



Regular Meeting Notes
July 19, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by MLTPA CEO John Wentworth at 4:07 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Charter Members John Armstrong (Eastside Velo), Malcolm Clark (Sierra Club Range of Light Group), Drew Foster (Friends of the Inyo), and Zach Ergish (Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra); guest Jon Crowley (Eastside Ski Running); and MLTPA Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers.
- B. Additions to Agenda:** None.
- C. Organizational Items**
- 1. Acceptance by Charter Members of June 21, 2012, Meeting Summary (*attachment*):** The summary was accepted by the Charter Members as submitted.
 - 2. Charter Member Updates:** Mr. Ergish provided an update on the Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) Sierra Cycle Challenge fundraiser and mentioned that they will be cohosting the Summer of Stewardship (SOS) event on July 28 at Lake George. Mr. Crowley reported that his club members have been doing dry-land training and that they are still working on having a race for this winter. He stated that he has been speaking with the High Sierra Striders and the High Sierra Triathlon Club about submitting a group application to Measure R for additional event radios. Mr. Foster reported that other than the SOS updates to be discussed later in the addenda, Friends of the Inyo (FOI) has Carole Lester working as their Lakes Basin Steward, doing interpretive programs, working on a junior ranger guide to be printed soon, and performing some trail maintenance outside of the SOS Trail Days. He announced that the first-annual Fly Fishing Faire will happen in mid-September and that FOI will partner with the Agua Bonita fly-fishers to do a restoration/cleanup day at Hot Creek. Mr. Clark reported that the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, of which the Range of Light Group is a part and which includes Nevada and the Eastside, is meeting in Mammoth Lakes this month. Mr. Armstrong reported that Eastside Velo has had a successful year, with membership hovering around 220. They are collaborating with Eastern Sierra Land Trust for a charity ride with celebrity member Bill Walton on Saturday, July 21, and Mr. Walton will do an informal ride on the High Sierra Fall Century course the following day. Mr. Armstrong also noted that the Fall Century planning group is changing a little and that the route also is changing slightly due to the Mammoth Track project taking over what was 75% of the parking. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) is doing a lot more this year with sponsoring the lunch, and Sierra Cycling Foundation is now spending money on 12 bikes for local competitive athletes to use in the summertime, in partnership with the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. He concluded by

announcing that Monitor Pass has been repaved and that he can be available in the summer and fall to represent Eastside Velo at Mammoth Trails.

3. **Summit: State of Mammoth Trails:** Mr. Wentworth stated that this is the last Mammoth Trails meeting that MLTPA will be able to host under its current contract with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), and that it's unclear whether or not MLTPA will have another contract. The group was then encouraged to discuss the items below in context of how to sustain Mammoth Trails beyond today's meeting. Mammoth Trails is in front of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (MLTS CC) as a project for fiscal year 2012/2013, with a funding recommendation, but no action has yet been taken. Mr. Wentworth encouraged the group to attend the next MLTS CC meeting on July 25 at 3 p.m. in Suite Z of the Town offices.

