

Sisters Trails Alliance Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2012

NEXT MEETING: 8:00 a.m. Feb. 9th at SPRD

PRESENT: Chuck Humphreys, Jeff Sims, John Rahm, Ann Marland, Ken Serkownek, Gary Guttormsen, Greg Wheeler, Kim McCarrel, Phyllis Lewis, Bruce Simon, Clyde Dildine, Donna Timmerman

Meeting called to order by Chuck Humphreys at 8:00 a.m.

ALTA

Jeff reported that ALTA has estimated a cost of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for them to complete planning work on the Sisters to Black Butte Ranch paved trail project. This would include the feasibility study and engineering. The project would then be ready to turn over to contractors. The next step in the process is to find funding. ALTA is researching for grants that would cover funding, including their payment.

ALTA had a much larger estimate for the Mainline trail from Sisters to Bend. This project will require coordination of many groups and is too big for STA to take on alone. STA will gladly promote the trail. The Trails Subcommittee will take on support of this project.

Sisters Mountain Bike Festival (SMBF)

Ken reported that the Endurance race being promoted by Joel Palanuk is on the same day as we had planned the SMBF. Joel has requested we help him with the Endurance ride and with the Sisters Stampede. Ken reviewed results of the survey regarding whether we should have the SMBF in 2012 and what events it should include.

The Endurance race would be 12 hours long with an entry fee of \$100 to \$150. John explained that our part would be to recruit and manage volunteers, execute the race and help get sponsors. Joel would do all the preliminary work and promotion. In turn, we would receive half of the proceeds, which are expected to be around \$15,000. John will check with Joel to find out who pays other groups that volunteer to help out. John made a 2 part motion: We invite Joel to our next meeting to answer our questions about our involvement in the Endurance race and Sisters Stampede. We postpone the go/no go decision for the SMBF until we know if we are committing to these other events. Ken seconded, and the motion passed.

Annual Meeting

Chuck will welcome attendees and review 2011 achievements, including a high level treasurer report. Next up will be our guest speaker, Woody Starr. Then Kim will present our vision of 2012 projects and beyond, to include:

1. Paved trail from Sisters to Black Butte Ranch
2. Commuter trails from Tollgate and Crossroads to Sisters
3. Whychus Portal Project
4. Trail maintenance (PRT connector to Bend) and Adopt-a-Trail

5. Events planned for 2012

Jeff noted we want to have sign up sheets available for the subcommittees and a calendar showing work days. Donna will bring these. He will have paper copies of the annual report to be handed out. We'd like to have large maps highlighting our trails that we could hang on the wall. Jeff will work on this and send slides to Kim.

Kim suggested we announce a contest for the best picture showing users enjoying the trails. The winner would receive recognition in the Newsletter and a Hydro Flask.

Ken will hand out Treasurer Reports.

Subcommittee Structure

We discussed having subcommittees with a chair person that will report at the Advisory Committee (AC) meetings. Subcommittees will develop their own annual budgets and come to the AC for approval. Ken noted he can track expenses and budget for each subcommittee. We'll have 3 permanent subcommittees, and short-term subcommittees will be established as needed. Jeff moved we set up the following permanent subcommittees:

1. Trails
2. Fund Raising, which will include Grants
3. Membership – Community Involvement, which will include Public Relations, Events, Volunteer Coordination, Membership, Newsletters

Ken seconded, and the motion passed.

Ken made a motion to accept the following subcommittee chairpeople:

1. John for Trails
2. Ken for Fund Raising
3. Ann for Membership – Community Involvement

John seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer

Ken distributed a Banking Summary with figures that will go into Jeff's Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Donna Timmerman, Sisters Trails Alliance