

# Board Meeting Minutes



3/21/2016

1. **Welcome Board Members, Advisors, Public**
2. Nikki Peterson, Derek Hermon, Alan Laframbois, Craig Antes, Robert Hendricks, Kerry Dermody, Stacy Gorin, Brian Smith, Mike Bishop, Katie Portie, Sierra Orr, Susan Mueller, Gary Keller, Shana Pomalo, Rob Carpenter, Craig Smith, Sheri Mursick, Suzie Jacquez, Craig Harvey, Marc Stamer, Gavin Burke, Driz Cook.
3. **Other Items For The Agenda?** - Bike for Bender Ride
4. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Balances- Vote to pay bills to Insurance and P.O.Box.
  - b. Vote In New Treasurer- Robert Prince was voted in as Treasure - Motion made by Susan Maya, Second by Nikki Peterson. All in favor.
5. **Big Bear Non-Motorized Recreational Trail Network Plan**
  - a. Thesis - Handout/ Ian Crano- First time this has been done in the country. Mapping out every creek and watershed.
  - b. Motion to Hire Consultant - Handout. Concern was brought up whether this was the kind of research that the USFS can use; District Ranger Marc Stamer spoke on behalf of project, saying that he was aware and supportive. Motion by Gavin Burke, Second by Sierra Orr all in favor of spending \$800 in the month of April for Consultant Ian Crano. After one month evaluation and progress positive, spending cap will be \$5,000.
  - c. Grant: California Landscape Conservation Cooperative with SDSU. Ongoing.
6. **Paid Trail Positions**
  - a. Research on other areas - Handout. 20 different towns similar to Big Bear and how they handle their paid staff. Theme is that City leads the charge, there is a paid staff member, and a supportive volunteer community.
  - b. Trail Coordinator, Person #1 is in the office. Year round \$40k, \$60k with taxes, overhead, etc.
    - i. Manage and Promote Adopt-A-Trail Program
    - ii. Coordinate projects with other partner groups and agencies.
    - iii. Assist with development of Trail Network Plan.
  - c. Trail Crew Leader, Person #2 is on the trail. They work with trail crews and volunteers to implement the plan. 7 months a year, \$15/hour 40 hours a week, \$17k, \$25k with taxes, overhead, etc.
  - d. Working with SCMF, starting the hiring process this spring. Talking with Mammoth Resorts, City of Big Bear Lake to get assistance with funding. Stacy Gorin had numbers on this to use in talks with Resort and City.

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7. **Adopt-A-Trail Updates:** reinforced that this is the most important program; without maintenance of existing trails, there can be no new trails.
8. **Partner Meetings - Mammoth Resorts:** Potential Working Relationship. Wade Reeser spoke about new attitudes and perspectives with the new ownership and how he is excited to be part of trail community. Well received by people.
  - a. Meeting 3/22 to discuss short and long term plans, funding paid position support.
  - b. Trail User Challengers: Green Trail Status, Plumber's / Fall Line build and issues
  - c. If all goes well, meet with City of Big Bear Lake to continue discussion
9. **SCMF Trail Crew Potential Projects for 2016:** Skipped due to time.
  - a. Siberia Creek
  - b. Castle Rock
  - c. Seven Oaks
10. **Projects for 2016:**
  - a. Chainsaw Certifications: need to talk to DR Stamer more about details. Difficult because of the 3 day time commitment, and there still needing to be a higher level sawyer present.
  - b. Trail Patrol: Sierra presented ideas of having a postcard and online responses to solicit feedback on trails. Some people want written, others want online. Consensus is to have multiple options. Sierra to prepare more details and visual copy for approval.
  - c. Marketing Campaign: hats, socks, and tshirts discussed. Several people mentioned using game theory to attract and keep users, with schwag as incentive.
  - d. Spring Trail Party / National Trails Day: Susan to work with Stacy on this, June 4th event.
  - e. North Shore Signage: Big Bear Cycling. Craig and Allan plan to have signs up in next month, Trails Day at the latest.
  - f. Bells for Bikes: \$1.44 each, packs of 6, quoted at 204 bells. Debate - some people like bells, others don't. Seen as an annoyance and an advocacy opportunity.
11. **Other Agenda Items:** Allan spoke about Pioneertown ride this coming Saturday.
12. **Meeting Dates**
  - a. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm
  - b. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm
  - c. August 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm
  - d. October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm
13. **Meeting adjourned 7:42pm.**