- a. **Charter:** This item was not discussed in any detail.
- b. **Membership guidelines:** This item was not discussed in any detail.
- c. **Mission and goals:** This item was not discussed in any detail.
- d. **Value to community:** This item was not discussed in any detail.
- e. **Meeting structure, staffing and schedule:** Mr. Foster shared that he feels it's valuable for Mammoth Trails members and guests to come together and discuss things, but that perhaps the group can scale back to bimonthly or quarterly meetings. Mr. Clark pointed out that though this opinion is counter to the agreement among members last month, where the group thought they ought to meet not less than monthly so as not to lose a chance for timely action when needed, he thinks that even quarterly meetings may draw larger attendance; when you meet monthly, people may participate less. Mr. Armstrong shared that the ideas and concepts in the Mammoth Trails Charter are valuable and came from real engagement over about a six-week period in 2008 that identified opportunities; the current state of things in Mammoth Lakes perhaps presents less opportunities, however. He suggested that a quarterly meeting schedule could work and that a Mono County commissioner should attend, as four of them have Mammoth Lakes citizens in their district. He expressed a desire for consistent representation from MMSA, the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), and Mammoth Lakes Tourism (MLT), as Mammoth Trails and outdoor recreation represent significant opportunities for drawing increased tourism. Projects such as the Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) and the Lakes Basin Path should be on their radar and funding should be actively sought for implementation; Mammoth Trails should be participating in this. Mr. Wentworth reported that the INF wants to hold the major ARRA signage/website rollout/MLTS MOU celebration over Labor Day. Mr. Armstrong suggested that the group reconvene in early September and then again in early November for the remainder of this year. Mr. Wentworth suggested that the group might also consider organizing meetings seasonally, and as needed outside of that. The group agreed to meet in early September to focus on fall activities, after Labor Day, and then again in November to focus on winter activities. They agreed to submit agenda items to Ms. Stravers in advance to build out the meeting

themes and to determine if there is enough discussion planned to warrant a meeting.

- f. **Future project engagement vis-à-vis the MLTS:** The group did not discuss this item in any detail.

D. Special Updates

1. **MLTS Website:** Mr. Wentworth reviewed the site with the group, noting that the Event Calendar feature is an especially useful resource to Mammoth Trails members as a marketing vehicle. He noted that MLT will be marketing this site heavily once launched. Mr. Wentworth stated that wilderness discussions with the INF have ensued and that, as a result, all wilderness-area destinations and experiences will be removed from the website.
 - a. **Charter Member testing feedback:** Ms. Stravers agreed to send the website link to the Charter Members for their review.
 - i. **Alana Levin/High Sierra Tri:** Ms. Levin was not present at this meeting.
 - ii. **Laurel Martin/Disabled Sports:** Ms. Martin was not present at this meeting.
 - iii. **Malcolm Clark/Sierra Club:** Mr. Clark noted that he has already provided feedback.
 - b. **Launch schedule and public engagement:** This item was not specifically discussed.
 - c. **Enhancements through Measure R Spring 2012 award:** Mr. Wentworth shared that contracting between MLTPA and the TOML for this award has yet to be completed.
2. **Mammoth Lakes Trail System Coordinating Committee (MLTS CC):** This item was discussed earlier in the meeting; see notes on agenda items above. Mr. Wentworth encouraged the group to share their comments with Ms. Stravers in advance of July 25 if they would like them shared on their club's behalf during the public-comment portion of the meeting.
3. **Inyo Craters/Shady Rest Existing Conditions Report:** Mr. Wentworth shared that MLTPA is at work on this project.
4. **Summer of Stewardship 2012**
 - a. **Schedule/Co-Hosting Opportunities**
 - i. **July 14: Horseshoe Lake/McLeod to Red Cones/Crater Meadow with Mammoth Pet Shop:** Mr. Foster reported that a lot of work was accomplished at this event and that he is receiving positive feedback from the INF.
 - ii. **July 28: Lake George with DSES:** Mr. Foster shared that the work plan for this event has not yet been finalized.
 - iii. **August 11: Coldwater with Kittredge:** This item was not specifically discussed.
 - **Co-hosting still available!**

- iv. **September 15: Coastal Cleanup Day, “Lakes Basin Cleanup,” with Sierra Club:** This item was not specifically discussed.

E. TOML Reporting

- a. **Bankruptcy ramifications:** *The TOML was not in attendance at this meeting; updates were provided by Mr. Wentworth.* The bankruptcy judge has ordered the TOML and Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition back into mediation and will make a determination based on these proceedings. Ms. Stravers shared that MLT has an FAQ document about the settlement that may be requested from Executive Director John Urdi.

F. Announcements and Updates: None.

G. Requests for Future Agenda Items: None

H. Next Meeting: To be determined.

- I. **Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the Charter Members, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:15 p.m.