

RICO TRAILS ALLIANCE
MINUTES

September 26, 2017 – 6:30 - RICO TOWN HALL

1. Meeting call to order and roll call 6:32
All board members (Rob Cummings, Mike Guskea, Alex Wing, Luke Brown) present.
Others present: Nicole Pieterse, Zach McManus, Ruth Heffron, Mark Ellison, Sophia Kyriakakis, Cristal Hibbard.

2. Approval of agenda Rob moved, Luke 2nd. Unanimous approval

3. Treasurer's report

Recent Expenditures:

-4k more coming from Telluride Found

-\$500 retainer to Ruth

-Reimbursed surveyor for his mileage for title research in Dove

-2 Chainsaws \$55 pull chains \$55.

-2 Japanese folding portable saws 122

-Trail Boss packable tools \$1450

Dolores County money requires that what we buy (tools) is technically owned by the town of Rico and should be storing them in the Parks & Rec Dept. Tool inventory (required for grant reporting) will also serve as sign in sheet/check for keeping tools in shed. Zach approved storage, will assist with finding an appropriate place (probably shed near Silver Creek, could provide key). County money covers \$1300 worth of the tools that we purchased. We should order things like small hand tools, gloves, hard hats this week to fill out the 1300 and meet the reporting deadline.

4. Review and approval of August 29, 2017 meeting minutes

Rob moved, Alex 2nd unanimous approval

5. Fundraising update

- The Rico Center grant application is due 10/1, we will be requesting: \$2400 snow bike groomer, up to \$15,000 for consultants for the trail assessments needed to comply with USFS culture/archeological requirements to expedite trails process. Nicole and Ruth are working on this.
- Nicole and Rob are putting together the grant report for Dolores County grant reimbursement due 10/1.
- Nicole will prepare and submit grant report to Telluride Foundation due 10/1.
- Ruth: Telluride Foundation's grant application deadline is Oct 26, but Nicole said she's planning on applying for the Telluride

Foundation/Paradox Community Trust's Community Challenge grant in February (up to 10k).

- Nicole brought up idea of having "membership" rather than just fundraising through grants.
- Ruth is organizing a potluck for community volunteers, a Telluride Foundation representative will be there. Bringing together volunteer/non-profit/community service organizations to discuss collaborations and put together calendar of events to allow for coordination/joint advertising. Thursday, October 12th, in the Rico Town Hall, 6pm. County commissioners will be invited, as well as local businesses.

6. Trails committee

- USFS update: Alex got call from Chris Bouton and he is supportive of the 10/7 trail day, but won't be able to make it. If the SWCCA is there, he trusts things are will go ok. Mike said he confirmed SWCCA will be there (tentative time of 10am). USFS has a volunteer tool/safety cache we can tap if needed. He GPS'd the existing Ryman drainage and will color code too steep areas on GIS maps to make "penciled contours" easier. He aims to have that completed before RTA walk thru with Dave's Trimble unit (10/1), thinks it will make the sit-down chat about the reroute easier.
 - Derek Padilla sent over information about the cultural assessment consultants.
- Ryman Creek walk thru, will be Sunday October 1, meet at 10am at Conoco.
- Winter trails program
 - Suvey: (Ruth suggested adding "maybes")
 - 80% Rico, 15% Telluride, 10% other
 - 75% cross country 28% skate skiing 55% walking 35% biking 25% other
 - 33% several times a week (most responses)
 - 73.5 Trout 41 Telluride Nordic 29 Boggy Draw 26 Other
 - Mill Rd 82% deadwood 32% Piedmont 55% Other 20%
 - Have a fat bike? 33/36 answered 30% yes, 70 no
 - 72% support purchasing groomer
 - Motivate purchase 42% yes (31 people responded)
 - Volunteer 19% yes
 - Comments: winter event, grooming critical need flatter places, waste of money
 - Trail signs - Drafted, Mike suggested adding a line requesting people respect the ski tracks when walking
 - Snow bike grooming - Mike found a Yellowstone model that fits the town snowmobile for \$2400. Includes attachments

system. There is a person that may be able to custom fabricate one, but may not be less inexpensive.

- Dog heads are going up on trails starting 9/27! Gretchen has list of intersections/turns. We should talk about maybe properly naming them (let the kids vote on them), putting them on maps?
- Zach mentioned concern about labor for snowbike grooming. He has a 20 hour allotment for ice rink and grooming. Mike suggested asking Dan Holmes, other people locally to pitch in. RTA should really take on the snow bike grooming without relying on the town, but may be able to use town snowmobile.
- Zach suggests doing a February winter fest event, with hockey, skating, snow biking, bonfire, possible Feb 11? (trying to avoid conflicts with other events)

7. Other business

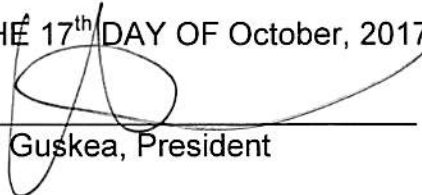
- Stickers for upcoming APA meeting (mountain village): They want 450, Nicole will gather and provide them.
- PR and thank you notes – Asked if Ruth could take that on and have thank yous made
- Website “To Do” page: Take a look at page and please bring ideas back to next board meeting

8. Schedule next meeting: Board Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm
Trail Committee Meeting Thursday, October 5, 7pm

9. Adjourn 8:48pm

APPROVED THE 17th DAY OF October, 2017

ATTEST:



Mike Guskea, President