

BTAC RECREATION COMMITTEE
2017 Minutes
February 7, 2017

Attendance: Bill Dawson, Melissa Morris, Leonard Wortman, Rhandi Rachlis, Leah Lewis, Connie Grenz, Theresa Gadaire, Barb Reiter, Dee Anna

Minutes: A discussion followed about clarifying our position on the non-motorized and motorized folk meeting together so maps, brochures etc could be integrated. It was affirmed that there would be three workgroups: 1) Trails (made up of both motorized and non-motorized advocates); 2) map/brochure; and 3: Fishing Pond.

Connie Grenz brought two petitions for us to sign for BTAC one in support of the \$500,000 grant. And the other to extend the closure time for two years to help the remaining clients. She said MDC is looking for employees again.

Bill explained that the ten BTAC strategies taken to the Legislature included our goals as well. We are looking to become an outdoor recreation hub, a stop off for Yellowstone and Glacier visitors. We want to model a healthy community for all citizens and be a tourist destination.

Rhandi had several additions for the pipestone survey. Her list includes all the amenities that Basin offers that were not included in their report. Perhaps Tom can get them included.

The Headwaters RC and D in Butte has asked us to take their survey to help create a list for them to help support our future development. Tom H. presented 17 projects for Boulder. Tourism enhancement, development of motorized and non-motorized trails, establishing walking and biking and horseback riding trails were our three included in the 17. They do want to do some prioritizing so we need to take the survey so our options remain in the mix. Go to the website at headwatersrcd.org for the survey.

Leah shared several trails which she and Theresa had identified within range of Boulder. Some have been divided up amongst the trail group in order to collect information about the trail, location, difficulty etc to help Melissa create a county trails map. We are to get a GPS from Melissa before we go and she will show us how to use it so we can bring back information which will allow her to generate more detailed specifics.

Leah and Melissa will determine how to combine the information the county wanted gathered and the Wilderness information guide.

In order not to duplicate and make sure all of the current trail options identified are covered. Leah asked for volunteers to visit the trails. She started this list:

Elkhorn Cemetery- to Queens - Bill
Muskrat/Nursey Creek - Jim/Dee
Leslie Lake/ Glenwood
Three Brothers (all levels as far as want to go)
Rawhide
Bear Gulch/Doe Ridge - Theresa/Leah trail 7126, 7123,7079,7078,7116 loop
Basin Creek Joe Bowers - Rhandi

Farnham/Whitetail
Big Major Gulch – Leah
Mt Pisgah – Carolyn
Little Boulder Park – Jim/Dee

Butte is hosting the Mountain Bike Race 100 mile, 50 mile and 25 mile in July. Connie suggested we have a booth or something with our trail opportunities available. Bill suggested perhaps the bikers would like to come early and acclimate. We hope to connect with their advertising for next year so we can attract them to come early and hike and ride Boulder. We agreed to have our trails information into Melissa by the June 6th meeting so we can have something by the end of July for the event-. Bruce the counties new event coordinator and Melissa created a logo for T-shirts for the event. Melissa is hoping to have a winter sport logo and a summer sport logo.

Meeting: April 11th Tuesday 6-8 Bill will try and get Mary to come for this meeting.
May – Trails work group (and others) will be in the field gathering mapping/data information
June 6th 6-8 deadline for trail info

Events of interest: Growing Community Naturally “Green Your Spring” selling plants, lunch, homemade items soaps etc. 11-3:00 Elementary School? May 13th

Mariah’s Challenge will be having a Color Run Event sometime in May check with Barb

Big Brother/ Big Sister will have a Bowl for Kids March 17 & 18 Phil and Tim’s get a team (four) and join talk to Barb if you are interested.