

Minutes of TRACKS General Meeting June 3, 2023 at White Mountain Nature Center

- 1) Meeting called to order by Lynn Krigbaum at 4:46 PM.
- 2) There were 31 members in attendance. Guests and new members: Erica and Kevin Prather and Elena and Jesse the traveling speakers for Leave No Trace. An announcement was made regarding a micro-restoration presentation on Sunday, June 11th at the Nature Center from 10 AM to 2PM. There will be a medicine man there.
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Arlene Nelson to approve, seconded by Ron Miller. All in favor.
- 4) Announcements:
 - a) Lynn stated that there will only be 27 ramp gates instead of 43. Some that were designated are deemed not necessary. The grant for these is from AZ State Parks. There was some discussion regarding using volunteers to help with the labor.
 - b) Blue Ridge Shortcut: There has been several delays regarding approval from Forest Service.
 - c) Cathy announced that the August 12th meeting will include recognition of Charter Members. She asked if anyone has information re: these members to let her know. She mentioned Jerry Handorf as the 1st trail boss who determined where they would build the trails.
 - d) TRACKS Website: Cathy has been working with Cyndie Shaffstall, our webmaster, for updates and upgrades. The Facebook needs to be updated.
 - e) Leave No Trace needs to be continued in the future, a valuable program. This year LNT was funded by Subaru.
 - f) Jim Snitzer told members there is a website for Nature Center events/activities. There are numerous events.
 - g) Liz Jernigan reminded that June 7th the Audubon will meet at the Nature Center. June program will be a relative of George Grinnell, who had a part in establishing Audubon. July will be the scholarship winner regarding a special bird. Rob Bettaso added he leads bird walks for the Nature Center which would be listed on their website.
 - h) A horse group will meet at the Nature Center June 8th regarding using their trails.
 - i. Nature walks every Saturday at 8:30AM at the Nature Center.
 - i) Cathy Purvis reminded everyone to give her their volunteer hours from January 2023 thru June 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM. Next General meeting will be July 8th at 8 AM at Woodland Lake Park at the ramada closest to the fishing dock.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board member