Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014

Board Members Present: Jennie Gannon, Ginni Greer, Sheila Skaggs, Jan McCabe, Roz Aceto, Jara Johnson

Board Members Absent: Beth Neilsen, Kirsten Springer

Guests: Sara Edinberg, Cara Doyle

Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

Approve agenda: We will move the NCCC update to the beginning of the meeting; motion to approve the agenda with the one change; motioned by Jara, seconded by Sheila

Approve minutes from the May annual meeting: one correction—Sheila is misspelled. Correction will be made. Motion to approve agenda with corrections: motioned by Sheila, seconded by Jan.

NCCC Update: The NCCC team was present to give an update of what they have done. In the two weeks that they worked with MRHI, they contributed 548.5 hours of volunteer time;

maintained 7.75 miles of trail on the Tie Hack and Limber Grove; installed 81 rolling dips and 14 other water diversions (knicks or traditional water bars) on Tie Hack; removed 5 trees from the ROW of Tie Hack; removed 3 trees from the ROW of Limber Grove; installed 113 Blue (non-motorized winter use) diamonds on Limber Grove; removed 15,000 lbs. of vegetation, and cleared 8 acres of land between Thompson Park TH and Buckskin Cemetery; built 640 feet of buck and rail fence; removed 580 feet of abandoned sheep fence; installed 29 t-posts and 2 carsonites; closed 0.41 miles of illegal roads.

Treasurer’s report: Currently in the bank is $2,924.94. We had a $6,000 advance from RAC. We received the Peyback Foundation grant money. We have been promised almost $90,000 from grants. Motion to receive this report was made by Roz; seconded by Sheila.

CUSP partner project: Jara reported that CUSP has money for environmental education. They sponsor a trip to the High Park Fen each year. The project is partnering with the school for solar education. Jara is coordinating.

Cameron Amphitheatre Update: Ginni reported that the WRV project was this weekend. They had 50 volunteers and changed the illegal road from a two track trail to a single hiking trail. It was a great project and we hope to work with them again next year on another project.

Rare Plant Update: We are continuing the rare plant project again. We have Dusty, Leah, Kim, and the three environmental stewards going out this year. The botanists from around the state will be here July 21 – 24 to monitor the *Eutrema* plots.

Illegal Road Closure Update: We are working to close illegal roads throughout the National Forest.

Outdoor Adventure Series Update: To date, we have had from 0 to 37 kids for the environmental education series. We have 12 events scheduled.

A wildflower walk is scheduled for August 2 at Wilkerson Pass.

Festival of the Clouds: The Festival is this weekend. Ginni will send an email recruiting volunteers to work the booth. The environmental stewards will be helping at the booth.

Burro Days: We are going to have a booth at Burro Days again. We will be in the parade again. Ginni is recruiting volunteers for the booth via email.

Board Comments/Community Comments/Miscellaneous:

* Our new VISTA, Jill, is starting August 18.
* Sara is doing mine sampling. Mine reclamation takes 5-10 years.
* The Orphan Boy is for sale. Cara will talk to MALT to get recommendations. There are four parcels touching forest and parcels cross Aspen Alley.
* Jara reported that the Town of Alma and the Alma Foundation are working on a GOCO grant to purchase a piece of property just west of town (up Buckskin); they want to create a town park. MRHI will partner on this.

Appointment of Officers: The following nominations were made:

Sheila Skaggs – President

Roz Aceto – Vice President

Jennie Gannon – Treasurer

Ginni Greer – Secretary

Jara motioned to accept the appointment of officers as presented; seconded by Jan

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Ginni Greer