

**Sisters Trails Alliance Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 5, 2011**

NEXT MEETING: 8:00 a.m. Sept. 8th at SPRD

NOTE: Meetings have been changed to the second Thursday of the month starting in September. Still 8:00 AM at SPRD.

PRESENT: Chuck Humphreys, John Rahm, Ann Marland, Ken Serkownek, Gene Trahern, Gary Guttormsen, Donna Timmerman

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

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for July 7, 2011, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ken distributed two Budget VS Actual sheets, one for the Sisters Mountain Bike Festival (SMBF) and one for Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) excluding the SMBF. For STA, we are close to the projected income (\$423 over) except for grants income which is \$0 to date. We had hoped for \$20,000. Expenses showed we are \$16, 277.08 below budget mainly because we have not spent the planned \$15,000 yet for environmental assessments.

Ken will distribute a Banking Summary showing income and expenses for July to the Advisory Council .

Membership/Calendar

Donna reported we now have a total of 65 members. We have 21 members from 2010 who have not renewed.

Updates to the calendar:

John - Add SMBF subcommittee meetings.

John - Add Aug. 28, 9:00 AM work party. Meet at McDonald's parking lot.

Trail Committee

John reported that we have signs on the Peterson Ridge Trail system that reference the 'old bridge' which was eliminated when the pipeline was installed. Possibly we can find the bridge that the Forest Service removed and place it back over the pipeline as a trail feature.

We need to pin flag the trail from Sisters to Black Butte, a route of about 6 or 7 miles. This will be done on the Aug. 28 work party.

The Forest Service is taking out a fish unfriendly culvert on Indian Ford Creek. Chuck will coordinate with Kirk.

John moved we add a single track from the peak view on Peterson Ridge Trail to where the trail crosses road 16. This is about .75 mile. It will be parallel to road 16. Gene seconded, and the motion passed. John will check with Kirk.

Next Wednesday's work party will work on a trail to the 5 Pine connector.

Thinning messed up some of the Crossroads trail. We need to pin flag a reroute south of the Mainline. Chuck will also check into this.

Gene reported that some of the folks who signed up to adopt a trail have not checked in with him. He will contact them to see if they need assistance. He noted that Bev MacDonald and Mike Armstrong have done a fantastic job on the Sisters Tie trail that they adopted.

Gene is getting overloaded and requested that we find somebody to take over his duties as the lead of trail maintenance. He will send out a job description and ask for a volunteer. (Since the meeting, Gary Guttormsen has volunteered to take this task on. Thanks, Gary!!)

Grants Committee

Chuck will check with Lisa on the status of the Grants Committee.

Sisters Mountain Bike Festival Committee

Gary will send logos of all our sponsors to Clyde. Ken will send Clyde a list of sponsors for the SMBF so Clyde can put their logos on the SMBF website. Tiles go on the website when the funds are received.

Ken passed around SMBF posters for everyone to sign. Ann will take the posters to Clearwater Gallery who has agreed to frame them at cost. Sponsors will receive a framed, signed poster.

Ken reported that Clyde is doing a great job on the website and publicizing online for us. Lucas Freeman has also done some nice promoting in 'Biking Around Bend'. Ken has submitted an article to 'Oregon Bike' for their September 1st newsletter plus a sidebar ad.

John and Gary will review the website to make sure the correct rides are listed.

Gary asked all of us to start recruiting volunteers to work the event.

John will ask Uriel to promote the festival in local women's biking groups.

Ken requested that everyone start using Twitter and Facebook to spread the word and help build up the excitement.

Ann reported that SMBF T-shirts will be ready for sale before the event.

Hitch for SPRD Van

Gene moved we spend up to \$300 for a new hitch and plug-in for the SPRD van that we will be borrowing again for the SMBF. John seconded, and the motion passed. Chuck volunteered to install the hitch.

New Meeting Time

John moved we change our Advisory Committee meetings to 8:00 AM on the second Thursday of the month starting in September. Chuck seconded, and the motion passed. Donna will send a notice to members, inform the Nugget and update our calendar.

Whychus Creek

There will be a hike to explore Whychus Creek on Aug. 16th meeting at Wolfree (190 W. Cascade Ave.) at 9:00 a.m. Because it is free, no registration is required, so there is no way of knowing how many might show up. It was suggested for next year to either have a nominal payment (\$5) which would create the registration and cover the costs of registration, require registration but make it free with STA subsidizing SPRD for the registration costs, or simply request (via the announcement) those interested to call or email the person in charge in advance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Donna Timmerman, Sisters Trails Alliance