

Grand County Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2024
APPROVED August 8, 2024

The meeting was held at the Grand Center and called to order by Clif Koontz at 12:34 pm with introductions made by those present.

In attendance:

Clif Koontz, Chair
Reid Bakken, eBike Rep
Peyton Blasco, BLM
Dave Cozzens
Dave Hellman, Treasurer
Nick Oldham, SxS Rep
David O'Neill, BLM, Supervisory Park Ranger
Keltain Reece-Sullivan, GCATT
Jeff Stevens, Vice Chair
Zane Taylor, Motorcycle Rep
Kathy Tustanowski, Secretary

Guests in attendance:

None

A. Approval of Minutes

Clif shared that Bill Jackson had a revision to his comments that were made at the June 13, 2024 meeting. With those changes noted Reid Bakken made a motion to approve the June 13 minutes, Dave Cozzens seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. Citizens to be Heard

None

C. Scheduling Trail Projects

Clif asked how the Spill Kit Prep work day went and only two people participated, Anna and Keltain. Another day will be scheduled in the winter to include putting together Wag Bag kits. Keltain said having four to six volunteers would be ideal. Reid suggested linking up with Trail Mix for their Maintenance Mondays.

Clif asked for ideas on summer projects and locations. Brumley/Dorey, Miners Basin and Upper Two Mile were suggested. Zane shared that La Sal Pass Road is rough at the top and brushing could be done in Miners Basin, although recent road work may

have included brush work, in which case a different road needing brush work could be chosen. The following was agreed upon:

July 27 - Miners Basin, 9 am meet at beginning of the road, Zane will check it out in advance.

August 24 - Upper Two Mile, meeting time and location to be determined at next meeting

September 21 - Cliffhanger, Waterfall area, 8 am meet where the pavement ends. Plan is to jackhammer a ramp into the ledge at the bottom of an obstacle. It was suggested signage be put up on the trail that day indicating Work in Progress.

Dave Cozzens shared he has a new piece of equipment, a battery operated power drill, available for use that is ideal for drilling holes for anchors.

D. Updates from MTC Stakeholder Representatives and Executive Subcommittee members

Zane shared that South Block is in good condition.

Reid shared that he attended the recent Trail Mix meeting and one of the agenda items was discussion on the survey responses regarding eBikes. The responses were non-substantive and didn't provide much to work with. The MTC eBike Subcommittee has stalled with Clif indicating it has been his fault. UDOT is doing a survey targeted for eBike users at Slickrock on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 am to 10 am.

Payton shared that BLM is reviewing comments on the Dolores River Travel Management Plan and they received a total of 547 scoping comments, 250 of which were submitted through their ePlanning website. The BLM is also working on implementation of the Gemini Bridges/Labyrinth Travel Management Plan. Paving of the Poison Spider trailhead parking lot will begin on August 19, which could last up to six weeks, although the contractor hopes to finish much sooner.

David O'Neill introduced himself as the new Supervisory Park Ranger with BLM. He has previous work experience with the National Park Service as a Heavy Equipment Operator.

Keltain shared that he has a good understanding of the Motorized Trail Ambassador program now and shared some of the 2024 statistics which included seeing 4,072 motorized recreational users and contacting 2,600 of them with a contact rate of 63.7%. He is currently developing a procedure book for the program to include: training, safety and risk management. He is also working on new educational handouts and give away items in addition to the Wag Bags and spill kits.

Jeff shared that he hasn't been out on the trails much because of the heat but when he has they have been empty.

Clif reminded everyone the October meeting has been rescheduled to October 23 and thanks everyone for attending today.

F. Adjournment

Clif adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.