



Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

June 17, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Attendees:

Terrie Booten
Eric Forester
Jane Cloud
Ron Hunt

Dave Reynolds
Dave Taylor
Joyce Hunt

Monica Fay
Jeanne Jenkins
Steve Alexander

Agenda:

The agenda for the evening covered the items listed below:

Guest Speaker: Dave Jigour / Don Pedro Recreation Agency / div. manager for lake operations of all undeveloped land & water

- talked about working to develop trails that go around lake shore. Currently from Blue Oak campground, there is a 3.5 mile trail that goes north around toward Buzzrad Point. It is their hopes that they can continue to make a hiking/biking/equestrian trail along most of the DP shore. At this time, only hikers and bikes are allowed on the trail. In the fall after school starts, we may have an opportunity to ride the trail once the campground closes for the season. So stay tuned for more info.

- we discussed a possibility to connect our trail system with DP Rec. Agency. Potential in T-3 off Arboloda across BLM and DP Rec. may put a bathroom on shore. Some possibilities down the road.

- we asked about horse patrol out along the trail and he would consider it & supply us with radius so we could be eyes along the boarder of the lake. Something for us to think about.

- liability is a concern for management to allow equestrian to ride in the trail. That is a topic that will be revisited by Dave and us.

- Ron mentioned that a lot wire was down along the shore on DP. Dave said if you locate downed fences/wire, please call him & they will haul it out.

- Dave said that several LDPOA parks cut through to lake property – look at these for possibilities to connect to.

- BLM land is within their jurisdiction and they manage it.

- Joyce brought how when they ride along the lake, they pick up trash. Dave said to bag it and call him with the location that where the trash is stacked up and he will have it picked up.

- Possible proposals – contact Calif. Conservation Corps for grant opportunities or trade labor for on shore camping.

Old Business:

1. Update with LDPOA – Terrie
 - Ron Hunt and I met with Public Works Director Peter Rei regarding future signage in T-2.
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 Eiland did an outstanding job of pulling the AQHA/Tractor Supply Grant together and it has been sent off to the appropriate agency. We are waiting to see if we get selected for funding. If so we will all need to participate in using the funding for the project as we have outlined it.
4. Update on Flyer – ready for distribution to all the surrounding realtor offices – volunteers needed.
5. Ride & Hike Day/BBQ - went very well. Good coverage of the event in the newspapers. Good thing as an annual community event. 16 riders and 12 hikers.
6. Website – please use it. Any activities that you of or participating, please let Eric know so that he can get it on the calendar. Please check the website for events, meetings, etc., blogs, download maps to take with you.

7. **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.

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.
- d. IF the group is still not interested then maybe we can ask FSC, if they would pay for 2 kiosks and we can have their name mounted on the kiosks – “Donated by Foothill Saddle & Trail Club”

Announcements:

1. Next meeting August 19th @ DPHS Multi purpose Rm or Horse Camp if Gym is locked.

HAPPY TRAILS!