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PTSC Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Meeting began at 6:08 pm.

Members in attendance: Susan, Sally, Anne, Clare, Carol, Carol D, Sandy, Bruce, Jason, Sarah, Spike, Donna Trigilio, Brooke Weitkenaut, Rachel Parsons

The meeting began with introductions since there were some new members.

Review of November 2015 minutes. Sally made a motion to approve; Spike seconded the motion.

Denny's memorial will be on January 22, 2016, in Chino Valley from 2-4 pm at a Baptist church. The new chair will send out the specific location.

IMBA Trail Crew will be in Prescott Valley February 4-6. Brooke explained the purpose of the trail crew. The workshop is open to all trail users and is a free event. Sign up online at IMBA.com/TrailCrew. Jason reiterated how good the last IMBA Trail Crew visit was and encouraged all trail users to take part.

The City of Prescott Valley will be holding a public meeting on January 12 at 6 pm to discuss trail development in the Glassford Hill area. Go to pv.com for more information.

PMBA will be holding its community night on January 13 at the Boys and Girls Club. All are invited. PMBA board members will be sharing what PMBA has done last year and what is planned for 2016.

Brooke reviewed for new PTSC members what some of the major projects are as mentioned in the November 2015 meeting minutes:

Brochures – PTSC will have their info embedded into the Whiskey Off Road brochures. The info must be to Epic Rides by March 18. Sarah mentioned that PTSC will also get more exposure since the brochure is online.

Trail Safety Ambassador Program – Sally reviewed the purpose and mission of this program and emphasized that it is a goodwill position. Due to illness, Adriane at the PNF Office has not had time to review the submitted proposal. Jason mentioned that not much happened during December and that there will be a volunteer coordinator meeting later in January. He expressed appreciation for our patience in getting this program up and running.

Bells on Bikes – Brooke explained the purpose of the bells on bikes initiative. Sarah mentioned getting hike shops and bike shops involved in this effort. Brooke then added that a PMBA board member (the bike shop liaison) will be going to local bike shops with Jason to ask them to give a bell to new bike purchasers and to promote bell usage among their patrons. The possibility of horsemen to use whistles was brought up. Jason then discussed earbuds and said that is discouraged, but if you must listen to music, then you should only use one. He further mentioned that we should be using word of mouth to spread the message that “bells are cool” and that we should be educating everyone on trail safety and etiquette.

Horse Sensitivity Training – This is an activity that helps with desensitizing horses. If any horse groups want to do this, let PMBA know, and we will provide bikers.

New Officers – Due to the low attendance at the November meeting, it was decided that this should be postponed to the January meeting. We will do this later in this meeting.

Brooke brought up the suggested PTSC membership procedure to have each group select 2 members as the core group of PTSC. Jason said there should be an email list of interested parties and core members for general information. Susan will also share PTSC info on the FS info and events forum.

Jason discussed his vision of developing a coalition that will blossom out of PTSC. This group would have a common vision, would help promote better maintenance, improved safety, and more trails. Jason said we need to look at what everyone wants, what does everyone need, what are our common problems. We haven't had any incidents since 2011 from user conflict. Perhaps it is time for PTSC to morph into a new purpose.

Sarah mentioned that the Greater Prescott Trails Planning meeting would be a good opportunity to solicit more interest in this coalition. It will be made an agenda item for the next PTSC meeting.

There was further discussion about incidents, and Sarah asked Jason to clarify how to report an incident (your name, trail #, date, time, and description of incident) to keep the FS informed.

Ann H discussed dog owners and an incident that happened to her on the trails.

Spike mentioned that the Trail Ambassador program could work on addressing this issue.

Donna suggested for Ann to do a write-up in her dog publication.

Jason proposed that we look into it at a future meeting.

Susan discussed that there are different types of dog owners with different perspectives of the purpose of dogs. Not all info is common sense. We could give info to pet stores and dog groomers to help educate dog owners and make people more aware of concerns. She also mentioned county leash laws and Federal regulations that we need to make people more aware of.

Discussion followed about dog safety and pet owner responsibility.

Sarah suggested that we get a booth for PTSC at various community events, such as Dogtoberfest.

Jason handed out some data about trail use from the Thumb Butte and White Spar trail counters as well as the Williamson Valley camera from the past two months.

Goals were set for 2016:

Addressing dog issues

PTSC booths at outdoor events

Improving the reporting system on the PTSC website, including a QR code to report incidents and trail conditions

Outreach to motorized groups

Discussion about nominating a new chair. This person would run the meetings, get comments for the agenda, and email the agenda before each meeting. The group nominated Sally Hensley as the new chair, and she accepted. Brooke will remain assistant chair.

Brooke suggested a new format for meeting minutes. Her idea is that the responsibility for taking minutes should rotate among the different groups and that the end of each meeting someone will establish who takes minutes at the next meeting. There were no objections to this proposal.

Open Discussion

Sally discussed a 4 ft high fence and 2 very large dogs along a trail near American Ranch (American Rang Trail and Tin Trough Trail). This is a Yavapai County easement. She was told to talk to the county, American Ranch, and the property owners about the aggressive dogs.

Jason discussed having a trail condition monitor.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, at 6:00 pm at the Chino Valley FS office at 735 N Hwy 89. Back Country Horsemen will be responsible for the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.