

Minutes of TRACKS General Meeting Darbi's Cafe January 14, 2023

- 1) Lynn called the meeting to order at 8AM.
- 2) Several new members/guests were: Annette Sexton-Ruiz, Sharon Toth, Jennifer Priest, Mreen Helm, Matt Smith, David Smith, Susie Griffin, David Samala, Rebecca and Thomas Hodgkins and another "old time" member, Phil Donk. A total of 25 members were present.
- 3) Minutes from last General Meeting of 12/10/22 were reviewed. Arlene Nelson made a motion to accept, seconded by Susan High. All approved.
- 4) Announcements:
 - a) Lynn told members present how to join TRACKS and gave options for outdoor opportunities and how to download trail maps on TRACKS website and also on kiosks at trailheads. She also explained the white diamond plaques on the trail that are ¼ mile apart and are coded for emergency reasons.
 - b) TRACKS would like to involve younger people – juveniles on hikes, which would be on weekends accompanied by parents.
 - c) There will be a xc ski today after the meeting at Avenue of the Giants. Directions were given.
 - d) There is an interest for speakers at the summer General TRACKS meetings. Would like some proposals or names of speakers. Contact Nick Lund.
 - e) Lynn spoke of the "Leave No Trace" event for June General Meeting at Woodland Lake Park on June 3rd. That day is also National Trails Day. Volunteers are needed. More information is forthcoming.
 - f) Lynn also spoke of latest TRACKS project to install 43 bike ramps on specific trails. These will also accommodate hikers and eliminate the need to open / close the existing gates. TRACKS has obtained a grant through AZ State Parks and TRACKS will pay for ½ the cost. These will be placed through the summer.
 - g) Susan High mentioned that volunteers are needed for raptor training at Nature Center on Thursdays. If interested, see Susan.
 - h) This Saturday, Jan. 14, will be a Black Bear program by Lorna Cox-Neil at 6PM at the Nature Center.
 - i. Joan Patrick, the trailhead adopter organizer, explained duties. She needs an adopter or Ghost of the Coyote. Also told them where to obtain the maps needed at kiosks at Public Works. Joan also mentioned the need for trail stewards to assist present stewards. Stewards report damage, downed trees, etc.

Next General Meeting is Feb. 11th, 2023, at Darbi's Cafe.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Sec'y/Board Member