

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING on March 9, 2019
At Darbi's in Pinetop, AZ

The meeting was called to order by Jim Snitzer at 8:10 AM. 24 people were in attendance. Guest, Ken Fitschen, and new members, David and Marsha Ronald, were introduced.

Minutes of the last General Meeting were reviewed with one correction in item 5: The last sentence referring to funding was deleted. Rick Olson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Dave McCullough and approved unanimously by members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ron Miller told members he is creating a new database for trail stewards. He needs a few more stewards to fill unassigned trails. He explained the duties and responsibilities of trail stewards, such as checking for downed trees across trails, missing diamonds and erosion damage, and reporting this information to the Trail Crew. He gave out his new email address where he can be contacted: tracks_ts@yahoo.com.
2. Tim Strand announced that some people are having problems accessing the Newsletter online. Tim gave some suggestions for those people and encouraged them to ask Rick Young for help if they continue to have problems with this. In the near future his email address will appear on the screen just below the TRACKS template on the TRACKS website.
3. Rick Olson reported on the Science Fair at Snowflake NPC. Kathy Melsted, Rick Olson and Ron and Melissa Miller attended as judges.
4. Jim announced a vacancy on the TRACKS Board due to Beck Ney's resignation. Two names, Lynda Beale and Rick Young, were mentioned as possible replacements.
5. Jim announced that a memorial service for Bob Pena will be held at Unity Church on March 30 at 2:00 PM. Bob was one of the original members of the trail crew dating back to 1993 or 1994 and worked on trails until two years ago. Donations can be made to TRACKS in Bob's name and will go into a separate fund just as was done for Liz Wise. Liz's fund is being used by Game and Fish for interpretive signs at game and fish headquarters near their special wetlands preserve on site. They will have some special recognition for Liz on the signs.
6. The final appraisal for the 107 acres around Woodland Lake Park is \$1,635,000. The only downside is the payment for this amount will be due in full by February 15, 2020.
7. Jim mentioned that National Trails Day is June 1 when Walk For the Woods has a fund raising event. An envelope was passed for TRACKS to be a sponsor for this as we can't use TRACKS funds for anything other than trail related expenses.
8. John Vuolo and Arlene Nelson will be working with Ann Groebner to have new TRACKS t-shirts ready for spring.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim told of our ex-president, Nick Lund's, near death experience due to cardiac arrest. He is home recovered.
2. Jim spoke of Pinetop-Lakeside City working with the irrigation company to keep more water in Woodland Lake. The company owns water rights to all the water that flows through Pinetop and Show Low.
3. Jim further explained the complexities of the land surrounding Woodland Lake, which is owned by private parties and by the Forest Service.. If we don't purchase the land around the lake, we will lose control of that land and it can be sold to private developers.
4. Rick Olson spoke of Spingerville relocating their dinosaur exhibit to our Nature Center until they can develop a suitable home. A mobile unit was mentioned.
5. Jim announced a coming event at the Nature Center for kids called Camp Shamrock on Saturday, March 16. The cost is \$20 and the kids can engage in all sorts of activities without their parents presence. Jim mentioned that the Dr Seuss event was quite successful with 500 in attendance.
6. Liz Jernigan announced the upcoming Audubon program on tracking on April 3 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall. She also talked about the Film Festival fund raising event.

The next General Meeting will be at Darbi's on April 13 at 8:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton/Secretary/Board Member