

Overland Mountain Bike Club - Trails Committee

Minutes from February 11, 2014 Meeting

In attendance: Todd Thibodeau, Doug Baker, Mick Syzek, Monty Seitz, Jerry Rank, Kathy Rank, Gordon Smith, Doug McCartney, Mary McCartney, Tim Gaines, Pete Skram, Corey Rhodes, Jeff Morton, Jen Klink

Board Member Guests: Katherine Edelblut and Kenny Bearden

1. Introductions/Approve Meeting Minutes

Mary made the motion to approve the January minutes, Monty seconded, and all approved the January meeting minutes.

2. Update on OMBC Board

Katherine provided an update indicating that the board is determining the schedule for events for this year, and they have reviewed the budget and it has been approved. The cost for purchasing a new grill was moved out of the Trails Committee budget to the General Budget and the \$10,000.00 budgeted item for a Signature project has been moved to a Reserve Account - the Board will need to see more detail of this project in order to allow the money to be spent. The Tools budget was changed too. Todd will receive the approved budget from the Board that he will share with the Trails Committee.

Pete indicated that OMBC meetings will be on Thursdays with a Board meeting prior, and all are welcome to attend these meetings.

Kenny provided an update from the Patrol Committee. They are looking at everything now for scheduling and training will be on March 13th. They are updating the list on where everyone is with their certification. He is meeting with the City of Fort Collins and he will discuss the user conflicts at Maxwell at this meeting. They would like an outreach day with our Land Agencies on our trail days this year.

It was discussed that the OMBC Board would like to receive "draft" Trails Committee minutes within one week from the date of the Trails meeting. Kathy will prepare the "draft" minutes and provide them to Todd for his review and edits and then Todd will provide them to the OMBC Board. Once the minutes are approved at the Trails Committee meetings, Pete will post them to the OMBC web site.

3. Update on Communications Committee (Jerry Rank)

Jerry reviewed the OMBC survey results with the group. It appears that there is a lot of interest in the Trails Committee and members want to hear from the Trails Committee. Trail days are important to members and they would like more

advance notification of the scheduled trails days, as they would like to volunteer to help.

There was discussion about having a person who is on the Trails Committee become a liaison with the Communications Committee. Mary made the motion to create a position, Mick seconded, and all approved. Jerry was nominated and all approved his nomination. Jerry has been attending the Communication Committee meetings since last year, but now he will be the Trails Committee liaison to the Communications Committee.

4. Review Trail Committee Survey

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

5. Finalize Trail Committee 2014 Goal Statement

Todd provided everyone with a copy of our Goal Statement. Discussion followed. One correction was requested - the spelling of Pete's last name. Monty made a motion to approve the 2014 Goal Statement with the correction noted, and Mary seconded; all approved.

6. Debrief - City of Fort Collins public meeting

Monty reviewed what occurred at the January public meeting - a lot of people attended the meeting and there was

a lot of input. The Natural Area Master Plan was presented. Mark Sears was impressed with last year's OMBC Land Manager meeting/party. Ryan and Karen indicated they had projects for us to consider. They want general ideas from us not specific ideas. There is a new mission statement regarding the use of land vs. conservation. They have a consultant helping them regarding their planning. Monty will check on the deadline for the comment section that is on their website regarding their Master Plan. We need to have OMBC members aware of this opportunity to add comments. Monty needs to have bulleted statements to Katherine and Jerry by end of the week for the comment section, so they can pass this on to the OMBC members ASAP. Regarding soft trails from Shields to Mulberry - there is no maintenance scheduled due to flood concerns for this area.

7 . Determine Volunteer Trail Days for 2014

Everyone needs to email dates for trail days to Todd within the next 2 weeks, so we can have them before the March OMBC kick-off meeting. For the City and County, they are thinking of April or May dates. The State is thinking of 6-21 or 6-14. National is thinking of doing something at Hewlett - one-half a mile up on the trail needs some work, and they are thinking of July or August hopefully. Poudre Wilderness has built some structures in this area and we need to have a conversation with them to inform/request that they not do this in this area. For WY, Curt Gowdy day is 5-30 and 5-31 with

trail training; 9-13 will be a trail day too, Stone Temple 8 is on 9-27 and Glendo is the weekend of 6-14 &15.

OMBC Take a Kid Mountain Biking at Lory will be on 6- or 6-14, and Forty in the Fort will be on 6-28.

8. Discuss Trail Volunteer Training (Tim/Todd)

Todd, Tim and Mick have volunteered to conduct training this year. A handout was provided that outlined the proposed training and schedule, as they are still working on dates and locations. Certificates of Completion will be provided - not Certificates of Training. Discussion regarding the costs for the training and a proposal was that OMBC members would be free and nonmembers would be \$20.00 and they would then become members of OMBC.

Since the OMBC survey indicated that a lot of individuals are interested in learning more about trail work, it was discussed that Todd, Mick, and Tim provide a presentation at one of the monthly OMBC monthly meetings - hopefully early in the season. It was mentioned that OMBC Board should consider this when they are looking at the monthly meeting agendas.

There was a suggestion that the Soft Skills training dates be changed so that they could be combined with the trail day at Lory State Park.

9. Prepare County System Wide Master Plan Committee

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

10. Other Topics

OMBC Trailer: Since there is too much being stored in the trailer and it is being weighted down by a lot of items that do not need to be in the trailer. Mick and Tim will be cleaning it out on Sunday, February 16th at 1:00 p.m. Jen and Jeff will also help with this project.

Jeff is still looking for a BBQ grill. Todd will send him information on what they have for the WY grill. Jeff will look into converting the current OMBC grill from a briquette type to gas.

Positions within the Trails Committee: Jeff was nominated and all approved his nomination to fill the position of photographer - this would be someone that would organize a volunteer or club member for each of our trail days to take some pictures of the event, or Jeff could take pictures himself.

We will need another member to become the liaison for the City, as Gordon has stepped down effective immediately. Since Monty shares this responsibility, he will do some research to determine any possibilities and let us know at the next Trails Committee meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 17th at 6:30

Here are the meeting date for the rest of 2014: 4-21; 5-19; 6-16; 7-21; 8-18; 9-15; 10-20; and 11-17.

Year End Meeting/Party with Land Managers: Friday, December 5th.

End of Meeting.