

Friends of the Peak Board Meeting
12 February 2013

- Minutes from January were approved
- Treasury Report
- Dates for Tool Cleaning in 2nd Saturday in Oct the 12th
 - Eric agreed to have his garage available
- 1st Saturday in Nov. 2nd for board retreat, 2nd Saturday 9th for annual dinner
- All dates set for trail work this year, only dates in question are Aug 3rd and Sep 7th
- June 1st National Trail day per Sarah Bryarly, to build bike bypass around the stairs on Section 16 trail
- Question over whether South Slope will open this summer—still need to build road
- Operating plan has been signed and is official
- Web site
 - Per Eric we need to build a user database
 - Carol has the database from Mike
 - We will circulate home page additions via email amongst the board and Eric will update the web site
 - For Crew Leader training dates there is another web site from Parks and Rec to sign up
 - Other work dates will go on web site calendar
 - Do we want to invest the time to get all archived newsletters up on the web site? Eric is going to take a look.
- Newsletter
 - All it will be is the front-page article by Carol and links to articles on the web site
 - Once a month to keep people informed with work schedule
 - How do we track work done in previous years? History page to be updated once a year suggested
 - Current newsletter will link to current year's schedule-- previous year's work will be on history page

- Facebook presence discussed—tabling it until retreat in Nov
- Crowe Gulch to Severy Creek
 - If we build that trail it solves the Severy Creek parking problem for USFS (parking at Crowe Gulch)
 - Pikes Peak Transportation Management Plan may have to come out before action on Severy Creek opening
 - Is there a format for NEPA assessment?
- Discussion of new Ute Pass trail plans
 - The current plan goes up the ridge and drops down to water treatment plant then ends before Longs Ranch Road in a lollipop loop
- Southwest side of Peak for Ring the Peak Trail
 - Palmer Land Trust—Kevin League discussion with Bill Koerner and most of we FOTP people
 - Rudy Balke Land Trust has some large land holdings—Jim knows Jeff Williams who is manager of the trust
 - Reluctant to talk easement because they are in the business of providing income to family members
 - Jim will send information he's gathered on property owners to Kevin League
 - Palmer LT usually just deals with 260 acres and up
 - Paul volunteered to contact BLM regarding the trail segment from Pancake Rocks to Oil Creek
- Crew Leader Training
 - Brian gave dates of 26 April (Friday evening) all day 27 and 28 April
 - VOC will do training on Friday and Saturday, RMFI will do training on Sunday
 - Parks and Rec and RMFI involved
 - One or two certifiable work-days a month
- Barr Trail assessment
 - Carol attended the meeting
 - They received negative feedback on multiple risers
 - They are going to concentrate on “non-controversial” work

--Amber Shanklin, Program Director with RMFI, is going to a “non-traditional” trail building conference

--RMFI is going to concentrate on the segment from Barr Trail Parking Lot to where Ruxton Ave spur trail joins trail

--Our work on Barr Trail would be above Incline social trail at top of Incline

--Eric could take tools up LRR in his jeep--volunteer workers can hike

--Carol talked about brochure to leave at trailheads—brochure box

--Better sign at donor box in Barr Trailhead—something that sticks onto current tube

--Steve will take photos of Incline donor tube and our current tube so we can assess how to sign it better

--Need for database management help discussed—can we have help from TOSC or Parks and Rec? Other friends groups probably have similar needs

--Roundtable

--Jim talked about RTP Southwest side—Pancake Rocks to Oil Creek and the highway—BLM people—Paul knows them

--Eric will be gone most of month of March, so if there’s anything to be done on web site let him know now

--Paul is concerned about outreach—doesn’t feel like we’re reaching as many people as we should

--Carol will give our schedule to TOSC

--For next year’s Operation Plan we can refer to USFS “Leave no Trace” pamphlet

--Carol asked how long we need to keep waivers—seven years is considered adequate