



Mammoth Trails Regular Meeting Summary

July 15, 2010

4–5:30 p.m.

Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

- A. Call to Order:** MLTPA CEO/Board President John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library in Mammoth Lakes, Calif. Also in attendance were Drew Blankenbaker and Kim Stravers (MLTPA); Charter Members Brian Knox (Mammoth Nordic), Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club), Hank Garretson (Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association), Andrew Kastor (High Sierra Striders), and John Armstrong (Eastside Velo Club); Steve Speidel (Town of Mammoth Lakes); Danna Stroud (Mammoth Lakes Tourism); and Austin McInerney (guest, Ormat).
- B. Additions to Agenda:** Mr. Wentworth noted that agenda item D(3)a should be its own item.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Approval of June 17, 2010 Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers):** The minutes were approved by consensus as submitted.
- D. Special Updates**
- 1. Ormat/Shady Rest Project (Austin McInerney):** Mr. Wentworth introduced Mr. McInerney, who explained that he is part of Casa Diablo IV, the geothermal plant project being constructed by Ormat. He has been contracted by ESA, Ormat's environmental consultant for NEPA/CEQA on the project, to conduct public outreach. The project is an expansion of two new turbines for the existing infrastructure, in addition to up to 20 new wells. There has been no official notice given of the outreach process yet, but Mr. McInerney's been asked to conduct some pre-interviews with concerned parties to help develop materials and scoping for later meetings, which will potentially occur in August. He has a pre-set list of questions that have already been asked of some Mammoth Trails members such as Brian Knox and Malcolm Clark; these questions are part of, but do not replace, the official environmental process. (Comments are considered "official" only if submitted during the official process; the lead agencies will be responsible for receiving these comments.) Mr. McInerney will remain in contact with MLTPA regarding the process start date so that they can alert Mammoth Trails; he also will ask ESA if there has been an update to the site plan. He noted that Mammoth Trails could convene to provide a group review of the project if so desired, and that he can provide maps and other materials as necessary for this. Mr. McInerney stated also that the scoping meetings could possibly be split into an introductory session for the first half and then interactive recreation planning in the

second half. This can promote solution-oriented discussions directly from the users.

2. **Summer of Stewardship 2010 Trail Days**
 - a. **Crystal Lake This Saturday!** Mr. Wentworth explained that last summer's grant from the National Forest Foundation for this program was significant, but this year it has been essentially cut out. MLTPA is instead providing matching funds to put on four events this summer. Footloose and Mammoth Trails will co-host at Lake George on July 17. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. at the Lake George parking lot and will be finished, including lunch, by 2 p.m. MLTPA and FOI will contact clubs individually regarding co-hosting for the other events.
3. **Mammoth Trails Web Site Update:** Mr. Wentworth explained that www.mammothtrails.org will be displayed on Type 2 (trailhead) signs on the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS), both as part of the sign's graphics and as the landing page for the QR code. MLTPA is developing an MOU with the MLTS partners (TOML, USFS, and Mono County) to handle the development, execution, and maintenance of the site and will evaluate its capacity to deliver information, specific content, back-end administration, and other matters. QR codes will eventually be a source for recreation experiences specific to different user groups.
4. **Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) Trails Technical Committee (TTC)**
 - a. **Trails Group #1:** Mr. Wentworth stated that this group has completed its initial effort as of July 13 (Map ID #s S06, S07, and S13) and that the alignments came very close to what was originally proposed in SHARP. MLTPA is getting the package ready to submit to the USFS for environmental review. USFS resource specialists will be out in the area on July 20 to begin their review. ADA consultant Peter Axelson might get involved for ADA review on Map ID #S07.
 - b. **Panorama Dome/Solitude Canyon Working Group:** Mr. Wentworth stated that this group will convene next week, as opportunities for development are being presented with the final construction of the Lakes Basin Path. The group will develop high-level considerations only at this point.
 - c. **Tamarack Street Update:** Mr. Wentworth stated that Terry Plum seems to want to provide a public-access easement and that he is exploring ADA compliance from his property line to the end of Tamarack Street. His development will be before the Planning Commission in September, and he has requested a Planning Commission site visit as part of their next meeting. Mr. Wentworth stated that there has been some discussion about a possible parking area for the Tamarack Street trailhead on the federal lands at the south end of the property as an alternative to putting it on

trailhead signs and are the biggest and most developed of all the signs in the design array.

- c. **Spiess Contract/Lakes Basin Path Opening:** Mr. Speidel stated that Speiss has their full work force on the project now to get railings up and finish other details. The intent is to get the lower portion of the path finished (from Twin Lakes down) by first snow.
- d. **Wayfinding and Signage Standards Manual:** This item was discussed with item D(7)a.

