



Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

May 20, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Attendees:

Terrie Booten	Dave & Andrea Reynolds	Monica Fay
Eric Forester	Dave Taylor	Vicki Eiland
Christina Hansen	Glenda Dortch	Heidi Russell
Steve Alexander		

Calendar Updates:

- Get Out and Ride and Hike Day – June 5 (includes BBQ sponsored by LDPOA at El Prado Park) Participation is requested to celebrate our 1 yr. anniversary as Trailblazers!
- Next LDPOA meeting – June 12th, 10am @ The Hacienda
- Next Meeting - June 17th, 7PM in the DPHS Multi-Purpose Room

Agenda:

The agenda for the evening covered the items listed below:

Old Business:

1. Update with LDPOA – Terrie
 - map project is stalled at this time waiting for feedback from us on trails. Dave Reynolds to work with Sabredesign & Ron Hunt.
 - ATV permit approved to use them on trail maintenance. We will provide off road registration to office so they can keep track of veh(s) used & assign a permit.
 - Budget – approved of \$5000 for next year.
2. Treasurer's report – Monica Fay
No update – no donations or activity this last month.
3. Budget / Grant Update – Terrie Booten
 - a. AQHA/STEP grant – Vicki is working on finishing the narrative that Brenda started and Terrie is obtaining costs to finalize a budget to submit with the grant. **Target date for completion is July 1, 2010.**
 - b. Still need –
 - i. Written bids for road base needed. Terrie working on them.
 - ii. List of volunteers that will be willing to assist should we get this grant
 - iii. Letter from LDPOA to allow improvements for targeted parks.

iv. Kiosks – all bids need to be submitted by May 30th so we can get them built and submit invoices before June 15th. Mariposa Mt. Riders may contribute a monetary amount to help with a kiosk at Gregoris Park. Eric will head the design team for the kiosks. Anyone interested in working with him to make sure that info is posted on the kiosk, please see Eric.

4. Horse, Wine & Art Event – Monica Fay
 - a. May 29th – benefit for local dressage chapter @ Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis
5. Update on Flyer for group – Dave Reynolds
 - a. Deadline for input is May 26th 5pm.
 - b. Christina has pictures of lake and riders if we want to use on flyer or other materials.
 - c. Flyers will be ready for distribution by June 5th.
6. June 5th - Ride & Hike Day/BBQ
 - a. Final work party for trails leading out of El Prado Horse Camp– May 22nd
 - b. Invite horse groups and hiking groups to help celebrate 1yr. anniversary of Trailblazers.
 - c. Need volunteers to help set up at 10am @ the park. Glenda & Heidi will sit the info Trailblazer table. John Nathaniel has volunteered to help cook. Need volunteers to help clean up. Let Terrie know if you can assist in any way.
 - d. Anyone who might be riding out from a particular location, if you would be willing to guide folks who join up on the trail, please let Eric know so he can post it on the web site.
 - e. Hot dogs will be cooking from 12pm-3pm only.
 - f. 4H group to help serve food & will have a table also to sell pet treats.

New Business:

1. Foothill Saddle & Trail Club – Terrie
 - a. assume the name and 501(c)3 status? It would make us a true non-profit and eligible for many grants.
 - b. Insurance – would we need to get our own insurance or would we still be able to be under LDPOA insurance. – Terrie to check with Board on this.
 - c. Those that attended said that it would be a good idea to assume FS & T club. By also doing this, there is approx. \$1800 immediately available to use.
2. BLM in T-3 - Terrie
 - a. talked with a Ranger in charge of developing BLM. They are interested in partnering with us and Don Pedro Recreational Agency.
 - b. more info on availability to ride out to the lake coming next month
3. Volunteer hours for April – 123 hours.

4. **Boundary Pins** – we ask ourselves what do we do and how do we get down or up from the cut backs or fill banks? I have searched and found the answer! The answer is pretty simple...where the property pins are located on both sides of the roadway, are the boundaries, in between the pins, for public right of way as a general rule. So if you are riding along the trail and it comes to a roadway with a significant drop or rise, & if the property pin is located atop the cutback and you can ride between it and the edge of the cutback, then you are legally in the right of way. The same goes if you ride upon a fill bank and find a significant climb straight up to get to the road, again, if the pin is located and it gives you enough room to pass safely, then you are ok. If you find that the pin is located within the steep grade, then technically, we can not ride along the top of the cutback or the bottom of the fill bank to safely reach the roadway. **IF** that situation occurs, try to make contact with the landowner and ask permission. This is the proper way to resolve it. If you do make contact and they are willing to allow folks to pass though, please let me know so we can make some final agreements.
5. Meetings scheduled this week:
 - a. Bev Shane Tuolumne Co. Community Development – discuss what is allowed in parks for development and how to develop partnership.
 - b. Meet with Tuolumne Surveyors Director to discuss right of way for Peds., Equestrian and Bicyclists – location of property pins are essential in determining where the right of way is & where we can ride when we meet up with a big drop or a climb on the trail.
 - i. Discovered that the trail at the end of the Zarzamora Valley Trail does not connect to the popular Potrero trail near Hwy 132. Will be talking to the owners and county on how to get a dedicated easement to connect the two. The trail does not go up to Potrero Ct. it is the next one north of that trail.
 - ii. Confirm with the county that on lot 940 in T-3, the easement there is in fact abandoned as of 1988 action by the BofS/Tuolumne Co.(910 O.R. 237) Pls note that on your trail maps.
 - c. Easement Facts: Boundary btwn M-3, lot 716-720 & M-2 lot 1468-1472 is actually 60' easement due to where the map split and when they dedicated easements, M-2 did a 30' and M-3 did a 30'. FYI
 - d. Meet with Don Pedro Recreation Agency about tying in our trails to their trails around the lake. Long term project with some trails in place now. More to come at the next meeting.

Announcements:

1. Kiosk bids due by May 30th
2. Hike & Ride June 5th
3. Next meeting June 17th
4. Grant completion due by July 1st

HAPPY TRAILS!

