



Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers

January 28, 2010
Meeting Minutes

The first meeting of 2010 of the Lake Don Pedro Trailblazers was held at the home of Terrie Booten and Monica Fay. The members listed below were in attendance:

Terrie Booten	Diane Chalklin
Monica Fay	Eric Forester
Brenda Nathaniel	Joyce Hunt
Cindy Conti	Jane Cloud
Vicki Eiland	

LDPOA representation: Ron Hunt, Director LDPOA & Trails and Parks Committee

Agenda:

The agenda for the evening covered the items listed below:

1. Welcome back – first meeting since October 2009
2. More business cards available
3. Demonstration of new website
4. Review of trail marking protocol
5. Update of efforts with counties
6. Preview of LDPOA focus on parks and trails – Ron Hunt
7. Are we ready to establish a formal organization or continue as we are
8. Next meeting and other meeting venues

1. Welcome back:

This is the first meeting since last October. Though we didn't meet, a lot of work continued and was communicated through emails.

There has been a good response to the articles (many thanks to Vicki Eiland). A number of the phone calls to the Trailblazer number have been in response to them. Many are homeowners asking about the trail easements on their property and how they should work with them.

2. More business cards available:

Terrie was able to buy 200 more Trailblazer cards for a great price of \$7. They are available to everyone in this group and are great for giving out to people who want to know more about the trails or how to make contact with the group.

3. Demonstration of new website:

Eric Forrester found a software application that allowed him to develop a free website. He and Terrie have developed structure and content that they were able to share with the group at the meeting. The website was very well received and overall the impression was very good. The group in attendance provided some good feedback also. Feedback included:

- Possibly add a For Sale page where people could post items for sale that are related to horses, trails, etc.
- Link to the LDPOA website? Ron Hunt agreed but before that could happen they need to update their website.
- Could we post the current articles and archive past articles so people could access them? Vicki said she has all the past articles so we will go forward with that.
- The calendar of events was very well received and all felt that the broad nature of the horse related events was very appropriate (as there are many horse disciplines represented in DP)
- Could there be a page that contained links to other relevant websites – Eric will look into this.

Eric has been designated the webmaster and will continue working to make the site ready for general publication and use. All items that anyone wants posted on the website should forward their request to Eric - **eric@horsepowercoffee.biz**

4. Review of trail marking protocol

In the interest of spreading the trail marking efforts beyond a few people, Terrie has drafted a protocol that would allow others to do the marking and ensure consistency and accuracy. Terrie asked the group to review the protocol and let her know if they had any changes. She will be presenting this protocol to both counties and the Owners Association to adopt as policy.

She has also developed a binder of maps that can be easily used in the field to ensure the accuracy of the markings.

5. Update of efforts with counties

Terrie has tentative confirmation from both counties to mark roadways at trail heads where they transition across the roadway. She is also working on securing encroachment permits from both counties.

6. Preview of LDPOA focus on parks and trails – Ron Hunt

Ron Hunt shared a map of the subdivision that highlighted a number of parks that are owned by the Owners Association. He talked about which parks he would like to address for use by riders and hikers. He would like to focus on the parks that provided good riding and hiking. In order to determine that, he would like people to ride them and then recommend the best. He would like to mark the entrances of parks with kiosks containing “You Are Here” maps and rules for the area. He also wants to line the boundaries of the open spaces with paddles similar to the trail markers with green park emblems.

Ron will continue to come to the meetings as the representative of the Owners Association and will provide a link to that organization.

Important & Immediate Action: Ron asked the group to identify key projects to request funding for the next budget year. He asked to use a ceiling of \$5 – \$6K total. This would be due to him before the March 13th meeting. Please forward projects ideas with costs to Terrie before March 1st so that she can put together the budget to present to the Owners Assoc.

Initial recommendations:

- Kiosks with maps – full trail and local area
- Maps for distribution
- Park on Violeta – investigate the park and make recommendations for parking

7. Are we ready to establish a formal organization or continue as we are

The group discussed whether to create a formal organization with standard rules such as president or continue with the loosely formed group. It was agreed to continue with the informal group, with people taking ownership of the different areas and continue to spread the work efforts.

8. Next meeting and other meeting venues

The next meeting on February 18th had been advertised through the articles as open to the public @ Hotel Jeffery. Due to the temporary closure of Hotel Jeffery, discussion was focused on a venue that would support that type of meeting. Two options were the DP High School multi-purpose room or the Hacienda. The Multi-purpose room has been secured for the February meeting. ***Please pass the word around of the new location.***