

Sisters Trails Alliance Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 3, 2011

NEXT MEETING: 8:00 a.m. July 1, 2011 at SPRD

PRESENT: Chuck Humphreys, Jeff Simms, John Rahm, Tracy Stout, Lisa Nichols, Ken Serkownek, Shawna Palanuk, Gary Guttormsen

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

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes for May, 2011, were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ken distributed a Banking Summary showing an income at \$775.00 and expenses at \$1,176.67 for May, 2011. Overall the summary shows a \$-401.67. Ken pointed out that the cost of printing the new maps was included in the expenses. He reported a cash balance as of the end of May of \$23,043.12.

The middle school gave \$1500.00 toward new signs. We spent only \$700.00 so we will be returning \$800.00.

Membership/Calendar:

Ken reported that we have 3 new members plus 2 that signed up at the Blazin' Saddles anniversary gathering. The Black Butte Heritage group joined along with an additional homeowner. It was agreed to send Black Butte Heritage a thank you card.

Chuck reminded us of the Tri-County Summit meeting being held June 15 in Madras.

The City of Sisters will host a community meeting on Wednesday, June 15th, at City Hall, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, to discuss "options" for the 60 acres of Forest Service property to be sold on the west side of the City.

Newsletter:

Gary again reminded us of the June 15th deadline for submitting articles for the summer newsletter. He asked Shawna Palanuk if she would write an article on Sisters Stampede. She agreed.

Road Bike Work:

The County will be applying chip seal at the following areas:

- 4.2 miles up Three Creeks road
- Fryrear from Hwy. 20 north
- Camp Polk/Wilt Rd. to the end of the pavement
- Camp Polk to Sisters

Safety Issue:

Tracy told us about a serious issue on Holmes Rd. There are areas where vehicles, coming around corners, could collide with bikes. The vehicles are usually large, such as pickup with horse trailer. Holmes Rd. is a part of the Sisters Scenic Bike-way which will bring more bicyclists. Possibly signage would help. Chuck will look into this.

Trails Committee:

A lot of work was done at the last work party. May Fan took some young kids out on the trails as a part of a service project.

Environmental Assessment (EA) Process:

Jeff suggested we prioritize our projects. Following a discussion the top priority agreed on is the Crossroads connector.

Chuck discussed the possibility of using STA money for environmental studies on the paved Crossroads trail, a horse trail from Graham Corral to Cow Camp, and the Wychus Creek Foot Trail. Ken moved, John seconded, and the motion passed that we use some STA money for Environmental Assessment.

Grant Writing:

Lisa Nichols gave us an update from the Grant Writing Committee. She said that, before we can begin applying for grants we must have an EA.

Sisters Stampede:

Shawna said they have had very positive feedback on the race. They are waiting for the Forest Service feedback on trail impact. She said that a big issue was having larger/easier places to pass,

which may be possible to build passing places along the trails. They are also working on a possible National Sanction for next year. The turnout was close to 400 riders this year.

Shawna suggested for our festival to have a race for kids under 12 years of age. The Stampede did provide babysitting by Joyful Noise if requested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Ann Marland, Sisters Trails Alliance.