

Grand County Trail Mix Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023

Held Grand Center Pavillion

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Meeting called to order at 11:05a.

Attendance

Present: Katie Stevens, Dave Wilson, Sam Van Wetter, Colin Topper, Jacques Hadler, Kya Marienfeld, Madeline Logowitz, Luke Wojciechowski, Brian Murdock, Brett Sutteer, Brian Torgerson, Brendon Cameron, Mark Howe, Anna Sprout, David Glover, Steve Evers

Absent:

Guests: Reid Bakken

Approval Of Minutes

Kya made a motion, Katie seconded. Passes unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Reid Bakken, eBike representative from the Motorized Trail Committee, come to present a 2040 singletrack vision map. This document is a mix of “existing routes” and also envisioned trails. He’d like TrailMix to consider motorized singletrack users as discrete from other motorized users and to continue to advocate for connectivity across the valley and the region. Additionally, through-routes and interconnection are preferable to “stacked trail systems” for the spirit of exploration.

Katie suggests changing balance to “designated route”.

Action items

None

Discussion items

Afternoon work day proposed for **Friday, 2/24 from 12-4pm at Professor Creek**. The project is to help delineate private land access from public land access and the Sylvester Trailhead. This trail is included on AllTrails and has seen a significant uptick in growth. Parking area needs refinement and definition, new signage needs to be installed. 5-8 participants would be ideal.

Maintenance Monday is 2/6. We’ll do work on Pipedream at the Jackson Trailhead.

March will tentatively be at Corona Arch trail.

Colin reminds everyone to use the [TrailMix Work Request Form](#) to log ideas for future work projects. You can view projects suggested so far [here](#).

A spot on the eBike Working Group is open. This group is an informal discussion group including MTC, TM, County, FS, and BLM. Folks interested can contact Colin for more information.

Moab Face Lift needs some direction and imagination. We're aiming for a spring event, perhaps small to begin with and larger with more participation later in the year. Ultimately, it could be an event that brings out-of-towners to Moab to provide service and build local trail infrastructure. As many as 50-100 volunteers could contribute to the weekend.

Tentatively scheduled for the weekend of May 5-7, 2023.

Dave Wilson, Brett Sutteer, Brendon Cameron, Jason Keith, Colin Topper, David Glover all volunteered to join the planning committee.

Elections

All officer positions retained. All reps except biking retained.

Newly elected bike rep: David Glover

We are seeking an Active Trails/Alternative Transport Representative (new position). Interested parties should contact Colin.

Member reports

BLM: Kaite reports that Kestrel Run environmental assessment approval is ongoing, likely not happening until fall 2023.

Forest Service: Brian is back from Washington! He reports that we're at 200% of normal snowpack. Volunteer community member is using his personal snowcat to help grooming. Forest Service will allow him to keep his cat somewhere on the mountain. Rec program is expanding, including new permanent seasonals. 2 trailcrew members have been hired. Helicopter crashed in Gold Basin will stay for the winter, to be removed sometime in the summer. NEPA process beginning for Porcupine Rim Campground, with 15-20 sites. Next summer a toilet and kiosk will be installed at the Tuk Springs/Trans La Sal Trailhead off Geyser Pass Rd.

GCATT: Maddie reports that there has been some scouting for trails at Mud Springs. Spring planning is happening. If there are projects or grants that you know of that could be undertaken from Fall 2023 through 2025, let Maddie know. They've just completed a maintenance grant and work on Klondike and Amasa Back will happen this spring. Tyson is now part-time. They will be flying the job internally first, with potential public recruitment later. Spring projects include Klono/Klondike signage, Jackson Bridge, and big features on Kestrel Run (pending EA approval).

Anna reports that they will be hiring trail ambassadors for the spring, including hiking, biking, and climbing positions. There will be some returning staff and there's a possibility for part-time positions. Availability on the weekends is key. Training begins March 1. GCATT is partnering with USU to conduct research on the program. This will help evaluate efficacy and provide metrics.

County: Jacques reports that State Legislative session begins in two weeks and there may be bills introduced to alter the way Tourism Revenue Tax (TRT) are distributed. Be vigilant and be ready to contact legislators about this issue; changes could really harm Moab's GCATT funding.

City: Reminder that the RAP Tax applications are open and applications are due Feb. 1. Applications must be filed in partnership with a nonprofit entity. More info here: www.moabcity.org/559/RAP

Chair: Nothing to report.

Vice Chair: Brendon is looking for new names for Mud Springs! We can do better than that.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Biking: David inaugurates his reports by sharing word of a bike part swap sale at Moab Cyclery in mid-February. TrailMix might earn some revenue. Maybe it will expand to being more than just bike parts. David is surveying the biking community to find other needs. He has an idea to solicit donations or a tax from bike shops (rentals?) to benefit TrailMix. Perhaps a round-up at the register could get some buy in.

Climbing: Nothing to report.

Equestrian: Absent.

Hiking: Kya says the hiking is good!

Trail running: Absent

Skiing: Kirsten reports that the skiing has been great in La Sals! Grooming has been consistent. Plowing isn't as good as it normally is but is happening when necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57.