

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**  
**APPROVED October 8 2019**

**Present:** Paul Spencer, Aaron Lindberg, Sharon Hogan, Marc Thomas, Stephen Schultz, Keri Frandsen, Jennifer Jones, Brian Murdoch, Tyson Swasey, Evan Clapper, Denise Ricks, Justin Ricks, Madeline Logowitz, Scott Escott, Kirsten Peterson

**Absent:** Rani Derasary, Brett Sutteer, Zacharia Levine, Kim Schappert, Anna Sprout

**Guests:** Spencer Stokes, Sandy Freethy, Tim McGough, Kya Marienfeld, Kane Allred

**Approval of Minutes:** Evan moved to approve August minutes. Marc seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Trail Mix Business:** Three BLM kiosks and two posts were vandalized. The BLM did a press release and offered an award for information.

Tyson mentioned that the Slickrock 50th anniversary weekend was approaching and there would be a trail service event in the morning.

**County Update:** Evan had nothing new to pass on.

**City Update:** Rani was absent

**BLM update:** Jennifer announced that Nicollee Gaddis-Wyatt was the new manager for the Moab BLM field office. She continued saying that a new assistance agreement between the county, BLM and Sandflats recreation area was achieved. She also said the BLM assisted in the Slickrock 50th anniversary film by supplying documents, photos and other historical items. Jennifer then said the fall event season was about to start without a NICA race or the Kokopelli race. She reports that the new BLM headquarters in Grand Junction will bring changes for region but doesn't yet know what they will be.

Regarding the Dept. of Interior's degree on ebikes: the BLM Utah state office will have 30 days to develop and adopt a plan on how to allow ebikes on non-motorized bike trails on BLM land. Scott piped in commenting how no public process was given and asked Kya if SUWA had filed any lawsuits. She replied that there haven't been any actions that they can respond to. Jennifer said that there has been lots of confusion around the department's decree and that local bike shops and websites have been giving misinformation. She will report to Trail Mix as soon as there are any updates.

**Forest Service:** Brian says there hasn't been any change in the Forest Service's policy on ebikes, but says that there could be one issued similar to the BLM's. Brian continued saying that this year's trail maintenance has been almost entirely spent clearing avalanche debris. He does hope that the South Mountain reroute will be done next week. Maddie said that Zack Lowe had sent her email saying that he will be distributing surveys on the Whole Enchilada to gauge user experience. Scott piped in saying that signs are needed about bailout options and warnings on needing adequate water.

**Hiking:** Marc explained his proposal for an extension of the Corona Arch Trail. He explained that it would offer access to several other arches and will mitigate damage by directing people to walk on slickrock and stop trail braiding. Marc moved to send proposal to BLM. Scott seconded, and motion was approved unanimously.

**Trail Report:** Tyson and Maddie repaired the vandalized BLM kiosks. Maddie mentioned that they were moved into a new office. Also, that they had a new hire to help for the fall. She also said that construction of the Big Burrito will start hopefully on the 16th and that there will be work on it on National Public Lands Day on the 28th and also during Outerbike. Tyson mentioned that there was now a volunteer tab linked to county web site so people can see when to work for Trail Mix. Maddie said that they were working for a Leave no Trace flyer that could be displayed on shuttles. She continued saying that the skills park on the the Millcreek Parkway was progressing with a upcoming meeting with city engineers.

**Equestrian Report:** Steve said that Bijou Trail signage and light construction can be done next spring by his group and asks for some premade signs from Trail Mix. They want trail to be minimally signed. He also mentioned that the corrals at Onion Creek needed some work; he furthered saying two corrals in the La Sals needed work but since they were in San Juan county he was just asking for a letter of support that he could submit from Trail Mix to Forest Service. Maddie moved for Trail Mix to write a letter of support and Sharon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Trail Running Report:** Justin reports that the fall race season approaching with Arches half marathon and the Moab 240.

**Biking Report:** Aaron mentioned that he helped Tyson and Maddie on South Mountain Trail. He also reported that a truck had been pulling out in front of shuttles to Burro Pass and purposely driving really slow to interfere with shuttle operations. He gave photo of vehicle to Forest Service.

**Citizens:** Spencer Stokes talked about his Dead Horse State Park trail extension. Scott said that Trail Mix and the park would work out details of how they could work together in securing grant money and labour for construction of trail. Kya asked why Grand County money would be spent on Dead Horse State Park, which collects fee money, to which Scott explained history of working with the Park and how Intrepid Potash had funded past trail work in the park and gave money to Trail Mix. No tax money would be spent in the Park but Trail Mix may need to submit grant because it is a non-profit and some grants can only be submitted by nonprofit organizations.

Maddie moved to adjourn. Sharon seconded. All approved.