

Minutes of TRACKS General meeting Darbi's Cafe on March 11th, 2023

- 1) Meeting called to order by Jim Snitzer at 8:05AM
- 2) Approximately 25 members in attendance. New member, Dave Smith, who introduced himself as Biology teacher at NPC who does research on dinosaurs as well as Sara Middleton, a longtime member in attendance as well.
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting reviewed. Motion by John Vuolo to accept, seconded by Cathy Purvis. All in favor.
- 4) Announcements:
 - a) Member Garth stood up to encourage all TRACKS members to contact ADOT and complain about the condition of our town's main road, White Mountain Blvd. He has learned that the project to resurface it is not a priority. We are about 5th on the list.
 - b) Kay Richter displayed a pair of nearly new Back country cross country ski boots for sale.
 - c) Ramp gates: Jim told members that 12 gates are scheduled to be installed in late April.
 - d) Jim spoke of the Leave No Trace event to be held June 2 to 4. A meeting will be held on March 25th at 1PM at the Nature Center to discuss an agenda. TRACKS has been chosen to be the spotlight event in Arizona for Leave No Trace.
 - e) Eagle Fest has been rescheduled to March 25th starting at 9AM at the Nature Center and then at Rainbow Lake.
 - f) Jim told members that Lorna McNeil Cox of the Forest Service is retiring. Her retirement celebration will be at Fool Hollow Lake at 1PM on April 1st at Meadow Lark ramada. Tell the person at the gate that you are coming to a Forest Service event so there will be no entrance fee. Bring a dish to share and your eating utensils and drinking cup.
 - g) The Science Fair in Snowflake was a success. TRACKS members participated: the Krigbaums, Ron Miller, Jim Snitzer and Kathy Melstead. TRACKS had a table there.
 - h) On April 25th there will be a Wildlife Expo presented by AZ Game and Fish in Phoenix. Some TRACKS members are planning to attend.
 - i) Cathy Purvis commented on the poor condition of the Little Free Library at the Nature Center. Needs someone to refurbish this.
 - j) Joan Patrick spoke to members reminding the Trailhead Adopters to check their trailheads and make sure maps are fully stocked. They can get maps for their trailheads at Public Works on Woodland Road.
 - k) Kay announced that a group of members are meeting at the Nature Center March 14th at 10AM to schedule the Up The Hill Gang Hikes from May thru October. If anyone wishes to lead some hikes, join us.
 - l) Renata Stark inquired about Buena Vista trail and if any work is being done. Jim told Renata that Jason Moore is the main person to ask, and that trail is having some "hang ups" and challenges before it can be finished.
 - m) Cathy Purvis told members that the TRACKS website needs updating. She would like any input from members.

n) One member inquired as to who is responsible for the forest roads. The Forest Service is responsible for the roads in the forest.

5) Next General meeting is April 8th at 8AM at Darbi's Cafe. Meeting adjourned at 8:25AM. XC ski and snowshoeing activities followed.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board member.