

Board Meeting Notes



9/27/2017

Board Meeting held at Discovery Center, Fawnskin, CA.

Present: Mark Stamer, Bennett Rossell, Driz Cook, Sierra Orr, Stacy Gorin, Juli Goss, Shauna Pomerleau, Phil Hamilton, Randy Putz, Susie Schmelzer, Jim Applebury, Craig Antes, Michael Mursick, Jeff Sayegh, Betty Arnold, Kim Williams, Craig Smith, Susan Mueller, Ernst Mueller

1. Last Meeting Minutes and Treasure's Report: available online at website.
2. Treasurer's Report: Handout
3. New Trails Plan-
 - A. County / Park and Rec Equestrian Trailhead in Baldwin Lake Driz met with the group. There are 12 miles of trails on 20 acres of land by Baldwin Lake. Potential to have a trailhead, RV park, Equestrian area.
 - B. Consolidate support from all agencies that have land with possible connections; BBCSD, DWP, BBARWA, CBBL, SBMLT, SBCO, BBMR, etc.
 - C. Wait for firm direction from USFS on next steps and needs.
4. Trail Projects:
 - A. Cabin 89 Reroute- Bennett has been focusing a large amount of time on this. Gave us a slideshow. There are 3 parts of the reroute. Forest Service will officially decommission the top part. This has been a team effort with AmeriCore, Forest Service, Mountain Foundation Employees, Trails Foundation, and volunteers working on the project.
 - B. E-Bike Plan- Plan is to be going by Spring 2018 / Hoping to sit down with all shops who sell E-bikes and talking about them.
 - C. Bell Box Pilot Program - Have this going by Spring 2018, hoping to get bells from Craig/ Big Bear Cycling Association
 - D. Rathburn Creek Trail has some paving done already.
 - E. The REAL signs are in- Group was able to touch and feel the actual sign.
5. Meet and greet with Stacy Gorin and Julie Goss
 - A. Stacy Gorin spoke about her background and how she came to Big Bear and the SC Mountains Foundation. Spends ½ her work time in San Bernardino office and ½ in Big Bear. Julie Goss will be stepping up as a deputy director with SCMF.
 - B. Stacy's Presentation on SCMF - handout given
 1. Overview, Demystifying contributions to BBTF, Rough Draft Structure, Discussion
 2. Showed history of working together and money earned with grants and donations used on trails in the BB valley.
 3. Potential Benefits-The mission of SCMF and BBTF have similar goals and relate together. BBTF has a need and SCMF has already invested into us. There is a need to support Bennett's position so it can continue in the future.
 4. Cons brought up- fear of losing the independence
 5. Suggested to start listing the questions that the BBTF needs to solve- What do you want to be when you grow up? What are the roles and responsibilities, rights and privileges.

Change the mission statement of SCMF to reflect BBTF. What is BBTF mission?
Talk to the TAG group and find out how what they think.

 - a. Questions for SCMF - How much would the program cost BBTF, need for Jr. Board of SCMF, how will 2018 run and who is leading the charge, concerned about structure, going to be layers?, how will this improve our volunteer recruiting, what does the SCMF board think of our relationship, Transparency of financials.
6. Trails Foundation 2018 and on...

A. Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation remains independent, operates in partnership with other agencies. The “TAG” Trails Advisory Group remains the same, operating as the meeting house for all of the Valley’s groups and agencies.

1. Driz would like 2 things to happen - Funds raised for Big Bear stay in Big Bear. Keeping the pride of what the Foundation has built.

B. Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation becomes a program off the Southern California Mountains Foundation, titled the Big Bear Valley Trails _____. Group? Public Advisory Group? Alliance? Stewards?

C. Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation remains an independent non-profit and becomes the meeting house for all of the Valley’s groups and agencies, replacing the “TAG”. The current Trails Foundation board structure becomes a public volunteer program within the Mountains Foundation, called the Big Bear Trails Advisory Group.

7. Other Notes- Driz and Stacy will make a pro and con list and contact board members individually. The goal is to make a decision before 2018.

8. 2018 Meeting Schedule: TBA