

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING April 13, 2019
At Darbi's Café in Pinetop, AZ 85935

The meeting was called to order by Jim Snitzer at 8:00 AM, There were 18 members present. Two new members, Rob Miller and Kathy Purnis and her guest, Scott Bothwell, were introduced.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jerry Good motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Joan Patrick and approved by members present.

Announcements:

1. Steve Rodney spoke about **The Sue's Crew 3 Mile Walk for Cancer**. Volunteers are needed to man an aid station from noon to 6 PM on May 13. This walk started in 2010. Donations are also accepted. Jim Snitzer said that a volunteer to coordinate TRACKS' involvement also is needed.
2. **Trail Crew** is meeting on Monday, April 15, at 8:00 AM at Timber Mesa Trailhead. Also, on Tuesday, April 16, at 8:00 AM for cinder disbursement. See Tim Jernigan for details.
3. Also, on April 16 a **tour of Biomass Industry in Snowflake** will take place at 1:00 PM. Meet at the Social Security parking lot at 12:00 to carpool.
4. Jim mentioned that today at Pinetop Lakes Country Club from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM there will be a **Blue Ridge High School fund raiser**. 19 restaurants will be providing food for a cost of \$15 per person or \$25 per family. The event is called "Taste of the White Mountains".
5. Jerry Good gave **kudos to the Trail Crew** for their good work the last two Mondays. We will meet Monday, April 15, at Timber Mesa Trailhead at 8:00 AM, Jerry said we are dedicating this year's trail work to Bob Pena and Liz Wise. We can still use more volunteers.
6. Jim mentioned that **signs on some trails are missing or vandalized**. Jim is able to produce signs much faster than the Forest Service. Jim needs to be told in writing where they are needed and what is to be engraved on the signs.
7. **Walk for the Woods**: John Vuolo said that we are still \$80 short of the \$300 needed for TRACKS to become a sponsor for this event which is June 1st on National Trails Day. John was able to collect more than the needed amount during the day from members. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause. This helps the Nature Center.
8. Jim applied for a grant through Nature Valley (the trail bar manufacturer). We should receive 1,000 trail bars which will be shared with other outdoor groups and activities.
9. Jim also applied for TRACKS to be a nominee for an **Outdoor Hall of Fame Award**. TRACKS has received several awards as far back as 1994.
10. On May 18, **Walking Down Ranch will have a fund raiser BBQ** at the cabins to help our veterans. Moose Henri is supplying the food. The BBQ starts at 5:00 PM and is \$20 per person.

11. May 4 at Blue Ridge parking lot will be a **Cinco De Mayo fund raiser event**. TRACKS may have a booth there to provide educational materials. Volunteers are needed for this.
12. **Jim spoke of the interpretive signs at Game and Fish headquarters** which were paid for by the Liz Wise Memorial Fund. It was decided to have a smaller sign to memorialize Liz. Jim will write the legend and logo for this sign.
13. Liz Jernigan announced that the **Audubon Film Festival fund raiser** for scholarships will be dedicated to Bob and Loretta Pena. The date for the festival is July 13 at the Nature Center. More information will follow.
14. Jim mentioned a future **bench dedicated to Liz Wise and Bob Pena**. He suggested placing both of their names on the same bench as spaces for benches are less available.
15. Jim mentioned that the **prototype for future bike gates** is located behind Nature Center. Installment is labor intensive. The Forest Service gates are wider and when we get these, modifications will be needed.
16. Jim announced a new Board member, and perhaps in the future there will be another opening. Our new member is Lynda Beale.
17. Jim told the group that Arlene Nelson and John Vuolo are working with Ann Groebner on **new t-shirts**. There will also be hoodies and caps. The design has been established.

The next General Meeting will be at Darbi's Café on May 11 at 8:00 AM. The June meeting will be a potluck at Woodland Lake Park on June 1 at Ramada #2. The time will be 4:00 PM as we will be celebrating National Trails Day.

Saturday's Activities: just relax.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton/Secretary/Board Member