

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thurs March 13, 2014 - Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm

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MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Dick Bratton
2. **ATTENDANCE**- Members Present: Dick Bratton, Ray Burgess, Mike Grabon, Bob Krick, Jack Mountford, Greg Pfander, Mike Racette, Jan Smith, Rick Truesdell, Gordon Wines Guests: Michael Lohman, Cyndi Deswick, Mike Davis, Brian Billow
3. Agenda Approved M/S Burgess/Krick
4. Minutes of last meeting (Oct 30, 2013)- Approved M/S Burgess/Krick
5. Public Input (for any items not listed on the agenda). None
6. **PROGRESS since Last Meeting**

The Crystal Trail was cleared of obstructions in October to reopen it for use.
The Ute Pass Historical Society is working on designing four interpretive panels to be placed in Phase 1 along the Ute Indian Trail.
El Paso County has nearly completed construction of Phase 1 of the Ute Indian Trail from Manitou Springs up to Longs Ranch Road.
El Paso County submitted a Planning Grant to the State Trails Committee in November. The grant was selected for funding of \$30,00 for planning the Ute Pass Trail route from Longs Ranch Road east of Cascade all the way west to the Ute Pass Elementary School.
7. **PPCG- Non Motorized Transportation Study**- Ute Pass is included in a new study of needs for non motorized transportation routes. To learn more go to www.walkbikeconnect.org
8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**- Dick Bratton was elected Chairman and Ray Burgess elected Vice Chairman of the Committee.
9. **TRAILS WEB SITE**- Mike Lohman reported on site activity and upgrades.
10. **DEWEY MOUNTAIN** - Change in Land Ownership- New Opportunities
For several years, the Chairman discussed with Chris Keese the need to preserve the south slope of Dewey Mountain as open space. Mr. Keese has now purchased 120 acres of Mount Dewey previously owned by Ray Burgess, to save it from development. The land will be managed by the Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation. Mr. Keese has agreed grant trails easements to allow public trails to cross the land. The GMF Trails Committee will design and build new trail improvements.
11. **TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING (2014-2019)**.
Approved. M/S Wines, Truesdell
12. **2014 WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE**- Approved M/S Grabon/Wines
13. **TO DO LIST**

Inspect trails for winter deadfall (trees across trail)
Prepare Mt. Dewey Trail easements with new land owner
Discuss Dewey Mtn Trail Access off Catamount Street with GMF
Revise and republish the new GMF Trails Map

Request Friends of the Peak Obtain Approval of Mt. Rebecca Trail
Participate in supporting the Ute Pass Trail Phase 2 and Phase 3
Lay out new trail construction

14. VOC/OSI Crew Leader Training will be May 17-18

For info and to sign up go to: www.voc.org

15. NEXT MEETING- Thursday **April 10, 2014**, 6 pm at mucky Duck.

16. Adjourned at 6:56 pm.