

Minutes - TRACKS General Meeting Oct. 12, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Steve called the meeting to order at 8:01. **Guests and New Members:** 14 in attendance.
2. **Approval of September GM Minutes:** Jim made the motion. Kay approved. Unanimously approved.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Zia Rides 9/14 – Steve:** TRACKS supplied 10 volunteers. 25-, 40-, and 80-mile ride. TRACKS supplied a dozen course marshals. TRACKS received \$500 donation for providing volunteers. 180 riders finished.
 - b. **TOWM - Steve:** It takes 170 volunteers make it work! 1100 registered. 900 showed up. 878 riders completed. 5 injuries. 16-year-old youth from Phoenix finished 1st, set record in 35-mile dirt bike race. EPIC Rides made donation to TRACKS for helping and will pay through Paypal. Well-organized. Went smoothly.
 - c. **Mountain Meadow Trail Build - Steve:** The town of P-L applied to put in a couple short connector trails to the Woodland Park Trails. Town asked TRACKS to put in the trails. The trail will go from the bathrooms at Woodland Park out to the Hitching Post. ¼ mile trails. It is going to happen soon. Jerry is leaving the Oct. 21. Possibly work on the 28th, but there are still many things that need to come together first. By mid-Dec., Steve hopes it is done.
Social trail, .16 miles will be worked, too. The trail already exists.
 - d. **Highway Cleanup Oct. 15 & 17 - Lynn:** Volunteers needed. Lynn drove our mile and it is a mess. Next Tuesday TRACKS mile, meet at the Fun Park at 8:00. Tom Brown is in charge. Lynn bringing vests and pickers. Wear protective clothing, gloves, hat, sunscreen. We need at least 8 people. Volunteers walk 1 mile. The Nature Center's mile is on Thurs., Oct. 17. Meet at USFS office at 8:00.
 - e. **Fall Parade – Arlene:** 53 entries in the parade. Jim drove. 5 on bikes. 20 walking. Gave out 4 x 175 trail maps.
 - f. **Buena Vista Status: Kat asked about status.** The next stage is the USFS small NEPA meeting in November to decide if they want to move ahead with the project and review considerations like wildlife and archeological sites. Everyone has been very responsive to getting all requirements taken care of. TRACKS won't be able to turn any dirt until 2025. Save the Buena Vista Foundation paid for the NEPA. It has been fenced off already. The fence is at marker 9 and 19.
 - g. **Show Low Bike Course** on the agenda for the mini-NEPA this fall. High school and college level competitions on the course. Large events with huge economic benefit. To view the area, go north on 77 toward Snowflake, make a left where the Maverick Trail goes underneath the highway. The ground in that location is conducive to riding and hiking in the winter without damaging the trail.
 - h. **Memorial Arboretum at the Nature Center - Ron:** The elk have destroyed an Aspen and Blue Spruce. The Board approved replacing those trees with larger trees. After today's meeting, Ron and Jim are going to replant the trees. Better fencing will be put around them.
 - i. **Nature Center:** John Rohna with DFFM giving presentation. The Forest Floor and More.
 - j. **December 14th, General Meeting at Jim's sister's house.** Meet at 11:00 to decorate the tree. Potluck starts at 12:00. Bonfires and social time. Address: 2401 Rainbow Lake Lane.
5. **General meeting is Nov.9 at 8:00 at Sal & Theresa's**
6. **Meeting adjourned at 8:27.**

Notes prepared by Secretary, Mreen Helm, 10/15/2024

Reviewd by President, Steve Dobbs