

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING February 8, 2020
At Darbi's Restaurant in Pinetop, AZ

Meeting was called to order by Jim Snitzer at 8:10 AM.

There were no new members nor guests, but Marie Greenberg was attending the TRACKS meeting for the first time. There were approximately 17 people present.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting were reviewed. Lynn made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Roger and approved unanimously by members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jim told members that John Vuolo, a longtime member, had had a heart attack and was recovering.
2. Lynn told members that an agreement, or memorandum of understanding, is being signed by the Town Council with Save our Park, Inc. to purchase the 107 acres of Woodland Lake Park. All that remains is for promised funds of \$1,635,000 to be paid in the near future. The Forest Service wants the amount in full. There is another goal looming in the future to purchase the 85 acres of the Walnut Creek corridor. Lynn asked TRACKS to contribute to Save Our Park and attend their meetings which occur the last Saturday of each month at Darbi's at 7:30 AM.
3. Lynn announced the free chili cook-off at White Mountain Nature Center today from 2 – 6 PM. The chili tasting is free, but there will be a wine and beer garden that is not free. Blue Tattoo is providing the entertainment.,
4. Jim spoke of the 56 acres being donated to the Town by a Private owner. The land is behind our Safeway and extends from Billy Creek up the hill to FR 187. Jim has volunteered TRACKS to build trails if the Town requests them.
5. Jim announced that a sign making and tool sharpening event will take place at his house on March 23 at 10 AM.
6. Jim plans to attend the Arizona Summit on Trails at Cottonwood February 21-22.
7. The Liz Wise memorial will occur May 23 at 10 AM to unveil the interpretive signs that the Liz Wise Fund paid for and there are still funds left over for other projects.
8. Jim is still working on trail building equipment. The Forest Service requires that the equipment be built in the U. S. which will be hard to find.
9. Christine asks that items to be submitted for the newsletter get to her by the 10th of each month.
10. Jim also spoke of website problems and the need for a web master. Nick Lund still helps with the database for membership.
11. Ron Miller spoke of finalizing summer hikes after meeting with a few hikers February 7th. Ron will try to get trail stewards to lead hikes on their own trails, if possible.
12. Jim announced the 2019 Annual Report for TRACKS will come out soon. Trail crew totaled 1,759 hours for a value of \$44,000 and TRACKS members contributed 21,827 hours of volunteer time for a value of \$555,050. He went over a few highlights of TRACKS volunteerism, such as the Fall Festival Parade,

Trash Tracker on Lake Powell, building Billy Creek Trail, etc. There are now approximately 500 members in TRACKS.

13. Liz Jernigan announced the upcoming Audubon meeting at Town Hall on March 4 at 6:30 PM. Chris Dorset will have a presentation on bee keeping.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM. Next General Meeting will be at Darbi's March 14 at 8:00 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member