

RICO TRAILS ALLIANCE
MINUTES

December 12, 2017 – 6:30pm - RICO TOWN HALL

1. Meeting call to order and roll call

- Mike Guskea called the meeting to order at 6:31pm
- The full Board was present in person: Mike Guskea, Luke Brown, Rob Cummings, Alex Wing
- Also present, Cristal Hibbard (acting secretary)
- Nicole Pieterse (arrived late)
- Zach McManus

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Rob moved to approve, Luke seconded, unanimous

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Rob reported that RTA received \$1,000 donation from the "*Meta/Keith Bratton Foundation*" in Texas. Thank you letters/emails will be sent to Adleaide Leavens and Dee Gullede. The grant requires response of use of funds
- Account balance: \$9976, expecting another \$1500 from Telluride Foundation
- Do we need to respond to Dolores about tool purchase?
- Can Nicole make a thank you card/tax deduction letter for donors (foundations, individual, etc.)? Luke suggested having nice blank cards made, Mike will help with this effort.

Rob has set up Quickbooks online at non-profit price (RTA purchased 10 year license for \$50)

4. Review and Approval of October 17, 2017 meeting minutes:

- Rob moved to approve the minutes, Mike second, unanimous
- Mike: will contact Dave (surveyor) about Rio Grande Rail Road right of way

5. Fundraising update (tabled pending Nicole's arrival):

- Nicole reported that we most likely missed the deadline for Telluride Gives one day online fundraiser
- Winter Carnival Jan 27-28 (discuss further in Other Business)
- Need to keep our website current so donors, and others, can see what we're doing. Cristal can make up summaries of activities for Karen to add to website, will set up Google Drive for photos
- Nicole attended the last Rico Center meeting, they will have a decision on RTA's pending \$18,600 grant request by Thursday 12/14/17
- Mike will pursue a possible angel donation for snowmobile & groomer, or should we try to use it for other expenses (since we have no snow...). Could we use Alex's work UTV in the meantime? Also, ask John Scarborough? \$1500 will get us a narrow groomer

- Nicole is putting together a 2017 summary of activities to provide to donors

6. Surveyor Update

– None. Dave was unable to attend

7. Trails Committee

- a. USFS Update: emphasis on existing trails in new Travel Management Plan drafts
- b. Trail to Montelores Bridge – Zach reported fairly rideable, one weird private property/fence crossing spot. Nicole and Dave are planning to get together to go over the Montelores Bridge /Rio Grand RR title research, have it verified by Alpine Title, and then Dave/Nicole will develop a strategy to recommend to the RTA board.
- c. Winter trail grooming signs – Luke has been working with a designer at the sign-making place, showed mock-up. Mike moved to approve an RTA expenditure of up to \$400 to cover the full cost of the signs so the Town does not have to pay for them out of Parks and Rec, Alex seconded, unanimous.

8. Other business

-Winter Carnival: January 27-28. Food, beer, fat bike demos, night ride? Mike will contact Max (SMBA?), and Bootdoctors about demos. Cristal/Alex will work on flyers. Planning meeting at Nicole's house on Tuesday the 19th 6:30pm.

9. Next Board Meeting: January 16th (Tuesday) 6:30pm

10. Adjourn: Mike moved to adjourn at 7:55pm, Alex seconded, unanimous

APPROVED THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018


Michael Guskea (Jan 17, 2018)

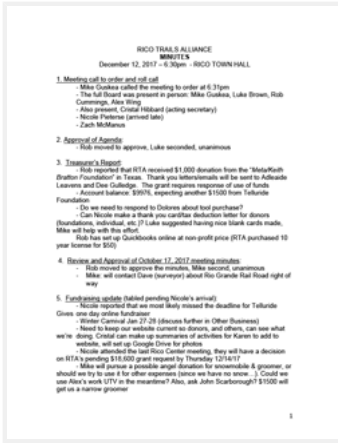
ATTEST: _____

Mike Guskea, President

December RTA minutes

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