

## 12/9/20 Minutes

Hi All, good to 'see' all of you yesterday and thank you for your participation, this doesn't work with out you.

Well we moved forward with the Zoom meeting ( thanks Barrett) and I believe that it went well, and although I probably prefer to meet in person, I have to say this is a convenient method, just requires timing for speaking. I have e-mailed Cindy regarding posting of the minutes as I will send her the cleaned up version after your input for corrections etc., as I'm still deciphering my notes, cause I use an encryption format ( scribbling ) .

So attending was Sondra, Bruce, Spike, Michelle, Tony, Susan, Jason, Ann, Barrett, and guest Lynne.

Michelle had been contacted by a concerned individual regarding a rude/potentially dangerous interaction with an driver of a vehicle while biking up Thumb Butte road close to Painted Rock TH., and the thought was maybe to have a discussion regarding what was going on with the person driving ? not much we can do in this case perhaps but there is a common theme here and as with the next issue we discussed, it reflects the lack of common courtesy that seems to be more prevalent these days what with the politics/pandemic atmosphere that is front and center. I guess I had hoped that folks who got outside to recreate would be more polite to each other.

Jason had invited Lynne, local equestrian rider, to join our meeting after she had experienced repeated problems with mtn. bikers on the trails in Granite Basin, and she shared the frustration felt over rude folks who mistakenly believe they have priority over other users. These folks have ear buds in, kind of oblivious to what's going on regarding other users. This area has indeed had several tragic accidents years ago that actually got the PTSC started to help address and mitigate those issues, and it is a reminder that with our ever growing community, user education never stops. So measures talked about were similar to before, wide brushing , inside corner sight lines, one way travel on 347, lower the height of jumps ( grade dips ) re-routes, choke points, signage etc. Perhaps we could do a layered approach in that we do the update on the wide brushing, inside corners etc. re-routes, ( when the OTHG reconvenes), review signage, and then maybe walk the trail with those concerned to get a perspective on the next steps . Michelle is going to reach out to PMBA to see what suggestions they might have, as they have a stake in this also. And perhaps the IMBA might have some experience with this too.

Jason had mentioned that he gets push back sometimes from users who do not like the brushing etc. to be too much. I just recently had this conversation with Ann, as we both have had similar comments from users ( not often ) while working on the trail, so I told her that I politely explain to them how fast the forest will grow back, the hundreds of miles of trails that need work, along with limited volunteer time and forest service personnel, that the spec for

maintenance is appropriate , and if they don't grasp that concept I offer Michaels number so they can come out and help us. And off they go.

On a more positive note Sondra did mention that her ( equestrian) interactions with other trail users lately has been good.

Jason discussed the polling by the USFS regarding e-bike usage on fs land, and it still will be local control on decisions ? more to be discussed on this one. Possible to have a mix of appropriate trails. Discussed better signage (larger) for TH.

Calendar for events, well the Pandemic scratched that, along with high school bike teams, but they are being coached on trail etiquette .

Kiosk signage—Ann has a member of YTA with graphic artist skills to help with Jason to blend in PTSC pamphlet with a poster that is currently at the Painted Rock TH, that is well done to get the message across to most users. Will require another subsection for those motorized TH's.

Talked about collaborative effort between PNF, YTA , and the Yavapai county to do signage for road crossings etc. at the new TH's. Also in the works are the dogs/leash signage with county law verbiage. Good work, cost sharing, making it happen. Coconino county has a large fine mentioned on their signs. On that topic Jason talked about challenges with the trail directional signage in Spence Springs, quite a task to get it right, but the end result is worth it, I see a lot of users reading them.

Spike asked about signage on the verde side trails—work in progress?

This has turned into a blog more than meeting notes, so mark up what I missed or got wrong and I will rework.

How about March 3<sup>rd</sup> for our next meeting, and we'll see how 2021 goes. But with the issues discussed above we need to stay with them so those involved please e-mail the group with the status going forward, and along with that I will stay in contact with Jason and Susan and share accordingly.

All of you stay safe, and enjoy the holidays, Phil