

Friends of the Peak
Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

--Attendance

--Board members: Paul Mead, Carol Beckman, Brian Van Valkenburg, Steve Bremner, Jim Strub

--Guests: Rick Hessek, Bob Bunch, Shanti Toll

--Introductions: Rick Hessek who is on Friends of Cheyenne Canyon board of directors, Bob Bunch long time volunteer with FOTP, Shanti Toll with Manitou Springs Open Space and Red Rock Canyon

--TREX needs to provide dates and forms

--December minutes approved

--Financial report

--Received end of year donations

--About where we were last year even with spending quite a lot of money this year

--Marketing

--Eileen with TOSC gave advice on Facebook—post 2 or 3 times a week

--Marketing folks didn't show (Carol had invited a couple people)

--Intemann and Iron Mountain update from Shanti Toll

--Michelle Anthony, official planner for Manitou Springs sent an official letter to FOTP requesting our help of \$1,000 for mechanical trail building and two volunteer workdays in 2014

--Medicine Wheel is willing to provide funding of \$3000 or more for mechanical trail building if we provide \$1,000.

--Target date for opening the Intemann trail with fanfare and media: July 27th

--Discussion on our contributing \$1,000

--Brian asked if there is a plan in place for the mechanical builder to follow? Meetings planned to present and approve the plan

--Motion carried to contribute \$1,000 towards the effort for mechanical trail build on the Intemann Trail, which will be in March

--Two volunteer days led by FOTP

--Request meeting, Thursday Feb 13th meeting at Manitou City Hall with RMFI, OSAC, for trail building standards and planning

--May, June and July, 2nd and 4th Sundays designated work days

--May 11th, June 8th, July 27th, Scott Lindenberger will lead

--May 25th, June 22nd, July 13th -two days from FOTP and one day from RMFI

--July 13th conflicts with Incline work day, so we'll commit tentatively to May 25th and June 22nd

--Friends of the Peak wants to be able to install Ring the Peak signs on the trail.

--Manitou Springs is requesting GOCO funds commissioning a master plan for the trail system—Shanti is requesting our participation and letter of support in February for why it's important for a master plan

--Shanti requests token donation for matching funds

--Broadmoor land exchange of Emerald Valley Land with Craggs property

--Broadmoor will also give permanent access to Barr Trail

- Friends group agreement approved
- Bear Creek—not a lot of info, new updated trail closures
- Crew leader training, tomorrow is a planning meeting with Parks and Rec for finalizing date
- Operating plan, Carol will find out more on Thursday
- Action items, Carol talked to Susan Davies about putting project notes into April TOSC newsletter
- Newsletters and schedules into PPRR packets (Steve)
- Trail friends (rangers) idea nudge
- Name tags, project evaluations
- Round Table
 - Jim talked about work on the summit, things are not very good up there now—with new construction planned in the next couple years, what do we want to do? No trail sign on west side Craggs trail. We care about trailheads, markings, donation box
 - Shelter from the wind? Jim will take on
 - Rick mentioned his printing service with the city, also wholesale prices from Staples
 - Carol filed the 990-N with the IRS, so we're good for another year
 - Pikes Peak Marathon organization presented FOTP with a plaque in appreciation for our work