

Minutes - Steering Committee Meeting 9-22-11

Directors present:

Bob Colby
Nick Repanich
Ken Knull
Jim Earl

Members Present:

Dan Foshee
Debbie Earl
Peggy Moak
Jeremy Wilson
Darryl Merrin
Doug Teeter
Mike Rich
Erich. Trulin

The meeting was called to order at the PPPOA Library at 6:00 PM by Chair, Ken Knull

1) Doug Teeter, Sierra Access Coalition, gave a presentation regarding their efforts to litigate against the Forest Service, including a recap of his presentation to the Butte County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday of that week. Handout attached.

2) Report on the Garnet Tree Plan: FOTHL requested that the hazardous burnt and dead trees along the Ben Lomond Trail and Soda Ridge be removed. USFS did a survey and sent in a team to identify and define the situation. They hired a contractor to do the work. Reports from trail users identified extensive and undue work being done along those roads/trails, with rocks being moved, green trees removed, root wads left in the area, and work-arounds are being created to get the job done. (Look at the private section of Trailfinders on the website to see the email chain regarding this issue.) It now looks like a 3 season cleanup project. FOTHL is attempting to mitigate and minimize damage to roads, talking to the contractor and discussing issues with the USFS. Issue: Restore damage done to the roads” This is open to interpretation depending on one’s perspective. FOTHL will pursue this matter. Asked for volunteers to go out and give some direction as to what would make sense re: road/trail changes or areas of focus within 150 ft. of trails.

3) Grant approved by the USFS was reviewed. FOTHL had applied for \$89,000, approved for \$66,000, with the following projects approved:

- Repairs to the 614
- Repairs to the 615 entrance
- Renovation of Hippy Camp as a group camp site
- Convert area at the entrance to the high lakes as a parking and camping area, utilizing big rocks sitting there
- Purchase used 4X4 vehicle with winch (for transport of materials and persons to job sites)
- Authorizes hiring two students as workers, and a crew chief to manage the projects

4) **Appointment of Ken Knull as Crew Chief** to manage the four major projects to be completed in accordance with the \$66,000 Federal grant received by FOTHL (listed in item 3, above) was discussed and endorsed by all those present. This is a funded position that must be approved by the Board of Directors at the Oct. 20 meeting.

5) **Announcement of Ken Knull's intent to resign as President:** The group was asked to go back to their clubs and seek interested parties to run for office at the next meeting. Ken agreed to provide support during the transition period for the new Chair of the Board of Directors.

Other critical positions that need volunteers:

President, BOD

- coordinate with LNF on High Lakes contracts
- coordinate the various volunteer positions below
- schedule at least 2 Steering Committee meetings, and 1 BOD meeting annually
- Prepare, with some help, potentially two grant fundings
- 2-year minimum term
- **OPEN**

Vice President, BOD

- organizes the Spring Trail Prep, and the Fall Trail Cleanup on NPL Day
- assist Chair as needed, would agree to be Chair, if Chair could not serve
- nomination: Gary McElroy (Ken declines to fill this position as provided for in by-laws)

Treasurer, BOD

- maintains all financial records
- tracks and records grant expenditures
- Files annual tax returns and Statement of Information
- reports financial status to BOD and membership periodically
- OPEN**

Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator

- organize the activities on the Trails - similar to a Trail Boss?
- work with LNF recreation staff for on-the-ground projects
- works with OHMVR Grant projects.
- **OPEN**

Trail Patrol Captain

- organize a summer schedule of weekend shifts by FOTHL volunteers
- organize Trail Patrol training if not enough trained volunteers
- (- nomination: Jim Earl)

Quartermaster

- keeper of the trailer full of FOTHL supplies
- keeper (and maintainer) of the FOTHL 4x4 vehicle
- (-nomination: Pair-o-Dice 4 Wheelers)

Communications Director

- Coordinates and maintains the FOTHL website
- maintains 4x4Trailfinders.com
- maintains email listserv
- (- nomination: Ken Rice)

Membership Coordinator

- maintains the FOTHL database
 - prepares annual membership drive/emails
 - sends out membership goodies ordered
- maintains and sells the FOTHL swag
- **OPEN**

Fundraising

- coordinates a fundraising event each year (or more)
 - bbq's, raffles, poker runs, pass the hat for spare change, beg for big donations
- (- nomination: Jeremy Wilson)

6) **Membership drive proposed:** \$15 individuals and \$25 family membership to FOTHL to raise funds for administration, outreach, and expenses for projects not covered by grant or USFS funds. Use website, with PayPal link for ease of payment. Nick Repanich made a motion to proceed with a membership drive, seconded by Doug Teeter, using a tentative membership "year of Oct 1 to Oct 1 to encompass the normal High Lakes' season of use.

7) **Ken reminded all to keep National Public Lands Day**, which is always the 4th Saturday in September, set on their calendars for an annual fundraising meeting and cleanup at the High Lakes.

The meeting was adjourned after some additional discussion.