

## **Minutes of TRACKS General Meeting 9-9-23 at Woodland Lake Park, Ramada 2**

- 1) Meeting called to order by Steve Dobbs at 8:20 am.
- 2) No guests or new members. 26 people in attendance.
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting of 8-12-23 were reviewed. Motion by Jerry Good to accept; seconded by Jim Snitzer. All in favor.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a. Ramp gates – Steve told members that the Ramp gates installation has been completed with 27 in place in all East and West areas. Some discussion re: handicap access. One gate is in storage.
  - b. Blue Ridge Shortcut – mastication is in progress. Any trail work will need to be on hold until that project is completed which covers 280 acres.
  - c. End of season Potluck at Ramada 2, Wednesday, Sept. 27th at Woodland Lake Park. All hikers, bikers, trail crew and spouses are invited. Meet at Park at 9 am for hike. Lunch at 11 am.
- 5) New Business:
  - a. Lynn presented sign-up sheets for 2 highway clean ups. One will be 9/19 for TRACKS mile and the other will be 9/21 for Nature Center mile. Also, a sign up for TRACKS Booth at Charlie Clark's 9/22 – 23 – 24 for Fall Festival.
  - b. "Take a Hike" trail guidebooks are available for purchase at Nature Center. A newer edition will be out in October, which will also be online.
  - c. Lynn reminded volunteers for Charlie Clark's will not have to pay admission.
  - d. Arlene announced the theme of this year's parade is "Fall in Love with Arizona's White Mountains." She will need help decorating TRACKS entry. Come to Nature Center on 9/19 at 10 am. The parade starts at 10 am on Saturday, Sept. 23. TRACKS will incorporate "Leave No Trace" in the entry.
  - e. A work session is scheduled at Big Springs Sept. 15. There are repairs needed, especially due to vandalism. Meet there at 9 am. Lunch will be provided. Teams will be separated. Eric Kramer is in charge. Jim Snitzer spoke of the signs to be replaced / installed. The entry sign is large (36" X 42") and will be repainted and made more secure. Financing is needed before the sign is installed.
  - f. There is also a highway clean up on Friday 9/15 organized by Tony Alba.
  - g. Steve spoke of our website changes and will incorporate "Take a Hike" More up to date photos are needed. Also calendar dates for meetings and hikes. The QR code is still effective as well. Facebook for TRACKS for a "closed" group will require a request to be included and must be a TRACKS member. There can be possible difficulties in this, when several people have access to the web and Facebook. Looking for someone with expertise in this area.
  - h. E-Bikes usage on the trails is still an issue. Using low levels with pedal assistance do no damage on trails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.

Next General meeting will be at Darbi's Cafe at 8am on October 14, 2023.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board member