

**MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING March 12, 2022,
at Darbi's Restaurant Pinetop, AZ 85935**

Meeting was called to order by Lynn Krigbaum, due to Nick Lund's absence, at 8 AM.

There were 8 TRACKS members in attendance. No new members or guests were present.

Minutes of the last General Meeting (February 12, 2022) were distributed and reviewed. Charmi Weker made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Cathy Purvis, and approved by all members present.

Old and New Business:

1. Voting on grants is still in progress, especially the Ramp Gate Grant request. It has been approved by ASCOT, awaiting State Parks Board vote. The cost of \$59,125.00 for gates requires a \$25,800 match for this grant.
2. Input needs to be sent to the Eastern Arizona Trail Coalition regarding a master plan for the White Mountain Region, which will be used by the U.S. Forest Service. Trails of high priority are the Blue Ridge Shortcut, the Buena Vista Trail, a White Mountain Bike Course north of Show Low, a section of Chipmunk Trail, a shortcut on Los Caballos, and a few others.
3. TRACKS has already received a \$45,000.00 grant award from Navajo County through federal funds for the Blue Ridge Shortcut. Nick has contacted a company in Colorado who has expertise using heavy equipment, while avoiding heavy impact on the forest. Jason Moore has already GPS'd the Blue Ridge Shortcut. Forest Service approval is still needed.
4. There was discussion re the new editor for the Newsletter, who is Betty Shay. Kay will contact Betty regarding a few of the details. The Newsletter begins in April and will continue on a monthly basis until October.
5. Cathy Purvis inquired about the new sign to be posted on the Kiosks that had alternative options to use instead of taking maps out of the box. Kathryn Melsted will take charge of that project. The Forest Service has been informed that signs will be a permanent fixture on the Kiosks.
6. Arlene Nelson announced that the Nature Center has a need for volunteers to help with the new birds (raptors) that are now housed in a building onsite. One requirement is that a volunteer should be able to lift 50 lbs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 AM. The next General Meeting will be at Darbi's on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 8 AM.

The activity following the meeting will be cross-country skiing.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member