

Notes from Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol Board Meeting: 11/19/07

In attendance:            Doug Cutler                    Barb Allan  
                                 Greg Mazu                     Ron Chambers  
                                 Chris Whitman                Tami Perrin  
                                 Kory Swanson                Laurie Baeten

Discussion items not related to the budget:

- 1) Lory State Park has requested that DPMBP supply patch kits for users of the bike park which has a lot of goat heads. Barb will check on the qty of patch kits we have left and we'll go from there. Patch kits cost roughly \$.80.
- 2) Larimer County is looking at converting Horsetooth Mtn Park to Horsetooth Mtn. Open Space allowing them to fund the park using Open Space funds. Parks, in general, are maintained in terms of recreation. Open Space properties are maintained in terms of preserving the resource of the open space with recreation as a secondary purpose. After reading minutes from Lar. Cty's Advisory Board last mtg, the only apparent reason for making the change seems to be financial. Questions arose in terms of what might happen if the change does take place. Will existing trail access be affected? Board needs to keep an eye on this issue.
- 3) The City of Fort Collins (Parks & Rec Dept.) has brought up the issue of maintenance at the bike park after a pulley broke on the double teeter-totter. The pulley has been fixed but the incident raised several issues. Who will maintain the bike park? Is IMBA responsible for the first year? Who will inspect the park? Who will do the maintenance when something needs to be maintained? IMBA recommended that they pay a small sum (\$500.00) for wood and parts and that DPMBP take on the inspections and maintenance. How is this the Patrol's responsibility when the city owns the park? Board would prefer that City do monthly inspections. If maintenance is required, DP can possibly fund the maintenance and/or complete the maintenance. Liability is a definite issue. Can we donate \$\$ for maintenance and have city perform?
- 4) Greg brought books and DVDs on trailbuilding from USFS.

Discussion items related to the budget:

- 1) Chris brought figures re: writing a Fort Collins Area Trail Book. Figures were from bike shop in Fruita. 1<sup>st</sup> run of 5000 copies cost \$6-7 per piece for a total of \$30-35k. (note: The cost of 1<sup>st</sup> run was paid entirely by ads.) 2<sup>nd</sup> run: 7k copies - \$7 per piece but color, etc. was added to the second edition. (Note: Half the cost was paid for by ads. Prices were inline with Kory's experience with publishing.) Chris relayed feedback in terms of the Fruita book in terms of what people liked. People like how easy it is to use, the history of trails, photos of trails, people riding. Discussion centered around our goal with the creation of the book. What is the goal of the book? Do we want a full book? Do we want a 'mini-guide'? Recently, the Chamber of Commerce asked if we had any type of guide re: trails. Ultimately, board decided to create a pamphlet on local trails as a first step. Creating something more extensive can be discussed in the future. Chris also noted that the Colorado Welcome Center out at 1-25 and Prospect is

promoting cycling already and that it would be good to get pamphlets to them also. Need to get costs for printing a pamphlet. Costs from run of 500 as per Cameron Way: \$365.00 (Cost: undetermined)

- 2) Greg brought in brochures for trailers for transporting tools on trail days and other special events. We'd like a trailer we can stand up in and something with a decent payload. Prices ranged from \$3600 to \$5500 depending on the size and how many axles. There will be an additional cost to have logo painted on the side. (Cost: \$6000)
- 3) Bringing Rich from IMBA for a 'Trail Solutions' training. (Cost \$3000.) (Note: Bd. did not discuss additional costs for hosting a training – i.e. food, venue, etc.)
- 4) Radios : Bike patrol owns 6 which Ron has. Do we want to purchase 4 more for special events? Radios would not necessarily be for patrols. Do we want to spend \$\$ on extra mics for what we have? Buy 4 extra radios? (IMBA offer: \$160 for 16 channel radio) (Accessories listed on IMBA's website: 1) HM 131L, Remote Speaker/mic which allows the radio to reside inside your CamelBak, even during use: \$32.90 2) BP 209, Replacement / Spare Battery: \$45.90 3) BC146, Replacement Charger: \$36.90 4) MB74, heavy duty metal belt clip to replace the plastic one that ships with the unit. This is required if you are clipping this radio to a belt or strap instead of securing unit in your CamelBak or other pack. Cost is \$8.90.) (Cost for 4 radios and 10 mics: \$970)
- 5) Tami wanted to know if moose are really hard on signs? (chuckle, chuckle)(Cost: nothin' but a smile!)
- 6) Purchase copies of IMBA trail books (Cost for 3 sets of books: \$186)
- 7) Board is looking at creating a Volunteer/Membership Coordinator position. Position would have to be clearly defined. COPMOBA's similar description may be used as a template. (Cost: \$13500 at the highest. )
- 8) Take a kid mtn. biking day. (Cost: \$2000)
- 9) Budget for community rides for advertising, incentives for patrol members to come, food, etc. (Cost: \$ 500 for marketing materials. \$ ?? for food)
- 10) Bike Co-Op: Can we volunteer off-season as patrol to help out the co-op? Can we help fund tools/stands/etc? We are committed to spending \$500 per year for the next 2 years..
- 11) Julie's food was a hit. Thanks.
- 12) Hold an Off-season party before our first mtg. to get people jazzed up about the season (Cost: ??)
- 13) Create a grant for some sort of bicycle community service. Idea from Tami re: the guy who needs a trailer. (Cost: tbd)
- 14) Purchase a BOB trailer for patrol and community use. (Cost: IBEX BOB w/suspension: \$400)
- 15) Water Bottles need to be ordered again. (Cost: Qty: 200 for \$720)
- 16) T-Shirts – (REI type trail day t-shirts) (Brian w/ Tweaked would like to work with us) (We have about 50 t-shirts left (no smalls, no xls) (qty 200?)(cotton t-shirts were under \$10) (Cost: tbd)
- 17) Patch kits. (Cost: ??)
- 18) Tubes (Cost: ??)
- 19) First Aid kits - \$10-15 per. (qty 30) (Cost: \$450)
- 20) Website fees, technology etc . (Cost: tbd)

- 21) What will we do with Trail \$\$\$ (5k from REI) (Cost: \$5000)
- 22) Endowment plan for USFS for the future (Cost: ???)
- 23) Beginner loop at Pineridge – 20 signs @ 50-60 per sign. (Cost for 20 metal engraved signs - \$1200. Would probably want to budget a bit more for other necessities) (Cost: \$1500)
- 24) Legal fees: Barb is working to contact a lawyer – (Cost: tbd)
- 25) We'd like to create a bike packet for new bikers – imba memberships, water bottles from us, schwag, handlebar tags, etc. (Cost: tbd)
- 26) Education: CPR/First Aid, MTB Summit, etc. (Cost: tbd)
- 27) Food for monthly mtgs. (Cost: \$4000)
- 28) Bike Clinic – Bike maintenance/ Skills clinic. Is this something that might be beneficial? (Barb will provide.)

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Total funds earmarked for expenditure so far: \$38,726. (This figure only covers the items on the list that I had a number for. There are still a lot of items in the "tbd" column that need to be figured in.)

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Next meeting @ Kory's House: 2100 Bronson Court. (Take Horsetooth to Taft Hill. Turn Rt. At Bronson St (Silver Oaks subdivision) turn left. (It's the first left after HTooth.) Turn RT on Silver Oaks (also the first RT). Turn RT into the first cul de sac (Bronson CT.) We're the blue house straight back.) If you're coming north on Taft, Turn RT at the last street before HTOOTH – Bronson St. Follow directions above.)