

RICO TRAILS ALLIANCE

MINUTES

May 24, 2017 – 6:30

RICO TOWN HALL

1) Meeting call to order and roll call.

- The meeting commenced informally at 6:32
- All current board members were present, Mike Guskea, Luke Brown, Rob Cummings, Alex Wing, and Gretchen absent
- Following individuals were present - Derek Padilla, Chris Bouton, Alisia Klimasewski, Karen Overn, Mike Curin, John Scarborough, Cristal Hibbard, Karen Austin, Allyn Svoboda

2) Approval of agenda

- unanimous approval

3) Review and approval March 23 meeting notes

- motion by Luke, Second by Mike, all in favor

4) Review and approval of Sara Patrick for new Secretary

- Unanimous approval

5) Fundraising Update

- \$4 K award from TRC
- \$2,040 applied to county –tools- early June
- supporting SCC grant app to USFS

6) Trails Committee update – Alisia contacted southwest conservation core and then in touch with Forest Service. Mapping and getting some control over the mapping apps (Trail Forks, Mountain Bike project) Alex is admin for the region on both of those. Now they are known as Rico not Durango regions. John Scarborough to join Trails Committee.

7) Forest Service Presentation – Derek Padilla reported the national trails budget is proposed to be reduced by 40-50% by President Trump. Recommendation to focus on pre-existing routes and maintaining what you currently have. Derek's recommendation

was to secure easements if we are wanting any support from the Forest Service. He gave the example of Dolores securing funds and that making things happen quicker. Identify Key connections we want. DOLORES TRAIL MANAGEMENT Chris Bouton has a 5 person trail crew for maintenance. One thing we can start right away is entering into a volunteer agreement with Forest Service and the alliance agreed to do that ASAP. Decide what trails to work on, what we want to do, follow basic safety guidelines. Schedule work days. Set priorities and he can help solidify those. There are many other resources and trail maintenance groups that we should partner with. Non forest service trails need to be proposed to the service for support in connecting and maintaining trails (Circle to Point?)

8) Update from website and PR committee – Ricotrailsalliance.org launched. A donation page will be set up via PayPal. Board meeting notes will be posted to the webpage. The page will be promoted via RTA Instagram and Facebook pages. #RicoTrails Emails will all be forwarded to Luke Brown. Submissions of trails should be done via Trail Forks or KLM files to Dave Bulson.

9) Treasurer report → Spend money! Nicole spoke with Erin Neer for taxes base fee of \$350 a year to get taxes done.

10) Other business → 4th of July 2hr ride will happen RTA will take donations Mike will take the lead on this.

11) Scheduel Next Meeting

-Trails committee meeting date → Thursday June 1st at 6:30 at the Enterprise

-Next board meeting date → Tuesday June 20th at 6:30

12) Meeting adjourned at 8:24

APPROVED THE 24 DAY OF May , 2017

ATTEST:  _____
Sara Patrick, Secretary