

# ***RICO TRAILS ALLIANCE***

## **MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING January 31, 2017 Rico Town Hall**

1. Meeting Sign in and call to order. The meeting convened informally a few minutes after 7pm. The following individuals were present:
  - Dave Bulson
  - Barbara Betts
  - Paul Jacobsen
  - Luke Brown
  - Gretchen Treadwell
  - Alex Wing
  - Rob Cummings
  - Karyn Reid
  - Sara Patrick
  - Nicole Pieterse
  - Dee Gullede (by phone)
  - Matt Teague (by phone)
  - Cristal Hibbard
  - Esteban Roberts
  
2. Introduction. Nicole Pieterse introduced and a general discussion ensued regarding the need and opportunities for non-motorized trails in the region, connecting/improving existing trails and developing new ones. The Town of Rico's Mayor Pro Tem, Barbara Betts, expressed support of the Town for this organization and its mission.
  
3. Mission. The group developed and approved the following organizational mission: **To promote local and regional trail systems in and around Rico Colorado, with a focus on access, development and use of non-motorized trails.**
  
4. Funding. Paradox Community Grant Challenge could result in an award of up to \$10,000 per applicant. The application is due February 13, 2017. Awards notices will be sent out March 10. Nicole Pieterse was directed to apply for the Paradox Community Grant.
  
5. Organizational Matters. Nicole volunteered (pro bono) to prepare basic organizational documents for a Colorado nonprofit corporation, including draft Bylaws for approval of the board at the next meeting

The following 5 individuals volunteered to serve as the **initial members of the board of directors and officers** as set forth below:

Mike Guskea, Director and President  
Luke Brown, Director and Vice President  
Rob Cummings, Director and Treasurer  
Gretchen Treadwell, Director and Secretary  
Alex Wing, Director

The Board envisions having committees from time to time, such as a trail building committee.

A consensus was reached not to have voting members, the Board will be elected by the board.

6. 2017 Work plan

The following objectives/activities were discussed and approved for year one:

- Secure grant funds
- Solicit local and regional input
- Inventory and map existing trails
- Stakeholders meeting(s)
- Summer/Fall trail improvement project(s)
- Website development and PR activities

7. The next meeting will be held **Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.**

The meeting **adjourned** a few minutes after 8pm.

APPROVED THE 23 DAY OF March, 2017.

ATTEST: Gretchen Treadwell  
Secretary