E. Member Events and Projects

1. Measure R

- a. **Spring 2010 Award Update:** Mr. Wentworth stated that monies were awarded as recommended by the Tourism & Recreation Commission (TRC).
- b. **Measure R Steering Committee Update:** Mr. Wentworth stated that the committee received direction from Town Council to reevaluate the Measure R application process in preparation for the fall 2010 award cycle (scoring, presentations, etc.). It was suggested that perhaps an impartial facilitator be brought in to conduct the TRC review meetings. The TRC's role will be redefined by an amendment to the original ordinance.
- c. **Fall 2009 Award Housekeeping (Andrew Kastor)**
 - i. **Equipment Checkout Procedure:** Mr. Kastor stated that, two weeks ago, Stuart Brown, Dennis Rottner, Alana Levin, and himself met to discuss checkout and where the equipment will be stored. Mr. Brown is working on a procedure document from a draft supplied by Mr. Kastor.
 - ii. **Rate Card:** The group agreed that use of the equipment should be free to Mammoth Trails Charter Members. They expressed a desire to hire a Town staff person to act as key operator of the timing system at all events.
 - iii. **Contract with TOML:** Mr. Kastor stated that Mr. Brown is working on this.
 - iv. **Purchase Update:** Mr. Kastor stated that the P.A. system has yet to be purchased. Ms. Stravers read from an e-mail from Ms. Levin regarding use of the generators (see attached).

2. Summer of Stewardship 2010 Trail Days (Stacy Corless)

- a. **Trail Days Schedule:** *This item was taken out of order, after item D6.* Ms. Corless noted that a co-host is still needed for the July 31 event at Duck Pass, the August 28 event at Panorama Dome, and the September 11 event at Convict Lake. Volunteers participating in the July 17 event at Lake George will be served lunch on the patio at Pokonobe Lodge.
- b. **Co-Hosting Opportunities:** This item was discussed with item E(2)a.

3. **High Sierra Triathlon Report (Alana Levin):** Ms. Stravers read from Ms. Levin's email concerning the event (see attached). Mr. Armstrong noted that Kathy Copeland is looking into repairs for the pop-up tent.
4. **Footloose Freedom Mile (Andrew Kastor):** Mr. Kastor stated that all of the Mammoth Trails equipment was used at this event and that it went very well.
5. **Upcoming Events:** The group noted the following events, with Mr. Garretson adding the 4th Annual Summer Biathlon on September 26.
 - a. **Aug. 8: Footloose Sports/Chart House 10k/5k Race (Andrew Kastor)**
 - b. **Sept. 5: Mammoth Rock Race**
 - c. **Sept. 18: Moeben Ultra-Marathon at Mammoth Mountain 25k/50k (Andrew Kastor)**

F. Announcements and Updates: None.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

H. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2010, 4–5:30 p.m., location TBD

I. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:53 p.m.

From: Alana Levin <Alana@HighSierraTri.Org>
Subject: **Re: Mammoth Trails June meeting summary**
Date: July 15, 2010 10:17:35 a.m. PDT
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Reply-To: Alana@HighSierraTri.org
▶ 2 Attachments, 50.9 KB

Hi Kim,
I will be out of town tomorrow and so I will unfortunately miss the meeting.
Wanted to mention a few things if possible:

June Lake Triathlon went amazingly well - thanks to all who helped
Good to have Mammoth Trails participation (Brian from Mammoth Nordic and Stacy from Friends of the Inyo) and Striders put some race info in racer bags.
Velo Club lent out their signs and also Jodie Aas as lead volunteer for the bike courses.
DSES a big part of event through volunteer recruitment , organization and the JLT raffle ...
Growth this year - by a little bit so we are happy with that.

Supplies update:
Mammoth Trails tent was used by DSES and was to include Mammoth Trails and Friends of the Inyo Saturday, but tent fell over on Friday and Maggie from DSES may have an update on repair status
Checked out the generator (2) and was told to leave filled with gas. One ran out after 1 hour of use on Friday so we filled both with gas.
When I went to refill before returning, gas liquid was showing at top and so I didn't fill, but fill valve showed 1/4 tank - not sure which to follow - can put gas in it, but was worried it would overflow.
We will follow up with swim buoys - want to be sure we get something that we can use so being cautious to make the final purchase.

I'm very interested in strategic planning for recreation - so include me please on any groups/extra work to meet about this. I think Brian at Mammoth Nordic has a great vision. I think we need to address how to get this program moving ahead (maybe some collaboration with other organizations, town staff, usfs, mammoth unified, etc.

Okay, that's it! thanks!
Alana

Kim Stravers wrote:

[Hi, again!](#)

[Attached is the draft meeting summary from our June Mammoth Trails meeting, in preparation for our July 15 meeting tomorrow. My apologies for the delay!](#)

Best,
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