

Friends of Indian Creek
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2009
7:00 Board Meeting

In Attendance: Josh Gross, Sam Lightner, Ralph Ferrara, Steve Quinlan,
Trish Hedin, John Scofield

Skype: Noah Bigwood, Brad Bardledge, Joel Hickock

Note: The name is highlighted if you have tasks to complete, please look for your color throughout the document.

*Welcome/Introductions

- President – Trish
- Secretary – Sam
- Treasurer – Ralph
- Event Coordinator – Josh & John

Steve and Trish will be the BLM/Nature Conservancy Liaison

*Current Issues

- Scarface Parking – Brian Quigley told Steve that they we're going to clean up an oil slick and thus the parking lot is closed. The sign says "No Camping". It looks temporary. It seems like the Friends of Indian Creek is out of the loop regarding the Nature Conservancy and BLM. How do we facilitate having them come to us first? It may be unrealistic to believe that they may come to us before they do something, but we should be working towards this type of interactions.
- Nesting Birds – Sam feels that Steve and Trish should meet with the BLM soon and offer an olive branch. This closure is large and we need to know that this stuff is coming. We want to be contacted as early as possible by them. Are they abiding by the BLM regs? One mile radius from the nest, yet they are abiding by this from what we can tell. If we let them get away from it too much, will they make it a trend? If we appear too rabid, it may reflect poorly on the organization. The Access Fund doesn't know what to do about it these types of closures either. We are an organization representing climbers, we need to be PC, but we are representing climbers and the interests of climbers. It's a tough issue. (1) First, Steve and Trish will

meet with the BLM. (2) If need be, Access Fund will send letter to state our position with the BLM. Find out their intentions for next winter/spring? If we go with the approach, we will have better adherence if we make it a bit smaller. We can assist them with publication of closures. We can reach people with flyers on cars on the weekends for bird closures. Magazines are also monthly publications and we can write to editors.

*Toilets

- It was proposed that we limit the use of wag bags in the corridor, many board members agreed with this idea. However; it was brought up that we should continue to provide “crag bags” for cragging and we would take the bags out of the campsites.
- We need to promote on the website and literature that people take wag bags to the crag!!! Joel will need to contact Emma to get information on the website.
- Wag Bags need to be the rule, not the exception!
- Keep stocking SuperCrack; make them “crag bags”!
- Crag Bags (Post a sign). Trish will do this.
- BLM Letter was read regarding toilet proposal.
- We are officially a 501C3. We can give donors a receipt for their donations.
- What we need to is get money from the Access Fund if possible for the project that will include Bridger Jack and Superbowl.
- We can buy and install an open air outhouse for \$7,000 and two pumpings a year for \$1,000 per year. BLM will maintain them.
- We would give money towards it for the type of toilet that we designate.
- Steve and Trish will bring this idea up with the BLM also. Open air toilet!
- BridgerJack and Superbowl. These would only be used by climbers!
- We need to make sure that Prairie Dawg will do this. Ralph will call Prairie Dawg to make sure that they will pump Bridger Jack annually.
- We may need to write up an agreement that we will maintain the toilets as long as we police ourselves.
- Access Fund Grant – Trish will send it to Noah and Noah will work on grant and then Sam will then take it to the Access. Katie will help with editing if needed.

* T-Shirts

- Ralph will give Josh Clay's numbers.
- Trish will get Tami's picture to Josh.
- Brad will dig up more details about donating more t-shirts. Brad possibly knows a cost effective, high quality shirt that will work. He may be able to buy them with BD's bulk discount? Brad will also put together a proposal for BD about donating t-shirts and will get back to the group on what he can provide. Brad also recommended an artist (Mike Tea) that may be able to assist us with a design if needed.
- Brad mentioned that selling shirts at local shops in Moab and surrounding areas are great, but nationwide retailers are a much better bang for the buck. Brad has contacts at BD.com, Mountain Gear....might be a good way to do some FOIC fundraising.
- John S. will draw a design for the t-shirts. We need to change the "preserving it's future". John will send it around.
- Josh will talk to Brad B. about shirts.
- Distribution...SLC, Durango, Boulder. Joel will talk with Patagonia about distribution.
- We need t-shirts by the fall.

*Opinions on 14 day limit...discouraging scatters.

- We really need to encourage people moving around, people shouldn't be homesteading. It is a problem.
- We need to get it out there....Supertopo, Mountainproject. Sam will put this item on Mountain Project, Trish on Supertopo; Joel will put something on the website.
- BLM has a rule and they the BLM needs to enforce it. It is our responsibility to distribute info regarding the regulations.
- Brad mentioned that IC seems like it is becoming the new Yosemite, where climbers go to live for free for weeks or months. Everybody likes to camp for free, but setting up shop Alf style for months isn't helping access. Is it worth writing something on the website about moving camps? Joel will do this.
- Trish will also send Joel Tami Knight's kiosk design to add to the website...it is a quick version of the items that we're asking climbers to adhere to

*Website

- Put tribute to Emma and Kitty on the website (Joel will do this).

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting late August (Sam will set this up)

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Update on Toilets
- Contact List
- Term Limits