

## 3/3/21 Meeting Notes

Hi All, thanks again to all of you joining in yesterday, and as I mentioned last time, the Zoom format seems to work out just fine and thanks to Barrett for putting the "venue" together. Good discussion on our agenda topics but more importantly we finished the evening with several action items.

Joining in from the PNF were Susan, Jason and Tony, and our members Ann, Bruce, Spike, Michelle, Barrett, and PMBA board president Ximena Florez.

Trail 347 -- response from user groups Facebook accounts has been positive for the most part as folks seem to get what is going on and the rationale for the steps taken. Signage on trail is still standing and looks fine. On that note more work will be required to complete the remaining sections of the trail with the brushing and some tread work. Tony mentioned he may have an opening for some fire crews to do some work. We do want to finish this trail prior to taking on 348 that has the same issues but does have slower speeds in regard to Mtn. bikes.

I sent an e-mail to Michael at the PNF regarding him sending out a heads up on where we were at with the project to his list of "individual volunteers" to keep going forward on this. When those folks do get out just be mindful of our required distancing rules if more than a few happen to show up on the same time, plenty of room to spread out though. Jason also mentioned that it would be nice for those workers to take a before and after pic of the trail section there doing.

Ann talked about the illegal shortcut on the north side of 347, she and Bill took the effort to mitigate that then and there, so we will watch and see if that will require further signage / enforcement.

This naturally led to discussion of the PNF regs on future group trail work and Tony gave a recap on where we are at, but basically we are not out in the woods yet on this and CDC guidelines are forthcoming to give them guidance. We have all been patient getting to this point, and a lot of positive things going on but still need to see this through till the numbers improve. Discussed possible options for folks to get vaccinated, but the system can be confusing on what is going on day to day. Probably is an individual call to get it done.

Still on 347, Ximena gave a talk on PMBA's efforts going through all this, being in contact with mapping/user sites like Trailforks, Mtn. bike project, to make those changes on their platforms to reflect the current situation for the trail. PMBA also added a Trail Etiquette site to their website and it is done well. She also mentioned a trail system down in the Mesa area that has a similar issue with user conflict and they were doing a Bell giveaway (?) to folks to help educate them. This spawned a good discussion amongst us to do something similar and Bruce brought up that some years ago bike shops here were doing that also. There are pros/cons to the bell but it is such a simple concept that is successful with hikers/equestrians etc.

Ximena offered to take lead on this and search out a funding mechanism to help this go.

Michelle had offered to visit some bike shops she knows to see how maybe they would want to get involved.

So having thought about that perhaps this could be an opportunity for PMBA and PTSC to team up on their visits to businesses to better explain the desired outcome of trail safety utilizing the "bell" approach, and maybe get a better feel for their involvement , that could range from there name on the bell to donations, discounts to purchase, or as mentioned a GoFund Me account. There are more than a few shops I'm thinking that have an interest in trail safety, be it hiking/ biking /equestrian etc., and at least one new bike dealer in town that could be introduced to the Prescott community of volunteers.

Signage for muddy trails-- discussed and the take away is to include that message with the revamped info for the kiosks. But could also include the small decals for those trails where there is not a TH with kiosk.

Which leads us to Kiosk signage--- this has been a tough one to get moving on, a lot of parts to this, so to that end a sub-committee of Susan, Michelle and myself will structure a game plan of putting together a collage of the messaging we want, and coordinate with the graphic artist that Ann has a connection with and put together a few examples to display to the group and go from there. I will be in touch with those members ,and that will include reaching out to others for pics/ examples . Jason noted a couple examples he likes and we will be starting with those.

Still on Kiosks-- a couple months ago now during a discussion with Barrett he brought up the idea of doing an Adopt-A-Kiosk program to tie in with the new messaging , but also include a way to assist the PNF with the ongoing maintenance of said Kiosks -- seemed like a natural fit for those user groups who would be concerned with those particular TH kiosks that they often use--So the good news is the PNF likes that idea, so to that end I will send out a separate e-mail going into further detail for that .

Again , though it is a zoom meeting the energy of all of you comes through and makes things come together. And as always correct me when I've missed something in the notes.