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1. Welcome Board Members, Advisors, Public: Bennett Rossell, Michelle Rossell, Driz Cook, Ernst Mueller, Susan Mueller, Robert Prince, Craig Smith, Randy Putz, Craig Antes, Bruce Gibson, Neil Barnsdale, Gavin Burke, Shauna Pomerleau, Susie Schmelzer, Harald Zundel, Michael Mursick, Sierra Orr, Phil Hamilton, Ray York, Nikki Peterson, Gary Keller, Rob Carpenter
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - Minutes approved
3. Other Items for the Agenda- No other items were brought up.
4. Treasurer's Report- Promote our Amazon Smile site that makes us easy money!
5. Trail Coordinator Updates
 - a. Adopt-A-Trail status- Working on grandfathering in old adopters into the new program.
 - i. Went to a Rotary meeting to promote program. Some interest there.
 - b. Signage Plan status
 - i. Working on sign plan- met with the city and looks positive
 1. City has their own signs that they want to be the same as ours.
 - ii. Hurdle with the Forest Service - Making sure their bases are covered.
 1. There are very specific details the Forest Service wants.
6. New Trails Plan
 - a. Review rough draft mission statement, goals for Big Bear Non-Motorized Recreational Trail Plan.
 - b. Review maps of current System Trails, Non-System Routes and **Rough Draft of New Routes**.
 - i. Big Bear is a Wildland Urban Interface Area
 - ii. People need direct access to the forest from their neighborhoods. In popular areas, people will create their own routes.
 - iii. Most of the new trails are not "new". The push is to incorporate trails that already exist into the legal system.
 - iv. Check out our new UPDATED website that has a lot more information on it.
 - v. Would like to incorporate 80 Miles that is already on the ground. Add 20 miles to connect these trails.
 - c. Erosion and Trails
 - i. As we incorporate new trails, old bad trails will have to be closed.
 - d. GIS Assessments
 - i. All payments have been made. Still waiting on work to be finished.
 - ii. Assessment Model is in progress. This new model will allow us to assess our trails much quicker.
 - iii. Recent published papers are on the website concerning our trails and watershed.
 - iv. These assessments are done in the language that the Forest Service wants to hear.
 - v. Doing these assessments are a way to assist the environmental study process.
 - e. Relevant USFS Laws
 - i. Put out 2005, 2006
 - ii. The laws are on our side to help us do, what we want to do.
 - iii. Work on wading through the laws and making them work for us.
 - f. Identify key deliverables in plan.

- i. Map of Suggested Routes
 - ii. Written Support Rationale
 - 1. Community Feedback
 - a. How do we get the community involved?
 - i. Social Events and get feedback- smaller groups or one-on-one
 - 1. Open Houses with other businesses- Water Company, Fire Station,
 - 2. Dinner or Food events - can use for fundraising, but also use to get the word out.
 - a. Get a restaurant to adopt a trail
 - ii. Suggestion : Give a limited amount of choices when dealing with the public
 - 1. Have our agenda, be concise, and give a few choices.
 - iii. Ways for smaller contributors - Give us \$25 and buy a shovel
 - 2. Recreational Needs
 - 3. Environmental Factors
 - 4. ?
 - iii. USFS Sample Documents: May Valley Non-Motorized Trail System.
http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=15568
- g. Identify areas in which community members can assist in development of plan.
- h. Develop plan to solicit community feedback on new plan.
- i. Develop timeline for plan.

7. Discussion of 2017 Projects / Work Groups / Leadership

- a. Trails Foundation Leadership structure.
 - i. Short Term: nominate and elect officers for continuation of Trails Foundation in current state.
 - ii. Long Term: focus groups early 2017 to discuss potentials for partnership / integration with SCMF.
 - 1. Do a list of pros and cons
 - a. PROS
 - i. Benefits of being involved with the Mountain Foundations and the Forest Service
 - ii. Administrative support from the Mountain Foundation
 - iii. They are an umbrella for many other organizations
 - iv. If we want and need the support from the MF, this is a good idea
 - b. CONS
 - i. Being a separate entity to be able to get more done.
 - ii. It will change the dynamic of our work.
 - iii. By being under MF, people will think that we do not need \$ because MF
 - iv. Autonomy and focus will not be the same under MF
 - v. Trail Foundation has built their own reputation because they are a separate entity.
 - vi. Credibility for Trails Foundation could be watered down.
 - vii. By being independent, we have less restrictions that we must follow.
 - viii. Representing the public

8. New Board for 2017 -

- a. Regulations to be a Non-Profit - President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Advisors

b. Keep trying to get a chain saw certification - could be a fundraiser and public relations

8. 2017 Meeting Schedule:

4th Wednesday of the Month, 5:30pm
January 25th - Small Board Meeting
Strategic Plan for Strengths, Opportunities, and Threat
February 22nd
March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th
June 28th
August 23rd
September 25th
October 22nd

No meeting July, November, December