



Mammoth Trails Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Committee Member John Connolly, Committee Member Dan Holler, Committee Member Elise Howell, Chair Caroline Britton

Members Absent: Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Finlay Torrance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caroline Britton called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes. Members of the Committee attended via videoconference.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments given at this time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Committee Member John Connolly
Seconded by Committee Member Dan Holler

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (4): Committee Member John Connolly, Committee Member Dan Holler, Committee Member Elise Howell, and Chair Caroline Britton

Absent (2): Committee Member Bill Sauser, and Committee Member Finlay Torrance

Carried (4 to 0)

3.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021.

3.2 Adopt Fiscal Year 2021/22 Meeting Schedule

4. TRAILS MANAGER REPORT

Trails Manager Joel Rathje outlined the information in the Trails Manager Report.

There was discussion between Mr. Rathje and members of the Committee.

Public Comment: Julie D'Orio spoke about her past experiences while riding her horse on our local trails and voiced concerns about multi-use trail safety and the need for more education for trail users.

5. EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION COORDINATOR REPORT

There was no report given.

6. POLICY MATTERS

6.1 Discuss options and provide direction for outreach to fill vacant seat

Program Director Kim Anaclerio discussed the past procedure for recruiting for open Committee seats and requested feedback from the Committee regarding how they would like her to move forward with the recruitment process for the current vacant seat on the Committee.

There was discussion between Ms. Anaclerio and members of the Committee.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Member Dan Holler reported that the Town Council priorities for MLTS were also in response to a request from the Forest Service so that they could incorporate some of the ideas into their program of work. Mr. Holler reported that there currently were no full-time District Rangers on the Inyo.

Committee Member John Connolly reported he had been recreated frequently and was thankful that most of July was smoke free and suggested that people utilize PurpleAir.com website to monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI). Mr. Connolly announced that tonight was the last night of MTB XC Village Championships (VC Races) and said that Mono County had a Plan Your Park survey online for the Mountain Gate Park outside of Walker and encouraged anyone that used the park to consider checking out the survey.

Committee Member Elise Howell said she had enjoyed paddle boarding on the lakes and riding her horse recently and thanked the Committee for allowing her to represent the equestrian community and listening to, and considering, her concerns about safety.

Chair Caroline Britton said that she looked forward to the upcoming bike events in Mammoth including the Mammoth 50K MTB PedalPalooza scheduled to be held on August 28th and the 2021 Mammoth Gran Fondo and Mammoth TUFF events in September.

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk