

MOSQUITO RANGE HERITAGE INITIATIVE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2007

Board Members Present: Jim Mauch, Cara Doyle, Sylvia Liles, Foss Smith, Tanya Micek, Tim Balough,
Visitors: Linda Carr, Chris Prew, Sheila Skaggs, Linda Balough, Steve Bonoski, Mel Kassel, Sara Mayben and Bill Middlebrook.

Next Board Meeting - January 9, 2008. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday everyone!

Meeting was called to order

Approval of minutes - September 12, 2007 meeting

A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes. Tim made a few grammatical changes before posting.

Treasurer Report

Linda distributed a copy of the treasurer's report. It was reviewed and approved.

Cara will check into the canceling of workman's comp from the summer intern employee.

We need to track in kind donations; Cara will collect and save the receipts.

We need a formal process for collecting donated hours. Sheila will prepare a formal form for documentation. Tim relayed that he has a master form for collecting data for all donated hours.

Cara submitted some receipts from MoonWalk.

Code of Conduct Sub-Committee

Sheila, Jim and Mel will lead efforts to create a code of conduct for MRHI volunteers and anybody that participates or represents MRHI in any of the organized events. It was agreed that the Board should review and approve any plans, advertising, etc. as well as decide if the cause or event best fits the MRHI Mission and charter of the organization.

Holiday Events

12/1 - snowshoe and potluck hosted by Jim Mauch

12/8 - Dinner hosted by Carr's for MRHI Board Members

Work Days

Cara and Chris (NFS) will discuss work days / signage on trails on 1/26

Speaker Series

Brad from CAIC will do an Avalanche presentation on 1/18. Details still to be determined.

Will Barrett will do an Avalanche workshop on 2/9. Details tbd

Cara will keep Park County Search and Rescue informed.

Steve Bonowski - New Zealand, Australia presentation 4/11

Recycling Project

Foss provided information about the Recycling project. They are currently collecting surveys (final 12/8) and researching facilities and vehicles. Local committee(s) will be formed in late January.

MRHI Poker Glide

March 15th. Planning committee includes: Jim, Linda, John, Foss, Will, Cara, Sylvia, & Ginni. It was discussed that it could be on Buckskin Gulch to Windy Ridge and if it was on the road, limited involvement/permissions with NFS would be needed. If the road is not motorized accessible, Aid Stations could even be set on the road. Jim will review the routes with Chris. If they plow to the Mill, we could get permission from Paris Mill for parking and start from there. The registration fee could be \$25. and \$30. day of event. OutYaGo will offer a discounted rental fee for snowshoes and BC skis for the event. Sponsorships for door prizes, aid stations and overall donations for other costs, e.g. t-shirts (sponsors are listed), food, etc., wanted.

Incorporate ideas from last Poker Ride, e.g. more signs, route maps, aid stations, a shorter family course, promote earlier, etc.

Notes from last meeting re: improvements are included ** below.

Elections and Annual Meeting

Elections will be scheduled in May 08 at the Annual Meeting.

08 Annual Calendar

08 Schedule will be set in January. NFS relayed they would help plan MRHI work days. Crew Leaders for MRHI Trail builds/maintenance are needed. Volunteers? I heard Scott was interested once. Anyone else?

Bross, Democrat and Lincoln 14ers project

Analyst is looking at surveys. Research on threatened plant species by high alpine specialist as well as by Linda Balough re: a potential historical marker - archeological site.

Re-Routes Document is being issued.

NFS believes they will release Trail Plans and decisions by April 08. CFI will begin re-construction of trails and signage starting June 08. This is anticipated to continue through 2010. While there will be some opportunity for volunteer work, majority will be CFI and other subject matter experts.

Announced that there should be a public notice released beginning of January - all parties, CMC, 14ers, MRHI and NFS should have comment into.

It was relayed that all major private owners have been identified, Bross aside, which could use a committee to help identify and contact.

A 4 panel Kiosk is under design - should include 'stay on trail', provide map of routes, history of the area as well as promoting plant and wildlife awareness and protection. Linda will provide photos and text. Bill Middlebrook with 14ers requested more regular updates on the plans. It is a very popular topic and having the latest, greatest at all times through the process would be very helpful.

MRHI Memberships

Email Cara suggestions on various levels (tiers) of memberships and MRHI Sponsors. For example, a one year membership for the lowest level would cost \$25.00. This would include MRHI membership privileges,, e.g. notice of upcoming events, receive correspondence, invites to special events, etc., also suggested maybe a token item, e.g. t-shirt or coffee mug included. Could be various levels on up. Maybe at the highest \$\$ membership, a benefit is that their names are printed on all MRHI promotions, e.g. poker ride t-shirts, speaker series posters, etc. Using peak names (Lincoln, Democrat) or maybe historic sites (Buckskin Joe's) within Mosquito Range was suggested.

Again, Next Board Meeting January 9, 2008

Happy Holidays Everyone!

***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, with directions 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 is in agreement of plan, route, etc.