

Friends of the Peak Board Meeting  
9 April 2013

--Minutes from March were approved

--Treasury Report

--Carol Beckman, Jim Strub, Eric Swab, Paul Mead, Brian Van Valkenburg, and Steve Bremner, with guest Shanti Toll in attendance

--Shanti Toll reported on Intemann Trail routing from Pawnee to Crystal Park Road

--Looked at three routes

--Matt Carpenter had a route to angle up from old road that goes east of Pawnee Ave, but didn't use a clinometer

--Travers Jordan had a lower route, but didn't use a clinometer

--Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) is looking for a coalition to build the trail

--They will need tools. Shanti can get volunteers

--Maybe 2,000' trail to build according to Shanti (my personal estimate is at least one mile)

--Manitou Springs is the property holder for all the land following the McGhee land purchase

--Shanti is asking FOTP to take on leadership role or participate as a partner

--Intemann Trail would go up to Iron Mtn ridge and join existing old wagon roads to connect to terminus of trail off Crystal Park Rd

--Jim asked if there had been contact made with adjacent property owners—Shanti says yes, and the trail in question is above and away from property owners

--Shanti would like to go to the OSAC meeting and say that we are interested in participating as a partner if the trail alignment is something we can support and if it can fit in our schedule.

--Brian and Paul said they need a leader for the project

- Jim expressed that the trail has to be designed and in writing prior to any work starting on the trail
- Paul is willing to advise the design of the trail
- Jim requested that any trail design be approved by the City of Manitou Springs prior to any ground breaking

- Discussion on the FOTP flyer
  - Everybody likes the flyer
  - Steve will talk with Pikes Peak Road Runners about putting it into race packets
  - Brian can print color copies
  - Other places to place them include local sports shops (REI, Mtn Chalet, etc), work places...

- Discussion on Newsletter
  - Project notice
  - Crew Leader training notice
  - Bear Creek trail comments

- Friends Group Advisory Forum
  - Everyone agreed with as written
  - Official representative from FOTP will be Carol, alternate is Brian

- Barr Trail
  - We are supposed to give RMFI \$5,000
  - Carol will ask for an invoice/bill

- Rails project by Eagle Scout candidate
  - Need dates from him because COG railway needs them
  - Need number of posts, because there is a 4-week lead time

- T-shirts
  - Brian needs to do inventory (we have a lot)
  - What color for new shirts?

- Brian recommends full new purchase of shirts
- Do we want to stick with same design? Stay with wicking shirt and style

- Give away items?

- Still have some whistles
- Compass and thermometer are hard to read
- L&J Web site has a lot of good items (Brian)

- Crew Leader Training

- There was a meeting today (Carol)
- They have 27 signed up from 14 groups (35 is the limit)
- Last day for sign up is April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Which projects of ours will be certifying? Brian thinks all, two per project, except post and rail days

- National Trails June 1<sup>st</sup>, need a FOTP spokesperson to set up a table

- Carol will call Mary

- Projects

- Need info sheets from Project Leaders
- AdaMan participation, Barr Trail, Sep 7<sup>th</sup>, Mike will coordinate

- Donation tube sign

- Same point size, comic sans font, arrow under
- Carol will run it by Forest Service and Manitou Springs
- Color of tube? Nice yellow or close to what we have now

- Bear Creek Watershed

- Eric wants FOTP to take a position
- Brian and Carol say we should encourage people to comment
- Carol prefers individual comments
- Eric, Jim, and Brian recommend position of keeping existing trail for hikers in addition to potential new trail for motorized bikes

--Carol recommends our position be to balance historical trails, endangered fish, recreational hiking

--Eric will put together a position paper on historical value of existing trail

--Crowe Gulch connection on RTP trail

--Issues are road crossing and Severy Creek trailhead

--Southwest section of RTP

--Work Crowe Gulch first

--Pikes Peak Transportation Management Plan will represent an opportunity

--May need political clout to move forward

--Still holding Palmer Land Trust

--Eric is resigning from the board

--His reasons for joining the board were to build the web site, and build out the RTP trail

--He'll still be a member, offer his garage for tool fest, help with motorized signing runs, and write occasional historical articles

--Paul said CSU will not allow people to go into South Slope unless full time park ranger on duty