

MOSQUITO RANGE HERITAGE INITIATIVE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2007

Board Members Present: Ginni Greer, John Carr, Jim Mauch, Cara Doyle, Sylvia Liles, Foss Smith, Scott Micek, Tanya Micek,  
Visitors: Linda Carr  
Unexcused Absence:

Jim Mauch called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Approval of minutes - July 11, 2007 meeting

A motion was made to approve the July meeting minutes with no corrections.

Board Member Appointments

Board made motion to nominate Foss Smith, Scott and Tanya Micek as Board members. Everyone voted in favor. Approved.

Motion was made to nominate Tanya Micek as Secretary. Duties were defined as primarily meeting meetings every other month and the occasional email notice. Everyone voted in favor. Approved.

Treasurer Report

John distributed a copy of the treasurer's report. It shows deposits, withdrawals, unremembered expenses and committed expenses. Recently written checks - #107 \$230.87, #108 \$239.40, #109 \$20, #110 \$?, #111 \$296.29, #112 \$320. John is looking for finance software to manage expenses, invoicing, etc. Cara relayed she knew of a program for 501 orgs for \$56. John will be not be in attendance next meeting so he will send updated Treasurer report before.

Sylvia noted she submitted a donation to MRHI.

John reported that he filed amendments with the IRS in response to their question on purpose and type of 501(c)(3) chosen in the application. It was mailed last week and he received a follow up call that it is being reviewed. Cara requested immediate notice of approval upon receipt as there are many items pending on the filing of the organization. It was noted that we should go back and provide receipts for donations made.

Action item: Cara to provide John any further details on any other checks. Jim to submit invoice for insurance for Poker Ride as well as provide an itemized list of expenses, e.g. t-shirts, food, sign materials, printing, etc.

GPS/GIS Internship

Intern, Gene Caruso's term ended. He was on staff for 5 weeks. While some 'painpoints', he accomplished gathering a fair amount of data for a number of trails. Noted items and lessons learned

- update next years posting re: Wilderness First Responder course
- post position in January and hire by April
- ensure equipment and software are ready

Cara would like MRHI to host an appreciation party Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairplay Hotel using the donated gift certificate for those that worked closely with the Summer Intern, e.g. Tony, Eric, Craig, Sylvia... all welcome.

Eric and Craig would like to have meeting on lessons learned. Will discuss further at HH next week.

Owe Maps Illustrated Data.

Cara asked if someone can set up the new Garmin GPS and write user friendly step by step instructions. Agreed that MRHI will work with OutYaGo for future gear purchases in order to save the org \$\$.

Action item: owner of GPS initial set up and MRHI documentation needs to be assigned. Send invite for Thursday (9/21) HH 'MRHI appreciation party'.

### Speaker Series

Scheduled October 12, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Alma Town Hall

Action items: Cara will send Ginni the details and media list. Ginni will work to promote the speaker series through yahoo groups, the flume, and calendar of events.

Cara went to a Summit County Foundation event and met potential future speakers. National Heritage Area would be interested in talking about highly endangered species of plants this side of Hoosier, a group for presentation on Recycling and being green as well as a group for Avalanche Safety & use of beacons. Also, a recommendation to have a Book Signing with Dave Copper, Linda?, Other local authors? All agreed that we should host as they are easy to organize. Cara will pursue dates with the speakers.

### Poker Ride

First, big kudos to Jim and everyone for a first successful MRHI Poker Mtn. Bike Ride. Agreed that the event should continue and it is believed it can double +. Following improvements for next year were discussed:

- Add a shorter course to meet wider audience, e.g. family.
- Add more directional signs, e.g. offer an add on loop, which direction to get back to main course.
- Provide everyone a map at start
- Post a cutoff start time as well as aid station times
- Have list of participants at every aid station and monitor progress and completion of riders
- Have SAG wagon do continual loops - helps monitor riders safety and positions and improve communication between aid stations
- Improve Aid stations
  - First Aid Kits, Bike Maintenance Kits, Energizers
  - Ask for volunteers, encourage fun themes, post trail wardens at key points (direction, encourage)
- Improve communication between aid stations, e.g. radios
- Evaluate timing for fall colors ride
- Promote the event earlier
- Improve registration process - suggested MRHI website for online registration as well as a physical registration hub at OutYaGo store.
- Ensure Search and Rescue are in agreement of plan, route, etc.

Cara will respond to John Cusp re: his idea to combine for a Bike Festival. Cara also noted that CFI donated 2 Medical Kits.

It was suggested to have a Winter Poker event with Snowshoes and BackCountry Skis. Everyone agreed with enthusiasm. Following brainstorming were noted:

- Do trails closer to Alma or ask Gary Nicholas re: Nordic Center
- February or March time frame
- OutYaGo can provide rental equipment if participants need, e.g. an additional \$5.00 to registration fee or ?
- Incorporate ideas from Mtn. Bike Ride above.

