



**Regular Meeting Agenda
July 21, 2011
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room**

A. Call to Order: Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA) President and CEO John Wentworth called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the Ellie Randol Reading Room of the Mammoth Lakes Library. Also in attendance were Mammoth Trails Charter Members Malcom Clark (Sierra Club), John Armstrong (Eastside Velo), Hank Garretson (Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association); MLTPA Community Engagement Director Kim Stravers and Paid Intern Jill Morrison; Danna Stroud (Strategic Marketing Group) and Robert Atlee (Sierra Maps); and TOML Recreation Manager Stuart Brown.

B. Additions to Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

C. Organizational Items

- 1. Acceptance of June 16, 2011, Meeting Summary (Kim Stravers) (attachment):**
The summary was accepted by the Charter Members as submitted.

D. Special Updates

- 1. "MLTS Second-Quarter Report" presentation as delivered to Town Council on July 20 (20 mins.):** John Wentworth prefaced his presentation by noting that the presentation will be given to the Town Council on August 3, 2011.
- 2. RecStrats (Stuart Brown):** Stuart Brown noted that the comment period is still open for the RecStrats document. Any feedback can be sent directly to Mr. Brown until July 27, 2011. Danna Stroud noted that this is a great opportunity for the public to look at the identified lists developed by attendees of the public meetings and linked by the Strategic Marketing Group (SMG). She stated that if information was overlooked or not linked properly, the current comment period is the time for people to let SMG know. Mr. Wentworth commented that it is difficult to find the link to the RecStrats document from the Town website.
 - a. Linkages & Priorities Workshop, June 23:** No specific mention was made of this workshop.
 - b. SMG Final Report:** Ms. Stroud shared that the final draft of the RecStrats report will be presented August 9, 2011, to the Recreation Commission. After that date the report will be considered locked and the consultants will no longer make any changes to it. Subsequently, the report will go before the Town Council on October 5, 2011. Ms. Stroud explained that her team is currently working on how RecStrats will be integrated into the Town's budget process. She opined that the document could be a helpful tool for the Town in light of the coming economic difficulties. Ms. Stroud emphasized her view that

RecStrats is especially important because it was a community-based process, and that it should help the decision-makers in the future.

c. Recreation Commission Next Steps: The Recreation Commission will have the opportunity to review and accept the RecStrats final report following the August 9, 2011, presentation.

3. TOML Budget Process (Stuart Brown): Mr. Brown noted that the Measure U steering committee is being formed with assistance from SMG in facilitating the committee. He stated that the first committee meeting will be August 19, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Brown shared that the next step for the Town budget is the development of departmental work plans, which the Town Council will have to prioritize. Mr. Wentworth noted that the current budget is an interim budget until a deal is made with Raleigh Enterprises, to whom the airport litigation judgment was awarded. Ms. Stroud announced that in August the Town should have a settlement number to work with and will hopefully be able to find a way to prioritize the remaining money. Ms. Stroud encouraged the Charter Members to voice their opinions and to engage in the Council's process of what programs will continue to be funded. Hank Garretson noted that a good example of the public stepping up to voice their concerns was with the decision to keep the Whitmore Pool in operation. Mr. Brown also noted that the ice rink will be open from December 2, 2011, to February 26, 2012.

4. Summer of Stewardship 2011 (Kim Stravers): Kim Stravers shared that 20 volunteers showed up to the first event, including a few children. She encouraged the Members to volunteer as much or little time as they could spare at one of the future events and mentioned the great prizes, cool hats and tee-shirts, and free breakfast and lunch that would be available.

a. July 16: Horseshoe Lake/McLeod Trail (Mammoth Pet Shop/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.): Ms. Stravers noted that 30 people volunteered at the second event. They spent time moving logs from the outlet of Horseshoe Lake, cleaning up lots of trash, and doing general trail maintenance.

b. July 30: Coldwater Trailheads (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.): Ms. Stravers informed the group that Mammoth Mountaineering Supply will be the co-host for the third event. She noted that due to the continued presence of snow in the Coldwater area, work will be conditions-specific.

c. Aug. 13: Inyo Craters (Mammoth Motorcycle Club/Footloose Sports/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.): No new updates on this event.

d. Aug. 27: Lake George Trailheads (High Sierra Equestrian Club/High Sierra Striders/Kittredge Sports/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.): No new updates on this event.

e. Sept. 11: Convict Lake (TBD/Old New York Deli & Bagel Co./Convict Lake Resort): Ms. Stravers noted that this final event is on the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

5. Mammoth Biathlon Feasibility Study: Mr. Garretson noted that there was a meeting on July 20, 2011, with approximately 10 stakeholders who worked on laying out the priorities for potential biathlon locations. Mr. Garretson stated that Measure R is providing \$35,000 in funding, much of which will go to pay for consulting work that will be done by Morton Trails, a Vermont-based company. The major goal of the project is to determine where to site a biathlon range and trails in the Mammoth area. Mr. Garretson shared that Morton Trails will be here the last week of August. During that time, the biathlon committee will give Morton Trails the three prioritized, agreed-upon locations, and they anticipate that the consultants will be able to come out with one location and an initial design plan for a stadium.

6. Mammoth Trails Website Activities/Persona Development: Mr. Wentworth thanked the Mammoth Trails Members who have helped to develop the user experiences for the website and noted that development of content continues.

7. Tamarack Street Public Access/Terry Plum Development Project: Mr. Wentworth noted that Terry Plum is providing access across his property to Sherwin Meadows. He stated that this is temporary until Mr. Plum files his final project map and receives final approval for his project. Mr. Plum will be providing his own signage and will direct traffic as he wishes.

E. Announcements and Updates: Malcom Clark noted that a Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting in regards to the determination of the release of the Bodie Hills Wilderness Study Area (WSA) will occur on August 2, 2011. Mr. Clark encouraged the Members to sign a petition on the Bodie Hills Partnership Coalition website, to send letters to the commissioners, to make phone calls to their supervisor, and to send letters to the editor. Mr. Clark explained that the McCarthy Bill is also attempting to release WSAs on a national level. A vote will go to a U.S. House subcommittee next Tuesday, July 26, 2011. Ms. Stravers noted that the comment period for the Lakes Basin Special Study (LABSS) has been extended until August 15, 2011. She encouraged the Members to visit the MLTPA website to read the LABSS report and to link to Survey Monkey to give their feedback. Ms. Stroud suggested that campground hosts should be given LABSS materials to hand out to visitors. She also noted that in light of future budget shortfalls in the Forest Service, having a plan in place for the future of the Lakes Basin could be important. Mr. Clark noted that applications to fill the vacant Planning Commissioner seat had been extended until August 12, 2011. He stated that, to date, only two people have applied.

F. Requests for Future Agenda Items: There were no requests for future agenda items.

G. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2011, 4–5:30 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Library Ellie Randol Reading Room: Mr. Wentworth confirmed the next meeting date.

H. Adjourn: With no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:20 p.m.