



MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION

Mammoth Trails Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 11, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes

Members Present: Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson, Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Committee Member Caroline Britton, Vice Chair Michael Draper, Chair John Connolly

Members Absent: Committee Member Elise Howell

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Connolly called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments given at this time.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard
Seconded by Committee Member Rob Patterson

Approve the Consent Agenda.

For (5): Committee Member Rob Patterson, Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Committee Member Caroline Britton, Vice Chair Michael Draper, and Chair John Connolly

Absent (2): Committee Member Bill Sauser, and Committee Member Elise Howell

Carried (5 to 0)

3.1 Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2024

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Recreational Trails Concept in South Mono County

Gerry Le Francois with Community Service Area (CSA) 1 outlined the information in the CSA 1 Trails presentation.

Committee Member Bill Sauser joined the meeting remotely at 3:09 p.m. and announced that he would participate in the meeting remotely under the just cause provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449.

Mono County Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Marcella Rose provided additional information about the project.

There was discussion between Mr. Le Francois, Ms. Rose, and members of the Committee.

CONSENSUS: There was consensus among members of the Committee to draft a letter in support of the presented project to create a network of trails providing connectivity from Lower Rock Creek Trail to Crowley Lake and north into Mammoth Lakes.

4.2 Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) Main Lodge Redevelopment

Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif and Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report and Main Lodge Redevelopment presentation.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 **Winter Trail Counter Data Report**

TOML Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report and Winter Trails Counter presentation.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

5.2 **Trails Program Manager Report**

TOML Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Tollefson asked about adding the mileage-based time to destinations on our trail signs, as he had seen in Europe, in addition to the linear distance which is currently posted.

There was discussion between TOML staff and members of the Committee.

5.3 **Town of Mammoth Lakes Trail System Master Plan (2011) Update**

TOML Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report and Trails System Master Plan (TSMP) documents.

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

5.4 **Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Update**

TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Coordinator Gretchen Haselbauer outlined the information in the staff report.

Board Member Rob Patterson reported that there was a California Jobs First meeting for our region scheduled to be held in Tahoe on April 25th which may cause a lower turnout at the Bi-Annual Mammoth Trails Meeting the same evening.

Committee Member Bill Sauser left the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Committee Member Rob Patterson left the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

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

5.5 Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget Report through May 31, 2024

TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif outlined the information in the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget.

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

5.6 Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Update

TOML Office of Outdoor Recreation Manager Lawson Reif outlined the information staff report and Outdoor Recreation Manager Report.

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

6. POLICY MATTERS

6.1 Committee Recommendation to Pursue Possible Purchase of Non-motorized Grooming Machine

TOML Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report.

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

Moved by Vice Chair Michael Draper

Seconded by Committee Member Caroline Britton

Recommendation to staff to pursue the possible purchase of a Non-motorized Grooming Machine.

For (4): Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Committee Member Caroline Britton, Vice Chair Michael Draper, and Chair John Connolly

Absent (3): Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson, and Committee Member Elise Howell

Carried (4 to 0)

6.2 Committee Recommendations to Pursue Inclusion of “Minaret Vista Trail” into U.S. Forest Service Trail System

TOML Trails Program Manager Andrew Mulford outlined the information in the staff report.

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

Moved by Committee Member Caroline Britton

Seconded by Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard

Recommendation to staff to pursue inclusion of the “Minaret Vista Trail” into the U.S. Forest Service Trail System.

For (4): Committee Member Spencer Ostergaard, Committee Member Caroline Britton, Vice Chair Michael Draper, and Chair John Connolly

Absent (3): Committee Member Bill Sauser, Committee Member Rob Patterson, and Committee Member Elise Howell

Carried (4 to 0)

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Caroline Britton announced that Pamper Pedal would take place on June 1st and that eighty ladies had already signed up.

Vice Chair Michael Draper said that he was still in recovery with his knee and was looking forward to the snow melting.

Chair John Connolly reported that Lower Rock Creek Trail was riding very well and that the repairs from last season had survived.

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk