

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING October 9, 2021,

Held at Darbi's Restaurant Pinetop, AZ 85935

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM by Nick Lund.

There were 16 members in attendance, including new member Rick Cottingham.

Minutes of the last General Meeting were reviewed. Cathy Purvis made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jim Snitzer, and approved by all members present.

Announcements:

1. Nick told members that 1,150 entries were in the event for Tour of the White Mountains Mountain Bike Race. TRACKS volunteers made up 80% to 90% of those who were volunteering.
2. Nick spoke of the repairs needed for the Los Burros trail. The Civilian Conservation Corps is working with the Forest Service on the repairs that are in progress for the part that is severely eroded.
3. Nick announced that he has sent in a grant application to build and place bike gates that by-pass the regular gates. He stated that there are already bike gates in different areas of the state. The grant would match \$64,000 to \$71,000. The goal is to place 28 gates in 2022 where they have the most need. There are a total of 43 gates. We would start with the gates used for Tour of the White Mountains.
4. The end of the year Potluck started with a hike to the Nature Center from Woodland Lake Park. There was a dedication of the Memorial Kiosk at the Nature Center to honor past members who had contributed much to TRACKS and the community. Several people spoke about each name on the plaques which were attached to the Kiosk.
5. Arlene Nelson spoke of the Fall Festival Parade on September 25<sup>th</sup>. TRACKS had 25 members who participated. It was a fun walk along the road, lined with many spectators.
6. The Fall Festival also included TRACKS' presence at Charlie Clark's Orchard for 3 days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Lynn Krigbaum and Cathy Purvis manned the tent and passed out maps, and postcards with TRACKS information on them. They reported that 100 visitors came to their tent.
7. Jim Snitzer announced his E-bike is for sale for \$800.00. The E-bike is meant for a taller, stronger rider and was originally priced at \$1600.00.
8. Kay Alderton announced an open house at Fire Station 11, off Pine Lake Road, from 10 AM to 2 PM today (October 9<sup>th</sup>). There will be free food, games for kids, educational handouts, etc.
9. Jim Snitzer also spoke of future plans for the Nature Center. This involves having a partnership for Raptor Shows. A building to house the raptors will be built behind the Nature Center for training purposes. The Nature Center has applied for the \$640,000 grant

to cover the cost. The structure would be open for shows on Saturdays from 7 AM to 10 AM.

10. Highway cleanup for TRACKS will be October 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Fun Park at 8 AM.

11. Betty Zink displayed a specially designed jersey that has mountain bike trails on it and a logo of a bike.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM. The next General Meeting will be at Darbi's on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 8 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member