

January 8th, 2013

Friends of the Peak Meeting Minutes

--Attendance: Carol Beckman, Jim Strub, Brian Van Valkenburg, Eric Swab, Paul Mead, Steve Bremner, and guest Mark Szabo from the Adaman Group

--November minutes were approved

1. Financial Report

--End of year balances reported by Carol

--It was moved, seconded, and approved to remove Mike Cotter from all the accounts for Friends of the Peak.

--It was moved, seconded, and approved to add Brian Van Valkenburg to all accounts for Friends of the Peak.

--Carol brought a letter for all board members to sign for the bank

2. Operating Plan

--Paul and Carol talked with Frank Landis and met the new Pikes Peak District Forest Ranger, Allan Hahn

--They don't have the manpower to approve anything, though they now know what we want to do with Ring the Peak on the north side

--Southwest side, they both said "off limits"

--Potential help with Bear Creek reroute or closures

--Bear Creek was mentioned by ranger--question of whether we want to be involved with a motorized trail

--Carol suggested we put a placeholder in the Operating Plan for Bear Creek, until we get more clarification.

--Controlled access to Waldo Canyon Trail, Paul suggested guided hikes, question whether we want to be involved with helping "restore" trail

--Trail work, environmental restoration

--Need to know what kind of work USFS has in mind before making any commitment, noting that we do not normally work outside the PP Massif. Action: Carol

--Leadership training, Brian said we are one of the three main groups

- involved with training for Parks and Rec
- Until we hear differently plan on leading training
- Barr Trail
 - Incline reroute return trail, treat separately, National Trail Day, coordinate with Incline Friends
 - Separate days for Barr Trail, need to meet with RMFI to coordinate on lower Barr Trail
 - Brian: Plan on three non-RMFI days on Barr Trail, above the RMFI assessment
 - We received \$10K from Barr Trail Parking funds and have given \$3K to RMFI for assessment, we still have \$7K to spend
 - Eagle candidate will do a project to replace the rails
 - Posts are involved enough that we might want to do it ourselves, at least one long day, before rails
 - Adaman work day
 - Ask Mike if he would like to help a day
- Craggs trail: upper two miles from Devil's Playground to the summit
 - Carol volunteered to lead, two days
- South Slopes trail work: one work day in plan, 13 July, question as to how far the contractor got on the Mason to Boehmer Trail, the ground was "too frozen" to get far, according to Sarah Bryarly
 - Paul is willing to lead, July 13
- Seven Bridges: entrance to scree field and Undine Falls, amenable to Thursday crew since it is close and accessible
 - Thursday work days, Brian will lead
 - Five days on Seven Bridges
- Elk Park trail
 - From ridge down to French Creek needs work
 - Thursday? Concern that it's a long way
 - "One washout" out of four still needs work, "erosion gully"
 - Sep 14, work day, Steve will lead, Brian and Paul will support
 - Assessment Day and work plan BEFORE work day
- First Thursday work day will be May 30th, finishing Sep 19th
 - Seven Bridges and maintenance hikes
- Eric pointed out that Parks and Recreation and Cultural Services is the correct term
- Forest Service volunteer hours, and take out Barr Trail donations
- Recommend take off Sponsor section, and contribution levels, etc.
- Carol wants to see how fast the process to getting plan approved goes before we put work dates out on web site

3. Web Site

- Photo album, use past projects, one or two photos per project
- Database, InFront said they could do it, "for a price"
- Supporters recognition on the web site, recommend business supporters
 - Partners versus supporters, e.g., Forest Service is a partner, commercial entities are supporters, e.g., Mountain Chalet

4. Moving RTP off the highway, Ute Pass to Crowe Gulch

- Parks and Rec plan for UPT is only going as far as Longs Ranch Road and it may be years before they go farther
- Severy Creek trailhead access seems to be the sticking point for our proposal for a new trail from Crowe Gulch trailhead to the Forest Road leading to Manitou Reservoir

5. Barr Trail Assessment

- Need to meet with RMFI, Becky and Amber
 - Carol will meet initially

6. Newsletter

- When new web site is on line Jim will send out a newsletter to announce it with links to this year's schedule

7. Round Table

- Incline Friends--Col Springs City Council approved legalizing the Incline on Feb 1st today, vote was 9-0. Manitou Springs City Council votes Jan 29, expected to vote yes.
 - Barr Trail Collection tube needs work