

MINUTES OF TRACKS GENERAL MEETING July 9, 2022, at Woodland Lake Park in Pinetop, AZ 85935

Meeting was called to order by Nick Lund, President, at 8:10 AM. He welcomed everyone and announced that today is National Trails Day.

There were 14 members present. One new member, Erica Lennertson, was present, and there were no guests.

Minutes of the last General Meeting (Jun 4, 2022) were distributed and reviewed. Ron Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Gaston Porterie, and approved by all members present.

Announcements:

1. Nick explained to members why Epic Rides took over the Tour of White Mountains. It formerly was managed by our hospital, which could not manage the growth as the event grew more popular.
2. Nick displayed several graphic scenic design posters produced by the Arizona Dept. of Tourism. He asked for 100 as they were free and he told the members to take sets of 7 for their own display. The scenes are of different regions in Arizona.
3. Nick spoke of the old Country Club Trail being reopened and used. There are no diamonds on that Trail. He told us about a family who took that trail and became exhausted. They had no idea where they were.
4. Nick displayed a poster that explained how the name of TRACKS got its name as it refers to different activities that TRACKS is involved in: such as, hiking, biking, skiing, etc.
5. Nick briefly went over the history of TRACKS dating back to 1987, started by the Horseman's Association. Membership has gone from 120 to 600, and trails have increased to 200 miles from 100 miles as of 1996. He also spoke of the diamonds placed on the trails. Game and Fish gave Kudos to TRACKS for the best use of Heritage funds, which paid for the diamonds.
6. Cathy Purvis told the members about the oncoming "Happy Trails" on August 27, 2022, at Charlie Clark's, presented by the Humane Society. There will also be a dessert auction.
7. Ron spoke of the Tree memorial and the Nature Center that represents 9 TRACKS members who have passed on and had contributed much to TRACKS in the past.
8. Carol Godwin, teacher at Blue Ridge Middle School and with Mike owner of Cycle Mania in Show Low, submitted a grant application to Specialized Bikes. Specialized gave the school 40 new mountain bikes to use in teaching the kids how to mountain bike. TRACKS built a trail behind the middle school to use in the teaching.

The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 8 AM, at Woodland Lake Park at Ramada #2. This is a potluck breakfast.

No activities are scheduled after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member