM), Evan Clapper (Grand County Council)  
**Absent:** Aaron Lindberg (Secretary, Bike Rep), Maddie Logowitz, Tyson Swasey, Tom Dillon, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Brian Murdock (USFS), Michele Hill (Travel Council)  
**Guests:** Tim & Julie Heaton (Interested Citizens/Trail Enthusiasts)

**Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM**

**Approval of minutes:**

Marc moves to approve June minutes, Rani seconds, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hogan**

Total income in 2018 through June 30, 2018: \$20,337.39

Total expenditures in 2018 through June 30, 2018: \$40,993.07

General Fund balance: \$49,042.81

Income since last report: \$10,000.00 received from Grand County, annual funding, and \$100.00, private donation from Scott Wieczorek from Montgomery, Illinois.

6/30/18 figures subject to change pending CNHA verification.

**Trail Mix Business:**

Paul announces nominations open for Trail Mix Vice Chairperson now that Tif Miller has left. Evan nominates Scott Escott, Marc seconds. Scott is willing now that he is no longer an employee of Trail Mix. Committee votes unanimously to approve nomination. Election will take place at the August 2018 Trail Mix meeting.

Rani suggests that Paul send the City of Moab a written request for a new city representative for Trail Mix, vacated by Tif Miller. Rani says she is willing to fill this position. She points out that Tif's city job has not been filled yet pending possible changes in the job description.

**County Update:**

Zacharia Levine absent, Paul reporting for him.

On the San Miguel bridge project, the county will spend \$70,000.00 to construct a new bridge and will potentially have concrete pathways on either side of the bridge. Trail Mix will be involved in an advisory capacity only.

Evan Clapper reports that the County is still trying to procure a truck for the Trail Mix crew. Regarding Trail Mix office/tool storage request, Evan reports that the County is working to provide a single space for Grand County EMS to consolidate their current 3 spaces into, after which Trail Mix may be able to use one of the spaces vacated by them. This may not happen till next year or later.

**City Update:**

Rani Derasary reporting.

Any business that would have been handled by Tif Miller's office will temporarily be handled by the Moab City Manager, David Everitt: [deveritt@moabcity.org](mailto:deveritt@moabcity.org), until new position is finalized and filled.

Scott asks if Rani has updates on the application process for the Moab City Budget Community Contributions Fund. Rani agrees to make sure Trail Mix is informed as to what needs to be done and when to apply for this funding.

Two bridges on City pedestrian/bike paths are still in the works. One is behind the Sleep Inn (in place but needs new decking and other repairs), and the other is at the Zax parking lot on 100 West (rerouting the trail there). The City will also be involved in the San Miguel bridge project which is partially on City property.

**Travel Council:**

Michelle Hill absent.

Evan reports that there are more educational/promotional videos on the website, each one sport-specific, i.e. UTV/ATV, biking, climbing, etc. These videos emphasize taking care of the natural resources by staying on trails, etc. There is discussion that Trail Mix kiosks should be similarly considered educational/promotional to qualify for TRT funding earmarked for promotion.

Rani suggests that “toilet training” should be a segment of the Travel Council educational videos, as there is growing evidence of lots more users with different cultural needs and perceptions of how to use public toilets.

**BLM: Katie Stevens**

The BLM is reviewing a new “mud route” proposed by Justin Ricks for the Arches Ultra race scheduled in January, which would use mostly roads rather than single track.

BLM has approved the Jackson Trail reroute in Kane Creek, as well as the bike/hiking trail connecting Amasa Back with the parking lot.

The Abraxas climbing access trail still requires cultural resource review and approval.

The Red Onion hiking trail is waiting for a rescheduling of the hike for archaeological clearance. The original hike was postponed because the archaeologists lost their home in the Mill Creek fire.

Arches National Park has a proposal for a bike entrance path, which would bypass the automobile entrance station and allow bikes to enter the park without being stuck in the lineup of cars. The path crosses BLM land and is under review.

Todd Murdock is back to his Moab post and will meet with Scott Escott and the NICA race representative at the Moab Brands next week to finalize the September 2018 race route. The entire Brands trail system is approved in their permit.

Currently, the Athena Trail in Green River is not suitable for a NICA race due to safety concerns on one open road downhill section of the trail. Todd, Scott, and NICA will work toward finding a solution so that it could be used for future races.

**Forest Service:**

Brian Murdock absent. Scott reports that Maddie Logowitz is working with Forest Service crews and volunteers, including Moab Red Devils Mountain Bike Team members and coaches, building the second section of the mountain bike bypass on the Whole Enchilada Trail near Warner Lake. She will be working on Forest Service projects throughout the summer to fulfill Trail Mix expenditure commitments for the Forest Service grant.

**Trail Report:**

Maddie Logowitz and Tyson Swasey absent. Scott Escott reports:

Tyson has been working with the BLM to reroute the Chisholm Trail around the expansion of the Horsethief Campground and to design a new trail that loops around the whole campground, to be called the Lasso Trail.

Rani asks what the status of the E-bike brochure is. Sharon reports that Tyson is still working on the final Moab-specific version, which will include maps, route descriptions, Moab regulations, and desert safety tips. Local bike shops are starting to rent E-bikes, so this is hopefully going to be completed and available soon.

**Equestrian Report: Stephen Schultz**

The Courthouse Rock Corral Trailhead and camping area is complete, ready for a ribbon cutting and open for use. It looks great, very inviting for campers with horses. He shows pictures of the corrals and the 2-panel kiosk presenting information and detailed maps of 8 rides leaving from there. Not many users yet during the heat of the summer.

A summer equestrian youth camp is going on at the Spanish Trails Arena with 12 kids and 6 instructors participating. Stephen is one of the instructors.

River corridor horse trails/marked routes from the designated equestrian parking lots are being considered by the Canyonlands Backcountry Horseman group. Some members of the group are reluctant to do this, perceiving this would restrict where they could ride. Katie reassures that there are no restrictions on open BLM land, but suggests that some marked rides would give visiting equestrians a better experience. The Moab Endurance Ride event will not be held this year.

**Hiking Report: Marc Thomas**

Marc suggests that the Trail Mix National Public Lands Day project be the mitigation of multi-trailing between the 2 waterfalls in Mill Creek Canyon. Katie suggests that Marc and Scott head up this service project on 9/22/18, working with Moab Solutions Sara Melnicoff and volunteers. Per Katie, the goal would be protecting the resource, not hardening it off to encourage more use. Paul points out that this does not mean that Trail Mix will have ongoing responsibility for maintenance in the Mill Creek area. Paul mentioned that there is an idea circulating in the community to establish a walking path paralleling the road to the Mill Creek parking area, but that this idea hasn't got legs yet.

**Climbing/Canyoneering Report: Brett Sutteer**

Some confusing speed limit signs in The Wall Street climbing area on the Potash Road have been sorted out, and it is now consistently marked at 40 mph through the one mile long high pedestrian area. The remainder of Potash Road will remain at 45 MPH.

There has been no further action on convening a group of climbers to remove illegal abandoned bolts from climbing routes in WSAs around Moab.

**Bike Report: none**

**Ski Report: none**

**Bike Patrol Report: none**

**Citizens to be heard: none**

**Active Transportation: no report or discussion**

Rani moves to adjourn at 12:10 PM, Katie seconds, all vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hogan substituting for Aaron Lindberg, Secretary