

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING January 11, 2020
At Darbi's Restaurant

Meeting called to order by Jim Snitzer at 8:00 AM with 13 members in attendance. No guests or new members were present.

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Lynn Krigbaum to accept as read, seconded by Don Langdon and passed unanimously by those present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Lynn announced a fund raiser for Save Our Park on January 18 at Nature Center from 1:00 to 4:00 PM featuring music provided by Fat Chance. Lynn reminded members that 35 cents will buy 1 sq. ft of land. The event is free but donations are welcomed. Lynn also passed out a flyer, "The Campaign For Woodland Lake Park", with special features listed inside, and a donation form included for any donation amount.
2. Jim Snitzer spoke of an Eagle Workshop, sponsored by AZ Game and Fish, on January 24 and 25. Check with Jim for more information, or call Game and Fish in Pinetop.
3. Lynn announced a chili cook-off at the Nature Center February 8 which is free, but donations are always welcome. Call Lynn at 928-242-8814 for the exact time but will be daylight hours.
4. Jim told members that Christine Brady will be the new Newsletter editor. An edition is due out this month for January, February and March.
5. Jim spoke of trail building equipment for possible use in difficult areas. The cost would be absorbed through WMOTA and grants. Jim is researching what would be the best purchase and whether to buy new or used.
6. Jim reminded members that volunteer hours need to be turned into Neck before the Annual Report is given to the Towns.
7. Jim also has the application for one of our trails to be listed in the National Trails Register, The trail to be used has not yet been determined.
8. Jim said our current membership is nearly 400.
9. The Summit For Arizona Trails Committee would like to provide scholarships to students and young professionals to participate in the Summit to foster the next generation of outdoor recreation professionals. A meeting for interested participants will be at Cottonwood Community Club House Friday, February 21, at 12:00 PM to Saturday, February 22, at 1:00 PM. Donors have offset the cost of attendance and travel costs. Deadline to submit is February 5, 2020. Address: Summit For Arizona Trails, 300 E. University Blvd., Ste 240, Tucson, AZ 85705-6928 Contact Jim for more information.
10. A check from the Liz Wise fund will go to Game and Fish for graphic designs at their headquarter in Pinetop.
11. Lynn spoke of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns that lobby on behalf of small town at the congressional level, state or federal. Jim and Lynn will attend a meeting in the Valley

12. Jim displayed a copy of the final report by a special group hired by the Town re being fire wise and offered many suggestions.
13. Jim also spoke of the 56 acres behind Safeway in Pinetop that the Town is to acquire from a private donor. Jim said that TRACKS would probably build hiking trails there.
14. There was discussion of the MOU, Memorandum of Understanding, regarding the purchase of the 107 acres of Woodland Lake Park. The Town is to pursue the purchase and there are revisions in the works.
15. Lynn announced the next Council Meeting will be February 6 at 6:00 PM and more input and revision will be discussed.. Deadline is February 15 to lock in the price of 1.635 million dollars for the 107 acres. There is still a contingency of a private donor involved. Jim said that the cost of maintaining that 107 acres, including ramadas and buildings would be paid primarily by the beverage tax. A lot is to be worked out in the future.

The next General Meeting is Saturday, February 8, at Darbi's.
Saturday's activities included some cross country skiing.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member