

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

Oct 12, 2017- Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dick Bratton at 6:13 P.M.
Attending: Dick Bratton, Rocco Blasi, Claudia Eley, Lisa Townsend
and guest Carolyn Houchin
2. Roll Call And Introductions
3. Agenda Approved- Eley/Blasi Passed 4-0.
4. Approve Minutes of last meeting (Sep 14, 2017) M/S Eley/Blasi. Passed 4-0.
5. Public Input- None.
6. **PROGRESS**
 - Sep 28- The Chairman picked up trail signs from Canyon Signs in Colorado Springs.
 - Sep 29- The Chairman met with Jesse Stroope, HGMFF, to discuss the Myrtle Street Mount Dewey trail access and a proposed gate across Myrtle..
 - Sep 30-Trails Work Day #7 Twelve volunteers led by Crew Leaders Rocco Blasi and Claudia Eley finished the project to replace a worn switchback and improve a heavily used portion of the popular Catamount Trail. Work included moving large boulders to build a seven step staircase and obliterating the old route. In addition, two new trail marker signs were installed and the lopping of encroaching willows brush improved the Garden of Eden portion. Joining the work crew was Marianne Newall, an experienced trail builder from Mike High Youth Corps, who gave a clinic on building rock staircases.
7. **Discuss vehicle turn around problem on Boulder Street.** Guest Carolyn Houchin addressed the Committee about people parking and backing into the driveway of the Eddy family cabin near the top end of Boulder Street. She related how the family had put a chain gate across the driveway that was broken by a backing truck. They also posted signs at the driveway and the bottom of Boulder Street to try to reduce the vehicle use of Boulder. She asked that the trailhead at the top of boulder be closed. The Committee told her that was not possible since it was the primary access for Thomas, Crystal and Kirkpatrick Trails.
M/S Blasi/Eley To try to mitigate the problem by: 1. Improving the location and signage on Boulder Street 2. Increase the education of hikers about no parking on Boulder. 3. Advocate increased law enforcement on Boulder. 4. Construct a vehicle turn-around area at the top of Boulder. Passed 4-0.
8. **Proposed GMF Resolution 2017-09 TRAILS COMMITTEE.**
M/S Blasi/Eley To request that the Town Board keep the membership of the Trails Advisory Committee at 11 members. Passed 4-0.
9. **Discuss how to change the colors of trail markings and trail maps.**

The Committee decided that we should keep Catamount, Crystal, and Horseshoe BLUE and Thomas YELLOW. It was proposed that we ask HGMFF if the Mount Dewey Trail could be PURPLE and the Bratton Trail be kept BLUE but add a Black letter "B" in the center of the trail markers. It was also suggested to see if that the dark green color of the GMF TC contour base map could be "lightened" to make it easier to read the labels. Other changes to the TC Map will be considered before reprinting. Lisa Townsend offered to purchase new paint and cut stencils for changing colors once the final approval is obtained. The Chairman stated that the Trails Fund would reimburse her for costs.

10. Discuss a draft Organizational Chart for the Trails Committee.

M/S Basi/Eley To table this item until the next Meeting. Passed 4-0.

11. Discuss Trails Volunteer Work Day #8 on Oct 15

It was decided to do maintenance work on Crystal and Thomas Trails.

12. TO DO LIST

Prepare for Trails Volunteer Work Day #8

Participate in the design process for the Ute Pass Trail Regional Trail.

Mount Dewey Trail- Recommend location of benches

Obtain Easement for Red Devil Mountain Trail

13. OTHER: The USFS Announcement of the reopening of Waldo Canyon to the public was discussed. It was noted that the access will be from Rampart Range road and that the US 24 access may stay closed permanently.

14. NEXT MEETING- Thurs **Nov 9, 2017-** Mucky Duck 6 PM

15. ADJOURNED at 7:43 PM.