

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING, July 12, 2019  
At Woodland Lake Park, Pinetop, AZ 85929

Jim called meeting to order at 8:25 AM. Approximately 40 people in attendance. Guests and new members introduced were Dan and Jan Norwell and Mike Leahy. Minutes of the previous General Meeting were reviewed. Kay Richter made a motion to accept, seconded by Jerry Good and passed unanimously by members present.

Announcements:

1. Lynn Krigbaum spoke of the 107 acres that we have been trying to raise funds for purchase under the Save Our Park auspices. She announced that an individual has come forward that will cover the \$1,635 million. There are a few legalities to be worked through before this happens. The Town will actually be the receiver to transfer the monies to the Forest Service, who owns the land. Big Springs is not up for sale as tribal members deemed that 40 acres sacred. However, there are almost 400 acres that could still be developed and ongoing efforts to buy that will continue. Lynn said people could buy a square foot for 35 cents. Using a GoFundMe on Facebook is not an option.
2. Lynn also displayed a new recycling brochure for the Town's recycling by the Public Works building.
3. There is also a company called Recyclops that will go to residents' homes twice a month for a \$10 fee to pick up recyclables ~~and~~ KR
4. Jerry Good commented on the hard work the Trail Crew is doing and the trails they have worked on are in good shape. He also appealed to the membership for more volunteers.
5. Arlene Nelson displayed the new t-shirts and hoodies. Hoodies are \$40. T-shirts, either long or short sleeves, are \$15. Still working on caps.
6. Joan Patrick announced Audubon Film Festival tonight at the Nature Center from 4:30-8:00. Los Corrales will provide the food. Complimentary beer and wine. Cost \$25.
7. Jim Snitzer talked about the Tour of the White Mountains Bike Race on October 5 still needing volunteers. Call Nick Lund if you can volunteer.
8. Jim mentioned that the current TRACKS membership is 527, which decreases after end of year purging. Jim mentioned a need to replace Jim Meeker and Heather Steiner who have been sending email to Up the Hill Gang hikers. Also are looking for leaders to lead hikes after General Meetings. The website and Newsletter have become a major source of information/communication for our membership. There is a need to replace Betty Zink who has been donating her time for several years as webmaster. Jim said we could have her duties divided among two or three people. Maps created by Betty could be taken over by the Town, using a GIS program. Also, the editor of the Newsletter could use some help. If you have information you want included in the Newsletter, write it down rather than supplying it verbally.
9. Jim wants all TRACKS members to submit all volunteer hours for the first 6 months of 2019 to Nick Lund as Nick includes those hours in his annual report.



10. Jim said that TRACKS has renewed its membership with IMBA (International Mountain Bike Assn.). They have held classes re trail building as on-site education.
11. Jim also mentioned that members could include TRACKS in their wills and trusts.
12. Ron Miller announced that all positions for Trail Stewards have been filled.
13. Joan Patrick needs a Trailhead Adopter for Show Low Bluff.
14. Jim announced he will be making wood signs for trails that need replacing or areas that have a need for them. Jim can make them cheaper than what it costs the Forest Service. He also displayed a white diamond that has a directional arrow on it and instructed those who place them on the trees to be sure the top is secure, as if only the bottom of the diamond is used it can turn down and result in directing people in the reverse direction. Jim also gave kudos to Bill Lucas for cutting trees across trails.
15. Jim informed the membership that he will consult with TRACKS lawyer to ascertain adequate liability insurance for various outdoor activities.
16. Jim also brought up the possibility of replacing the weathered interpretive signs around Big Springs. We need to determine the costs involved before making a decision.
17. Jim said that we have renewed our affiliation with American Heritage Alliance. This organization can help with applying for grants.
18. Tim Strand commented on the Fool Hollow guided tours at 9 AM every Friday. He gave positive reviews. There are also lectures on Saturday evenings and admission is free.
19. Jim announced a STEM event at Nature Center today from 10-11 AM. Jim will give a demonstration there.

Next General Meeting will be a potluck August 10 at 8 AM at Woodland Lake Park. Today's Saturday hike will be led by Kay Richter and Steve Bochman along Walnut Creek.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member