

**Minutes of TRACKS General Meeting  
May 11, 2024 at Sal & Teresa's 8AM in Lakeside, AZ**

- 1) Meeting called to order by Lynn Krigbaum at 8:01AM. 25 members in attendance.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting distributed for review. Motion by Jim Snitzer to approve, seconded by Kay Richter. All in favor.
- 3) Announcements:
  - a. Lynn introduced Garth Orkney to speak about the Blue Ridge short cut being built by Big Loop from Colorado. It is close to being finished. TRACKS trail crew will groom. The cost of this trail is \$45,000 which will be paid for by a Federal Grant thru Navajo County. Nick Lund explained the need for a re-route.
  - b. Lynn announced the Spring Carnival set for May 23 – 27 at Mountain Meadows. She asked people to take posters to places where they would advertise the event.
  - c. Lynn asked for volunteers for 2 highway cleanups. The TRACKS mile is Tuesday, May 14, meet at the Fun Park at 8AM and Thursday, May 16, for the Nature Center mile, meet at the Forest Service office at 8 AM.
  - d. Mreen Helm spoke about National Trails Day, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Nature Center. Volunteers are needed for set up on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM and 6:30 AM on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The radio and newspaper advertising are announcing the event. Mreen also passed around flyers for public information.
  - e. Jim Snitzer informed members of Ron Miller's presentation at the Nature Center on his trip to Antarctica. Program is 6PM May 11<sup>th</sup>. Jim also spoke of the Raptor Show, free to the public everyday but Monday at the Nature Center. Come between 2:30 and 2:45 as doors close at 3 PM.
  - f. There will be an Apache Art Exhibition at the Art Gallery today across the street from the Pinetop Safeway from 3 to 6 PM.
  - g. A member spoke of the Aurora Borealis appearing in the northern sky around 9PM and later.
  - h. Arlene announced that she will have new TRACKS T-shirts available at the National Trails Day event.
  - i. TRACKS General meeting and Potluck will be at the Nature Center 4:30 PM.
  - j. There is a funeral today at St. Mary of the Angels church at 10 AM for Kathy Dahnk.
  - k. Also today at 11:30 AM at Camp Grace there is a fundraiser for Blue Ridge Scholarships called "Taste of the White Mountains."
  - l. Peggy Lund announced the Happy Tails fundraiser at the end of August for the Humane Society. She said she enjoyed getting donations for this event. The Humane Society needs volunteers for walking dogs, cleaning pens, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Submitted by Kay Alderton, Secretary/Board Member