Jim will call a planning meeting for November 1<sup>st</sup>. All interested in being on the committee, please attend. Bring ideas as well as potential sponsors (Cara has some leads already!).

Action items: Jim schedule a Winter Poker event planning meeting for 11/1.

### Moonwalk

Cara and others explained that the Moonwalk was done through NFS in the past. The event is held at Buckskin Cemetery where there are local, historical characters (volunteers) that tell the stories of days past. Kirsten has always been primary event organizer, and it is an opportunity for family fun and to involve MRHI. This year will be Friday, October 26, 2007 @ 7 p.m. Tanya was appointed as MRHI primary contact. I will be meeting with Kirsten next Wednesday at SP Saloon. Everyone welcome to attend. Kirsten and I have discussed the plans to dedicate the event in Hill Harris' memory. Any other suggestions, ideas, etc. welcome. Tanya will send requests for refreshment donations, e.g. hot cocoa, cider, cookies, baked goods. Donations for MRHI will be encouraged. Need to have bad weather contingency plan, e.g. town hall. Will have MRHI Moon Pins available for a suggested min. donation of \$5.00 each.

Action items: Sylvia to add Moonwalk information to website. Ginni to follow up with calendar of events for October and any other media. Tanya to request donations for treats. I recall a note from Tim that the posters were ready. Scott and I would be happy to get those and start getting them posted if no one else owns this yet.

### Summer Workdays

Ginni reported that the last workday, 9/8, with CFI, went very well and there were 8 MRHI participants. We worked hard and accomplished a lot! Everyone that was there agreed it was a great event. Tanya is nodding her head right now. ☺ Ginni will send a thank you via yahoo group.

Cara relayed that everyone should be recording their volunteer hours by month. This is helpful to know for completing grant apps.

Calendar for 2008 work days will be set in December. Ginni made note that she will be gone (North to Alaska!) next year so a coordinator will be sought.

Fall WorkDays: Requested and agreed we could. The two specific requests were for Mosquito Gulch (by Ridge Trail) and Breakneck Pass area. SP Boys and Girls club involved in one?

Winter Work Days: Could do signage. Cara will follow up with NFS re: setting dates, requesting support, tools, etc.

Action Items: Ginni will compile volunteer hours for this year. Cara will follow up with NFS and locals for Fall and Winter work day dates.

### MRHI Survey Results

The data collected from the surveys were compiled in a spreadsheet and Foss worked to categorize and make some sense of. There was discussion around how to best use the data. Part of the grant requirement was a survey. While difficult to analysis, the data provides information into what people are interested in. As in previous minutes, the highest number of responses are in order: 1) Hiking 14ers, 2) Camping, 3) Hiking, trail running, 4) Photography, 5) Mountain Climbing. NPS can help Foss with analyzing the data. Could be classified by micro region and prioritized. Need to x-ref GPS numbers to Maps. Having the mapped details will help us with determining future projects, workdays and where efforts should be placed.

### Adopt a Peak

Will invite Greg (Adopt a Peak, CFI) to next Board Meeting to speak with us about the adopt a peak program. Some Q & A - pros and cons for each peak, two sponsors for one peak, outline requirements, etc. It is believed that we can use one of the MRHI work days for the 14er trail work. Agreed it is good PR and besides for rewarding, very doable esp. with a partnership.

### CFI Public Meetings

CFI would like to hold public meetings - suggested in the October time frame. Could coordinate with Nat'l Park Service and Colorado State Park open house.

### MRHI Logo/publications

Are complete and look great. There are mail in information/donation cards, newsletter, business cards and stickers. We will have supply of promotional materials at OutYaGo store. Cara will order 250 - 500 generic MRHI business cards for everyone's use. There was discussion around the acronym MRHI vs. Mosquito Range Heritage and other ways to shorten the name. The topic came to a close as it is an easy name that could become 'household' and is already taken.

Action items: Cara to order generic business cards and bring to the next board meeting.

### AOB (any other business)

Cara announced she wrote and applied for a grant with NFF (Nat'l Forest Foundation) that could help provide monies to cover items such as infrastructure and administration costs. Also, the members discussed that MRHI should place some additional focus on MR water issues, e.g. protection of headwaters and that while collecting data, we should be noting stream crossings and other items that involve our natural h<sub>2</sub>o resources.

### Next MRHI Board Meeting

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Jim to book the Town Hall as regular meeting location however suggested the occasional fun meeting, e.g. hot springs. All in favor?

### Special Thanks

To those that provided snackables, e.g. chocolates, nuts, etc.